

ROBBINS BOUNCED OUT

Election Contest Decided by a Partisan Vote.

YOUNG THE NEXT TO GO

Vote to Be Taken in the House on the Financial Bill Next Tuesday—Senator Pettus Attacks the Porto Rico Bill—He Deals in Fine Sarcasm at the Expense of the President—The Bill Hardly Decent.

Washington, March 8.—At the opening of the session of the House today Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, in charge of the conference report upon the Financial bill, gave notice that he would call up the report next Tuesday. By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the vote on the report should be taken at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The debate upon the contested election case of Aldrich against Robbins, from the Fourth Alabama district, which was interrupted yesterday by adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Harner of Pennsylvania, was resumed, under the agreement that the vote should be taken at 2:30 p. m. today.

Mr. Hamilton of Michigan addressed the House in behalf of the claims of the contestant, Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Harrier of Georgia said that to unseat Robbins and put in Aldrich was an outrage.

The report was adopted by a vote of 138 to 134 a strict party vote, although several Republicans who could not swallow the bitter pill were absent and unpaired.

The House then took up the case of Wise against Young, of the Norfolk (Va.) district, and Mr. Weeks of Michigan spoke for Wise. Without concluding, the House, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

PETTUS IN SKEPTICAL MOOD

Will Not Believe McKinley Responsible for the Porto Rico Bill.

Washington, March 8.—A bill giving American register to the steamer Windward, presented by a British citizen to Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., the Arctic explorer, was passed by the Senate at the opening of today's session.

A concurrent resolution, offered by Mr. Culbertson of Texas, directing the Secretary of War to report a survey and an estimate of cost for improving the main ship canal in Sabine Pass, Texas, was adopted.

When routine business had been concluded, Mr. Mason of Illinois, in accordance with the notice he gave yesterday, moved to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of its resolution introduced December 6 last, expressing sympathy for the Boers. Under the rules, the motion went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Pettus of Alabama then addressed the Senate on the Porto Rican bill. He congratulated the president on the position he had taken in his last annual message favoring free trade between the United States and Porto Rico.

"No sort of politician's anger had been put into the ink at message," he said. "The president was honest and sincere when he distinctly advised free trade between the United States and the island of Porto Rico."

"Both houses of the present Congress," continued Mr. Pettus, "are controlled by the Republican party. The president is the executive head of the party now in power, and we had a right to hope and to believe that he would have some influence over his party in Congress, especially as the rallying cry of the past three years has been to support the administration."

"The public press is now trying to make us believe that the Secretary of War is the author of the pending bill, and that the President has acceded to the provisions of the measure. For one," declared Mr. Pettus, "I refuse to believe this charge against the President. Though he may desire re-election, he was a brave soldier and is an able and generous man. For him it is not everything in life to be rejected to the presidency by his party. He has acted for the common good of all the people. If he approves your bill, then I may believe any vile story against a good man."

Mr. Pettus maintained that the policy of the bill was bad, aside from the question of law. He hoped senators would not permit the enactment of such a law. "It is illegal," he declared, "and is hardly decent."

Mr. Pettus said he had taken the floor merely to direct attention to the fact that the pending bill could not be enacted into law without violating the constitution, which declared that all duties shall be uniform throughout the United States. He also called attention to the amendment proposed by Mr. Davis, which, he said, was a most interesting specimen of the products of inventive genius. "The senator proposes," said Mr. Pettus, "to send over to the Porto Ricans the constitution in installments—a little now and a little then." In conclusion, Mr. Pettus besought the Senate not to attempt by act of Congress to change the constitution.

Mr. Foraker followed Mr. Pettus in an argument in favor of the Porto Rican bill.

The Senate continued until adjournment, at 5 o'clock, to discuss the Porto Rican bill, which was assailed by Senators Davis, Hoar, Tillman and Bacon, and defended by Mr. Foraker.

Sought Consolation in Laudanum.

Charlotte, N. C., March 8.—Special.—Miss Mollie Little, a prominent young

lady in this county, attempted suicide last night by taking the contents of a two-ounce bottle of laudanum. Her heavy breathing attracted the notice of the family. Three physicians were hastily summoned and saved her life. The motive was disappointment in love.

