

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 26, 1900. Republican Senators are still in a dead-lock on the Porto Rican tariff and the key is yet to be found. Some of the republican Senators have been whipped into support of the tariff against their own convictions and against the expressed wishes of their constituents, but there are still about a dozen who hold out for free trade and who say they will vote with the democrats for a free trade amendment. The bill giving back to Porto Rico the money which has been and is being unjustly taken away from its inhabitants under the Dingley tariff has become a law, but what is to become of the other and more important Porto Rico bill is yet to be determined. Mr. McKinley and every member of his Cabinet are now openly working to get votes for the tariff, in the face of their official record as advocates of free trade with the island. Democrats are taking no part in the mess, realizing that the republicans are making democratic votes by thousands, are willing to let it go at that until the time comes to vote.

Although hampered by the republican members of the House Military Committee, which is investigating the use of Federal troops in the Idaho mining troubles last year, Representatives Lentz and Sulzer have succeeded in showing that the troops were extremely brutal in their treatment of men arrested; that warrants of arrest, similar to the infamous French lettres de cachet, with the space for the name left blank, were signed and issued in constables in quantities, and that, although there is a state law against discrimination against either union or non-union miners, no man could work in the mines of the Couer d'Alene country without a permit, and no member of a labor union could secure a permit. This isn't a showing to be proud of, and the investigation isn't over yet.

The platform adopted by the Nebraska democrats is thought to represent Col. Bryan's idea of the platform that should be adopted by the Kansas city convention, and consequently it has been much discussed among democrats in Congress. The only feature of the platform adversely criticized by democrats is that dealing with the initiative and referendum. Among southern Senators who were outspoken in their condemnation of this idea were Tillman, Bacon, and Clay. Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said of the Nebraska platform: "Its various declarations seem to me to be in thorough harmony with the democratic position. Certainly we are all agreed upon the re-affirmation of the Chicago platform, upon the condemnation of trusts, in our opposition to imperialism, and in the belief that the Constitution follows the flag. The initiative and referendum is something new in a democratic platform, I admit, but I am not prepared to say that it is an unwise innovation. I would not, of course, advocate the reference of all minor matters of legislation to the people, but on all great questions it seems to me that the judgment of the people might well be appealed to and accepted. As a general rule, no man is afraid of submitting a question to popular will if he believes that he is in the right."

Representative Sulzer, of New York made a warm speech before the East Washington Democratic Club, in which he said: "England controls the policy of the administration of William McKinley. It was English influence that involved us in war in the Philippines. England wanted our soldiers and our ships in Asiatic waters. It is beginning to be clear now why she wanted them there. Salisbury is a far-seeing prime minister. He foresaw the effort that England is now making to crush the South African republics; he foresaw that the Czar might seize the opportunity to push Russian interests in China and thus jeopardize what England calls her rights there. With a secret alliance or understanding between the government of Great Britain and the republican administration in Washington, American guns and American bay-

onets might be turned to England's account in the far East."

Representative Champ Clark, of Mo., thus stated his position on the trust question: "It would be foolish for me to waste time making an anti-trust speech. The entire matter may be summed up in a single sentence. This is not a new issue. The first anti-trust speech was made about 4,000 years ago by an old gentleman named Moses, when he wrote upon the tablets of stone the inspired words, 'Thou shalt not steal'."

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who was in Washington on private business, was asked to state his views on the political outlook and said: "The people of Georgia are too busy making money to pay much attention to politics, but they are solid for the regular democratic nominee for President, be he Mr. Bryan or anyone else. Of course, we all believe it will be Mr. Bryan. Georgia, and I think the South generally, is dead against imperialism, and will vote that way."

Mr. McKinley has requested Gen. Joe Wheeler to withdraw his resignation and remain in the army, but Gen. Wheeler has not yet decided to do so. He has been given to understand that if he will remain in the army he can have a brigadiers' commission in the regular army, or rather be retired with that rank.

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Four-Day Personally-Conducted Tour Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The almost unparalleled success of the tour last year has induced the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to offer the residents of Williamsport, Wilkes Barre, Sunbury, Harrisburg, and neighboring cities in Central Pennsylvania another opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages of a personally-conducted tour to Washington, and has therefore arranged for a four day tour to the National Capital on Monday, April 2.

Train will leave Renovo at 6.40 a. m., Williamsport 8.30 a. m., Scranton 7.48 a. m., Wilkes Barre 8.45 a. m., Sunbury, 10.50 a. m., Mt. Carmel 7.30 a. m., Altoona, 7.15 a. m., Lancaster 10.48 a. m., Harrisburg 12.35 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations, and at York. Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3.30 p. m., Thursday, April 5. Passengers from points west of Williamsport, and from Dewart, Selinsgrove, Lykens, Dillsburg, Lebanon, Lancaster Columbia, Wrightsville, and points to the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 7, inclusive.

