



MCKINLEY'S CUBAN MESSAGE.

FIFTY THOUSAND APPROPRIATION.

Recommended by the Chief Magistrate to Relieve 600 Suffering American--Transportation for Those desiring to Return--Prompt Action in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The President's message was short. It was read right afternoon.

The message in full is as follows:

Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens on the island are in a state of destitution and suffering for want of food and medicines. This applies particularly to the rural districts. In the central and eastern parts the agricultural classes have been forced from the farms into the nearest towns where they are without work or money. The local authorities in the several towns, however kindly disposed they may be, are unable to relieve the needs of the common people altogether and are powerless to help our citizens. The latest reports of Consul General Lee estimates that six to eight hundred American citizens are without means of support. I have assured him that provision will be made immediately to relieve them. To that end I recommend that Congress make an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars to be immediately available for use under the direction of the Secretary of State. It is desirable that part of the sum, which may be appropriated by Congress, should, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, be also used for transportation of American citizens, who desiring to return to the United States are without means to do so.

[Signed.] WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Following the message a resolution enacting the President's recommendations was presented by the Senate foreign relation committee. It was considered immediately and passed with no debate except a brief speech by Senator Gallinger, who said the government ought to recognize the belligerency of Cuba.

It Is Not a Pipe of Peace.

NEW YORK, May 17.—District Attorney Olcott said to-day that the trial of the directors and officials of the American Tobacco Company, who were indicted for conspiracy a year ago will be begun on the first Monday in June, for which date it has been set down. The District Attorney has telegraphed to Judge Gibbons, of Chicago, who last week decided a case of a similar nature tried before him, for copy of his opinion. The identity of the Judge before whom the case will be tried will not be revealed until the calendar is printed.

Proposed Tariff Amendment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Senator McEnery, of Louisiana, to-day gave notice of an amendment he will offer to the tariff bill striking out the Senate amendments in the sugar schedule and re-inserting the House provisions in regard to sugar.

Senator Butler gave notice of amendments to the rice paragraph increasing duties so as to make rates as follows: Cleaned rice 2 cents per pound; uncleaned 1 1/2; rice flour 1 cent; paddy 1 cent.

Fifteen Million Loan For Cuba.

MADRID, May 17.—The liberal newspapers say the Cuban revolutionists have raised a loan of fifteen million dollars in New York.

Mormon elders who were holding a meeting at Elk Park, Mitchell county were egged a few days ago. They left the community.

The Episcopal convention of North Carolina decides that women cannot vote on parochial matters.

The Agricultural Department issues its may Bulletin giving average acreage and condition of crops.

IT MAY NOT SELL CIGARETTES IN ILLINOIS.

Judge Gibbons Bases This Decision on the Conclusion That Self-Preservation is Inherent in Statehood.

CHICAGO, May, 15.—Judge Gibbons rendered a decision to-day declaring the American Tobacco Company an illegal corporation and prohibiting its agents from carrying on its business within the confines of this State.

The decision sustains the information filed last December by Attorney General Maloney asking that the American Tobacco Company be enjoined from selling paper cigarettes on the premise that it was a trust monopoly and conspiracy in the business. The defendants filed demurrers, general and special, but each was overruled by the exhaustive opinion handed down to-day. Representatives of the tobacco company who were in court, announced that a notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court would be given.

The plea of the Attorney General alleged that the American Tobacco Company were sellers of 95 per cent. of all the paper cigarettes manufactured in the United States. The Company filed a general demurrer, the main contention being that the State of Illinois is powerless to restrain a foreign corporation from shipping or selling such articles in the State to another, or from distributing or selling such articles in the State to which the shipment is made. The court said that the power of self-preservation is inherent in Statehood. This gives the State the power to pass and enforce any law which is necessary and indispensable to the preservation of public health.

Death.

We are pained to announce the death of our grandfather Jacob G. Slaughter who died at his home the 25th of April at the age of 83 years. He was no member of the church, but once was a member of Mill Creek. About six weeks before he died he made peace with God as we believe, he did not seem to be the same. He sang three songs.

"Come thou fount of every blessing,"
"I am going to join in the army of the Lord."

"And I will shout and give Him glory."

Those he sang with a strong voice and repeated "Jesus is a precious Savior he will save all who trust in His name." His voice became so weak that those around him could not understand, but seemed to be enjoying the blessing of the Lord. All who saw him have hopes of his eternal rest in the Lord, his dying hours seemed to be very peaceable as the Lord can make a dying bed as soft as downy pillows are. He was buried at Mill Creek Tuesday evening. His request was, read the 23 chapter of Psalms and sing "Rock of Ages." He leaves a wife, four children and several grand-children and great-grand-children to mourn his loss.

May we all meet in heaven with the redeemed is the wish of his grand daughter,

B. P. L.

May 4th, '97.

Closing Exercises.

The closing exercises of Prof. Parker's school at Pine Hill took place on the 11th inst. The day was unfavorable, but quite a crowd was present.

Mr. W. D. Merritt, one of Person county's brightest young men delivered an able address.

The music made by Misses Tingin and Oakley, was excellent and enjoyed by every one present. Those deserving special mention were A. P. Daniel, Knox Moore, Henry Blalock and Ira Hawkins, Misses Rena Moore and Nannie Hawkins. All the students acquitted themselves well.

We had a bounteous dinner and all hands spent a day pleasant and profitable.

Success to THE COURIER.

A STUDENT.

NORTH CAROLINA PARAGRAPHS.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER NORTH CAROLINA.

Condensed News Picked up Here and There in our Exchanges--Happenings of a Week in Readable Form.

J. T. Cramer, of Thomasville, applies for position of deputy auditor in the State navy department.

Of the twenty cows at the State Experiment farm near Raleigh four have been found to have tuberculosis and have been killed.