TALBERT RAISES A BREEZE

Sensational Culmination of His Opposition to Pension Night Sessions.

Washington, March 8.—There was an uproar in the House this afternoon over Mr. Talbert of South Carolina. For weeks he has prevented pension legislation because a quorum was not present. Late today the Republican Committee on Rules brought in a rule abolishing night sessions Friday night—pension night—and devoting Friday in the daytime to such legislation. The rule was discussed for two hours by Mr. Dalzell (Republican) and Mr. Richardson (Democrat).

Finally Mr. Mahon of Pennsylvania (Republican) said that the reason for his presentation was the fact that the gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. Talbert, had set himself against his associates on the Democratic side and the Republicans by demanding a quorum Friday night, while he sits by day after day, seeing great bills, appropriation and others, pass without the presence of a quorum. The gentleman said Mr. Mahon represented 4,000 out of 24,000 voters in his district. "I hope that some Republican or Populist will run against him this fall, show up the rotten record of his district, and I will take great pleasure in the Fifty-seventh Congress to vote to throw him out of the House."

While Mr. Mahon was making this statement Mr. Talbert was loudly vociferating across the hall with the beating of the speaker's gavel. The speaker, who, when aroused, has a voice of even greater power than Mr. Talbert, brought the gavel down with a bang and silenced him with the statement: "The gentleman is out of order, and the sergeant-at-arms will take charge of him unless he resumes his seat."

Securing the floor, Mr. Talbert said that the disposition of the majority was shown in the statement of Mr. Mahon.

"They propose to throw me out, in violation of the law and of the constitution, as they have just done with the gentleman from Alabama. The reason, he said, was that he had exercised his legal constitutional rights as a member of the House. And if the Republicans thought they could frighten him from doing what he believed to be right, they did not know him. He denounced the majority as hypocrites, because while professing love for the old soldiers, they refused to leave their pink teas and poker parties to spend two hours once a week in the passage of pension bills for them." There was great excitement during Mr. Talbert's remarks.

ANOTHER UNPOPULAR TREATY.

Reciprocity Treaty With France May Be Permitted to Sleep Itself to Death.

Washington, March 8.—It is thought to be likely, as the result of conferences at the White House today, that the reciprocity treaty negotiated with France will not be ratified by the Senate before the 24th of this month, the time of its expiration without Senatorial sanction; and that the treaty, if France is willing, will be extended almost another year to give the Senate time to fully consider it. Should there be no extension of time, the treaty will die on the 24th of this month, just as was the case with the Argentine treaty.

Senators Sewell and Keen of New Jersey, both opponents of the treaty because of strong opposition to it by business interests of their State, conferred with the President this morning. Senator Platt of New York, likewise an opponent of the treaty, saw the President. Secretary Hay conferred with the chief executive later, and it is believed was directed to communicate with the French government relative to an extension of time for expiration.

The President has not received a report from the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, but from talks with Senators he is convinced that the treaty cannot be ratified now if pressed to a vote. There is too much opposition, both in the committee and in the Senate. It is thought by some of the Senators opposing the treaty that if it goes over until the next session of Congress a more favorable feeling to it may prevail.

TRADE WITH PORTO RICO

New York Produce Exchange Declares That It Should Be Free.

New York, March 8.—At a meeting of the members of the Produce Exchange this afternoon resolutions favoring unrestricted free trade between Porto Rico and the United States and the bill appropriating for the benefit of Porto Rico the duties already collected on imports from the island were adopted unanimously. The resolutions declare that "the welfare of the people of Porto Rico, who have with confidence trusted their destinies to our guidance, and the observance of public faith, demand that our administration of their affairs be undertaken in a spirit of beneficence and broad statesmanship, and legislation which is in violation of the public conscience can never be expedient."

A Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures Headache, Constipation. Only 25c at all drug stores.

To Loan.

Four thousand dollars on improved city property. Apply to WYNNE & ELLINGTON.