Round trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until after luncheon, April 5, \$12.90 from Williamsport, \$13.60 from Wilkes Barre, \$11.70 from Sunbury, \$14.00 from Altoona, \$10.10 from Lancaster, \$10.10 from Harrisburg, and proportionate rates from other stations, including stations on the Cumberland Valley Railroad north of Chambersburg. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

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Must Get a Move On.

Judge Halsey, of the Luzerne courts, has been scolding the lawyers for being late, thus retarding the public business. No more will the Wilkes-Barre court house bell summon the lawyers and litigants and witnesses to court in that city, as it has done ever since the court was formed. Judge Halsey last week severely berated all those having business at court for being late. He said that instead of getting to work promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, a half hour was generally wasted at each session, waiting for the lawyers. He said they are in the habit of waiting for the bell to ring before preparing to leave their offices, and ordered that hereafter the bell should not be rung.

Dan Seybert Gets \$2,500.

In the case of Daniel Seybert, the well-known resident of Salem township, Luzerne Co. against said township for damages, the jury returned with a verdict in his favor of \$2,500. The case was tried at Wilkes-Barre two weeks ago. Mr. Seybert was driving along a road in Salem township, nearly five years ago and his horse became frightened at a locomotive on the D. L. & W. which passed nearby, dashed over a steep bank and Mr. Seybert was injured. He alleged the township was negligent in not properly guarding the dangerous part of the road and asked for \$5,000 damages.

The accomplished borrower, like lightning, never strikes twice in the same place.

SENATORS QUIT CUBA

Special Committee Finishes Its Inspection Tour.

WILL NOT TALK FOR PUBLICATION.

Natives Assure Them of the Absence of Agitation and Say No Desire Exists For Annexation—About Payment of Certain Bonds.

HAVANA, March 28.—The Dolphin left for the United States today carrying the members of the senate Cuban committee. The senators all said that they would not talk for publication until after they had presented their report, which they will do shortly. They asserted, however, that they came with certain well-defined plans for gathering information and had carried them out wherever they had gone. They have seen in private most of the representative Cubans and have secured their views and opinions, very few of which have been published, as in most instances the consultations have been regarded as confidential.

One interview has been given out, that with General Montenegro and Colonel Villuondas, who assured the members of the commission that the country was entirely free of bandits and cited the safety with which peddling Turks traversed all districts selling trinkets and also the fact that the owner of a sugar estate would no longer hesitate to drive alone with a large sum of money to pay his employees. They assured the committee that there was no agitation in the eastern provinces and that a desire for annexation to the United States did not exist in Cuba.

Senator Platt asked them whether the Cubans would be disposed to pay the bonds issued during the revolution. They replied that they were ready to pay those issued during the last rebellion, but not those issued in 1868. They expressed the opinion that the bonds issued would not reach a high total, adding that the Cuban government would certainly pay the Cuban army.

In reply to Senator Platt's inquiry as to whether the Cubans would pay the French bonds, they said they would not, as those bonds represented a Spanish loan.

Senator Platt—What would the Cubans do if France were to send a fleet and demand payment? General Montenegro—Either they would stand up for themselves and fight or the United States government would interfere, as it did in order to prevent Great Britain doing what she liked to Venezuela.

Senators Butler and Pettigrew have arrived here. They say they are merely paying a visit of personal curiosity. Congressman Hawley has also arrived and will remain a few days looking after his personal interests.

RAPID TRANSIT SURE.

Ground Broken For New York City's Great Subway.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Ground was broken for the \$35,000,000 rapid transit tunnel Saturday afternoon, and that important event in the city's history was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies in City Hall park. There were in attendance as many thousands of persons as could squeeze themselves within that part of the park which is south of the city hall and more than could find standing room on the steps of the city hall or places at the windows, but it is safe to say that not more than a few scores of persons heard the speechmaking and saw what was going on.

At the conclusion of the speechmaking Mr. Belmont handed the silver spade to Mayor Van Wyck. The mayor took off his silk hat, placed it beside the hole in the ground, sprang in and, sending the spade deep into the earth, took up a big spadeful and dumped it into his hat. Those sightsees who crowded the windows of the city hall and overflowed even upon the cornices were first to recognize that earth had actually been broken, and they started the handclapping, which extended to the big crowd. The mayor picked up the hatful of earth and handed the spade to Councilman Wise.

President Orr took over the second spadeful of earth. Vice President John H. Starin was next, and he was followed by August Belmont and John B. McDonald. Then in turn the silver spade was wielded by Commissioners Rives, Langdon and Jesup and Comptroller Coler.