A charter has been granted the Southern Drug Co., of Transylvania county.

Mt. Airy sells \$25,000 bonds for water works and electric plant.

The State pharmacy board was in session in Raleigh last week.

F. S. Giles, of New York asks for a six year lease of State Swamp lands.

The President gives ex-Congressman Cheatham, colored, of this State the nomination of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.

Bishop Key will hold the Western N. C. M. E. Conference Church South which meets in Asheville November 17th.

The Exchange says the Laurinburg Cotton Seed Oil Mill and Manufacturing Co. has declared an annual dividend of 9 per cent.

Oxford Ledger: It is said by persons who have recently spent some time in Washington that 100 North Carolina families are residing there.

The governor offers \$50 reward for detection of the persons who assassinated J. T. Baker at Dudley.

The State Board of pharmacy grants licenses to nine applicants.

An offer of 25 cents per acre is made for 500 acres of swamp lands in eastern Carolina which are entirely covered by water.

Davidson College has purchased the Presbyterian High School at Rock Hill, S. C., for \$10,000.

J. M. Flowers, of Taylorsville, has won the debater's medal at Trinity College.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows convened at Charlotte last week. The sessions lasted three days, May 11-14.

The Charlotte Woman's Exposition opened last Tuesday. It will no doubt attract many visitors.

There are ten roller flour mills in Rockingham county.]

The conference of Southern manufacturers of cotton yarn in session in Charlotte decide on a reduction of 25 per cent in yarns below 20's, beginning June 15th; a permanent organization was effected.

A white man is found in the road near Reidsville, N. C., with his throat cut; two white men, he wrote (not being able to talk) had attacked him and when they found he had no money, had cut his throat.

The Empire plaid mills at High Point were burned yesterday.

Dr. J. M. Hayes of Greensboro, is found dead in his bed.

The lawyers of Winston have formed a bar association and have taken out letters of incorporation.

The State Treasurer decides that horse swappers are not liable for the \$25 annual State license tax as "traders."

In a row at Linville City, Mitchell county, Friday night Wm. Buchanan was shot and has since died.

The citizens of Rutherfordton voted last week to establish a dispensary in that town by 40 majority.

John W. Moore, colored, for 23 years a clerk in the Wilmington post office, has been arrested and bound to the federal court for robbing the mails.

WILL OFFER AMENDMENTS.

The Democratic Members of the Finance Committee Decided on The Course They Will Pursue.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Democratic members of the Senate committee on finance were in consultation to-day on the tariff bill. They decided not to offer a substitute for the finance committee bill, but to propose amendments, which while they will reduce the rates of the Wilson law, produce sufficient revenue.

They regard the committee's bill as a revenue producer, and calculate that, even without the proposed beer tax and the tea duty, it would bring a surplus in to the Treasury. On the other hand, they regard the House bill as nearly prohibitive on many of the schedules, and think that on this account it would be deficient in the production of revenue. The Democratic members are especially critical of the sugar, glass and wool schedules, and expect to offer amendments to all of them.

Big Rock Twinklings.

Miss Pauline Neal, of Holloways, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Bettie Jones for the past week.

Mrs. H. L. Jones and daughter, Effie have been visiting her brother, G. D. Neal this week.

W. H. Stovall was the guest of Seba Jones Sunday night.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine filled his regular appointments at Olive Branch Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Stovall is visiting relatives and friends at Oak Hill this week.

Miss Minnie Hayes, of Holloways is visiting her cousin Maude Tucker at Blue Wing.

Some of the boys around Big Rock went to Danville on the excursion on the 13th.

E. D. Jones and family, of Bethel Hill were the guests of Mr. J. P. Stovall Saturday night.

The miners are very busy working in the mines; they are speaking of ouying some of the land around Big Rock.

The farmers are very busy fixing tobacco land. We have had a nice rain this week and every heart is filled with joy.

BROOM STICK.

May 15, '97.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and it is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at J. De Morris' Drug Store.

The Educational Campaign.

Wake Forest College has done the proper and patriotic thing in changing the time for opening of Summer School from June 23 to June 28, in order that it may not conflict with the Teachers' Assembly. The University ought, if possible, to do likewise and throw its whole strength to the Assembly. It will necessitate a postponement of only five days. The local taxation election occurs in August all over North Carolina, and at the Assembly plans must be worked out to make the campaign, and the enthusiasm of all educators must be kindled to fever heat.—News and Observer.

Peru, one of the South American silver standard countries, has just adopted the gold standard. Last Monday the government ceased to coin silver, and prohibited the importation of silver coin.

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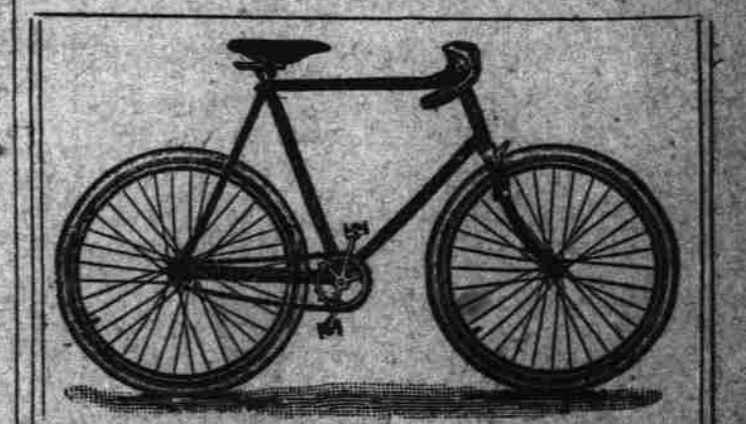
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