FIGURES TOO HIGH

National League Will Not Pay Little Four Prices.

EIGHT CLUBS OR NOTHING

So Says Freedman, but It Is More Likely to Be Eight Clubs or Twelve—Washington and Baltimore Demand Big Pay for Withdrawing from the Organization—The Magnates Are in a Quandary.

New York, March 8.—At the time of reconvening the National League this afternoon the impression prevailed that little or nothing would be accomplished in the way of circuit reduction until the four cities slated for exit take a big reef in their selling prices.

Cleveland wants \$15,000, Louisville \$10,000, Washington about \$30,000 and Baltimore \$70,000. Together with expenses already incurred, this would mean a total of over \$130,000.

New York, Boston and Philadelphia absolutely refuse to pay such exorbitant figures. President Freedman says:

"Eight clubs or nothing," and that is about the keynote of the situation. The leaders, after several conferences, have decided to pay little or nothing for the two western cities, which are considered so much dead wood, anyway. Either the "little four" will have to make a big reduction in figures or continue in the twelve club organization until financial reverses drive at least two of them out. Eight or all twelve is the status now.

Managers Uncommunicative.

New York, March 8.—The directors of the National League held the second session of their annual spring schedule meeting today. Five members of the board of arbitration—President Young, A. H. Soden of Boston, Col. J. I. Rogers of Philadelphia, John T. Brush of Cincinnati, and James Hart of Chicago, convened to listen to the grievances of players and minor league managers. P. De-Haas Robinson of St. Louis was absent.

The managers were as uncommunicative today as ever concerning the circuit reduction question. The circuit committee, the body which has had the matter in hand for the past three months, will probably make its report to the league today. The report may not be ready for publication until tomorrow.

The Washington people, according to J. Earl Wagner, have placed an upset price of \$48,500 on their franchise. Baltimore wants \$75,000 for its interest.

Eight Clubs It Will Be.

New York, March 8.—After deliberating all day, the National baseball magnates reached a definite conclusion at midnight. Eleven clubs signed an agreement by which the circuit is reduced to eight clubs. Freedman was absent, but his representative, Fred Knowles, was there. He received no authority, however, to put the club on record, but from what was said by his friends, Freedman will sign the agreement tomorrow morning. A compromise was effected by which all four retiring clubs will receive pretty nearly what they have asked for. It was learned that Louisville will get \$10,000, Cleveland \$15,000, Baltimore about \$30,000 and will sell all of its players later. The Washington club retires for \$35,000, but all of the players will go to the league.

ASSAULT ON A CONSULATE

Students at Bordeaux Give a Violent Exhibition of Anti-British Feeling

Bordeaux, March 8.—Late yesterday evening a number of students and others issuing from a pro-Boer meeting marched to the British consulate, battered down the door, shattered the windows with stones and then proceeded to the consul's private residence, where they indulged in a similar demonstration. The police dispersed the mob and arrested several of the rioters.

The prefect of the Gironde, the mayor of Bordeaux and the commissary of police called on the consul today and expressed their regret at the occurrence.

GEN. WHEELER'S OPINION.

Territorial Government Suited to Needs of the Philippines.

San Francisco, March 8.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler favors giving the Philippines a territorial form of government. He says: "I believe the people are ready for a certain kind of self-government. They could be given the power to make laws under such a system of government as has been adopted for our territories. The municipal governments are all in the hands of the natives, and they get along without trouble or friction. Under a territorial form the islands could be best controlled."

RAPPING IN THE MINE

Possibly Some of the Entombed Miners May Yet Be Alive.

Thurmond, March 8.—At 8 o'clock this afternoon the rescuing party had penetrated four thousand feet into Bed ash mine. The work today has been unusually slow, only one body having been recovered, that of Thomas Downey, of Chilton Forge, Va. Downey's body was considerably mangled and beneath a heap of broken coal cars. This shows that the force of the explosion was much more terrific than was at first supposed. The iron

about many of the cars had penetrated two inch oak boards.