New Plans For the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary Root has taken a step long contemplated in the administration of the Philippines by directing the creation of an entirely new military division to be known as the "division of the Pacific," embracing all of the Philippine archipelago. The division in turn is to be divided into four military departments as follows: The department of northern Luzon, commanded by General MacArthur; the department of southern Luzon, commanded by General Bates; the department of the Visayas, commanded by General Hughes, and the department of Mindanao and Jolo, commanded by General Kobbe. Major General Otis will retain the supreme command over these departments as division commander, occupying toward them a position corresponding closely to that occupied by General Miles toward the military departments in the United States.

Across Continent Afoot.

OMAHA, March 26.—Philip Miller and his wife have arrived here, having made the entire distance of 1,400 miles on foot from Stroudsburg, Pa., pushing a baby carriage containing their infant child before them. They inquired their way from station to station, obtained their food by working for people along their path and slept in section houses. Father, mother and babe are in excellent health.

Mosquito Chief in a Fix.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 28.—The affairs of Chief Clarence of the Mosquito territory, the pensioner of the British government who is being sued for debt, have assumed such an acute stage that he has appealed to the government for assistance. Only the skill of his lawyer prevents his incarceration in jail.

Bicycling on Yukon.

TACOMA, March 26.—The mighty Yukon river has been converted into a winter bicycle path. The most wonderful trip of the arctic cycling season was made in February by Morris Levy between Dawson and Circle City. The distance between the two points is 365 miles. Levy made it in 3 days and 4 hours, or at a gait of better than 100 miles a day.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of the Day.

The Democrats of this state need a firmer discipline and a more assertive leadership and the sincere, honest, determined, unpurchasable element of the party are ready for such a policy and will support it to the death.—Rochester Commoner.

Governor Taylor should at least make an effort to bring about the arrest of Senator Goebel's assassin. The country finds it difficult to understand his failure for ten days to offer a reward for the author of such a dastardly crime. Clearing his own skirts of complicity seemed to demand at least as much.—Titusville Advance-Guard.

The three great Republican counties of Pennsylvania are Philadelphia, Lancaster and Allegheny. Bardsley, a Republican officeholder, inflicted on Philadelphia losses by defalcation and embezzlement aggregating more than a million dollars. He was sent to the penitentiary and pardoned out. Moreland and House, Republican officeholders, put Pittsburg, in Allegheny county, through the squeezing process to the extent of several thousand dollars. One of them has been pardoned, and the other is likely to be. Now comes the last, in the embezzlement by Hershey, the Republican treasurer of Lancaster county, of \$65,000 of the public funds. He has every encouragement to expect that his little peccadillo will be forgiven. The greater the crime the less punishment. "Bill" Kemble set the fashion, by the aid of the Quay machine, over 20 years ago, when he set out at Harrisburg to bribe a whole legislature, and being convicted was pardoned before the prison doors had a chance to close on him. The quality of mercy is not strained in Pennsylvania when it applies to big operations. As to a loaf of bread it is different.—Norristown Register.

It may not be a matter of great importance, even to the people Porto Rico, whether their products are admitted into our markets free or required to pay a duty of twenty-five per cent, but it is of vital importance that they shall be admitted at some rate and a market opened for them. In the present state of things we have simply released the Porto Ricans from Spanish rule and destroyed their market relations with Spain without furnishing any substitute at all. We govern them by military force and maintain our tariff restrictions against their products. Congress should do something about this important matter and do it quickly. Already the people of Porto Rico are complaining that they are worse off than under Spanish rule, bad as that was, and further delay will simply breed more discontent and possibly rebellion. Having acquired Porto Rico, we must provide it with a government under which its people can live in greater freedom and comfort, rather than with less than before. This we are bound to do in simple justice to all concerned, and further dillying with this important subject is simply inexcusable.

This game of military hide and seek has been played for about a year at a cost to the people of thousands of valuable American lives and over \$100,000,000 in hard cash. The mothers and fathers of the country who are called upon to sacrifice their sons, the overburdened taxpayers who foot the bills, are beginning to exclaim, "How long, O Lord, how long?" The Spanish war—the war authorized by congress—added to our renown by the splendid victories of our forces by land and sea and gave us at least two new naval heroes of the first rank—George Dewey and Winfield Scott Schley. But no man who has any reputation for veracity to lose will assert that the Philippine war has added to either our glory as a people or to the strength of the republic. When the Spanish war closed we could have occupied the most enviable position ever held by any nation since creation's dawn, and all we had to do was to do that which we owed to ourselves to do, and that was to say to both the Cubans and the Filipinos: "The Spaniards are beaten. Your chains are broken. You helped us to do this thing. Now set up any sort of government you want, and we will make the other nations of the earth keep their hands off you, or we will shoot them off."—Hon. Champ Clark.

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