Downey was the thirty-fifth body recovered. It is claimed by the mine officials that not more than twenty-eight bodies remain in the mine. A member of the rescuing party stated this evening that he distinctly heard traps beyond the debris in the mine, and this has led many to believe that probably some of those entombed may yet be living. It seems almost impossible, though, that any one could be living in the mine still, for at times the heat has been such that the rescuing party had to withdraw temporarily. The foul air also retards the work. More than 2,000 feet remain to be penetrated and it may be several days before the remaining bodies are recovered.

HOTEL BURNED DOWN

Guests Aroused at Dead of Night—Judge Clark, the Owner, Loses Heavily—Serious Loss to Mrs. Sater, the Proprietress.

Weldon, N. C., March 8.—Special.—The handsome three-story brick hotel at Halifax, owned by Judge Walter Clark of Raleigh, was destroyed by fire this morning at 2:30 o'clock.

The house was conducted by Mrs. Sater, and she had just newly furnished it from bottom to top. She lost a large quantity of furniture and other household effects, on which there was no insurance. I also learn that Judge Clark had no insurance on the building. An insurance agent here has been working for the past five months to get some insurance on the building.

The fire was discovered on the roof, and had made considerable headway. The house was full of guests, it being court week. Judge Starbuck was sleeping in a room on the second floor. Every one escaped, some in their night clothing. The furniture on the first floor and some on the second floor was saved, the lawyers and others helping. Judge Starbuck was particularly active in helping to save furniture.

Great sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Sater, who had just gotten in a good fix to run one of the best hotels in North Carolina. Judge Clark's Halifax friends also feel for him in his loss. The hotel building cost \$14,000. The loss of the building is a serious one for Halifax.

FELONY TO HOLD OVER

Pressure Brought on Officers of the Taylor Regiment to Vacate.

Frankfort, March 8.—The Bell bill, providing for making the offense of retaining possession of an office by military power or force of arms after a legislative assembly or the contest board has passed on a contest, a felony, was passed by the Senate, after a spirited debate, by a vote of 15 to 4. The bill is one of the political measures growing out of the present contest for State offices. The bill requires an officer unseated to turn over his office to the successful contestant within five days.

Express Company Safe Robbed.

El Paso, Texas, March 8.—The Wells Fargo Express Company was robbed of \$1,800 at Ortiz, on the Mexican Central Railroad between Chihuahua and Santa Rosalia, last evening. The station agent had left his safe unlocked while attending to business. Two robbers entered the office and taking the money rode away toward the mountains. The chief of police of Santa Rosalia and four soldiers are after the robbers.

Harrison's Friends Indignant.

Indianapolis, March 8.—Close personal and political friends of former President Harrison are considerably incensed over the report that he is scheming for the Republican presidential nomination and that in his criticism of the Porto Rican tariff bill he was laying pipes for such a candidacy. They say that the report came from Washington and that friends of Mr. Harrison there affirm that it was put out by administration men as a feeler.

TELEGRAPHIC TERTIARIES

Washington, March 8.—The House Committee on Appropriations has reported the Urgency Deficiency Appropriation bill. It carries \$1,439,580.

New York, March 8.—A meeting of the Committee on Merchant Marine of the National Association of Manufacturers, held today at the New York office of the association, a report was adopted favoring the Fry-Payne shipping bill now pending in Congress.

Halifax, N. S., March 8.—It seems certain now that the steamship Planet Mercury has gone to the bottom with all her crew. The Lloyd's agent at Yarmouth has found a name-plate of a lifeboat with "Planet Mercury" carved on it.

New York, March 8.—Much interest is being taken in the result of tomorrow night's encounter between McGovern and Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," who are scheduled to box twenty-five rounds at the Broadway Athletic Club. In Gardner, McGovern will meet a lad who fights in the same style as himself, and who is regarded as a stiff puncher.

Youngstown, O., March 8.—At a conference of representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Iron Manufacturers' Association, held in the office of the latter in this city today, the puddling rate, which is the basis upon which all iron workers' wages are computed, was advanced to \$6 a ton, the highest rate paid for more than twenty years.

The inauguration of a bar at the Carrollton Hotel last evening was attended by a grand opening. Music was dispensed by an orchestra and refreshments were served to visitors. Proprietor S. W. Oliver and Clerk Walter Howard gave their friends a warm greeting.

WASHBOARD!

We have taken the agency for a home-made Washboard. Grooved poplar, 100 dozen just received. Trade supplies at low prices. This is not a cheap pine board but a well made grooved poplar board. Can furnish any quantity.

Lumsden Bros.,

PELL PHONS 165. RALEIGH, N. C.

BELLEMONT

A perfectly Pure Rye Whiskey, ten years old. Price, \$12 per case of twelve full quarts, or \$4 per gallon, in gallon jugs, packed in plain cases.

Fawndale

Rye or Bourbon, six years old, well matured, in wood, at \$3 per case of one dozen full quarts, or \$3 per gallon. We recommend these whiskeys for family and medicinal uses, and will prepay freight charges to any point in North Carolina on receipt of price. No charge for packing.

Acme Wine Co.

Dealers in High-grade Wines and Liquors and Agents for Fabs' Milwaukee Lager Beer. Raleigh, N. C.

In Olden Times

when a boy had the croup, his mother used to reach up to the shelf over the fireplace and get the familiar black bottle, filled with the nauseous compound that the cross-roads druggist sold as a panacea for all ills of the flesh; when his twelve-year-old sister had the measles, the same old black bottle was brought into use; and when the old lady herself was touched with the "rheumatiz," the aid of the same familiar cure-all was invoked. Sometimes the cure-all cured—sometimes it didn't; but it was handy and it was cheap, and so people kept on using it, and the men who made it got rich and went abroad every summer. In pretty much the same ignorant way.

Farmers Used Manure

on all crops, because, like the old, plausible compounds, it was handy and cheap. But, nowadays, farmers know that the growing plant requires the right sort of plant food, just as the growing child requires the proper kind of food, and so, when they plant tobacco,

Now They Buy

a specially prepared tobacco fertilizer; when they plant cotton, they buy a special cotton fertilizer; so with corn, so with wheat—with all crops; he knows that certain crops require much ammonia, some but little ammonia; some crops require heavily potash fertilizers, others only phosphoric acid. And the farmers of the Old North State have learned something else that is equally as important, to-wit: that the

Durham Fertilizers

are carefully prepared by expert chemists with regard to the crops on which they are to be used, and are honestly made by capable manufacturers. As to Durham Brands, a booklet for the asking. Address

Durham Fertilizer Co.,

Branch Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. DURHAM, N. C.

ALWAYS IN THE LEAD

for style, speed and elegance are the

superb equipages furnished by our sta-

ble. Our horses are all good, steady,

free goers, well fed, well groomed and

never overworked. Our carriages are

stylish, easy running and handsome,

and in any style required. Our prices

are always satisfactory.

UPCHURCH & HOLDER,

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. PHONSE 81

Look in your Wardrobe

See if you don't need a Spring Suit, in a Sack, Cutaway, Prince Albert or a Full Dress, and then go to an up-to-date tailor and get him to fix you up for the spring. You can find such a tailor at 216 Fayetteville street.

J. E. BRIDGERS

Merchant Tailor, 216 Fayetteville Street.



THE CAPE FEAR AND NORTHERN RAILWAY.

South. No. 51.	STATIONS.	North. No. 52.
P. M.		A. M.
4:20	.....Lv. Apex.....	9:50
4:44	.....Lv. Holly Springs.....	9:26
5:00	.....Lv. Dukeston.....	9:10
5:08	.....Lv. Blanchard.....	9:02
5:20	.....Lv. Holland.....	8:50
5:40	.....Ar. Angler.....	8:30
P. M.		A. M.
Connect with S. A. L. express mail trains to and from Raleigh.		
J. C. ANGLIER, Gen. Manager.		

Black Minorcas.

High Class Prize Winners. The prettiest birds and greatest layers on earth. Stock and eggs for sale. For price and particulars apply to C. P. WHARTON, Raleigh, N. C.