

FRIENDS OF CUBA WIN

Vote In Republican Caucus Stood 85 to 31

WAYS AND MEANS PLAN ADOPTED.

Reciprocity With the Island Limited to December, 1903—Proposition of the Best Sugar Men Defeated by a Vote of 57 to 79.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The first test vote in the Republican caucus on the Cuban sugar question came last night on a motion by Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee that the previous question be ordered and a vote taken on the propositions before the caucus. The motion was carried—78 to 56. A vote then taken on the proposition of the best sugar men that a rebate be given Cuba on articles imported from that island, and it was defeated—57 to 79. A vote followed later on the ways and means 20 per cent reciprocity proposition.

The ways and means proposition for reciprocity with Cuba to the extent of a 20 per cent reduction of duties, modified by the Sibley amendment limiting the lifetime of the reduced rates to December, 1903, was adopted by the Republican conference by a vote of 85 to 31.

The Republican members of the house of representatives met in general conference to consider the Cuban tariff question, this being the fifth gathering held for the purpose of seeking to reconcile the differences existing on this subject. About 150 members were in attendance, including Speaker Henderson, Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee and others who have figured prominently in the contest.

Chairman Payne made a statement of the difficulties encountered by the arbitrating conference which has been seeking for several days to bring the two elements together. He frankly confessed that nothing had been accomplished, as each side had adhered firmly to its original position. Mr. Payne said the position of the ways and means committee now was in effect that presented by Mr. Sibley at the last conference—namely, for 20 per cent reciprocity limited to December, 1903.

Representative Dick (O.), one of the conferees of the element opposing the ways and means committee, concurred with Mr. Payne that no progress had been made by the arbitrating body toward reaching a solution. At the same time Mr. Dick said he was still hopeful of an ultimate agreement, and he urged deliberate action in order that harmony might prevail in the end. Mr. Dick closed by presenting resolutions representing the views of the conferees who had represented the element opposing the ways and means committee as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the committee on ways and means be directed to report to the house a bill for the relief of Cuba substantially embodying the following provisions: That the president be authorized to enter into a commercial agreement with the government of Cuba when the same shall have been organized and established whereby, on account of the relations which have existed between the United States and Cuba since 1898 and in consideration of such reduction of duties as shall be satisfactory to the president on goods, wares and merchandise, the growth or product of the United States imported into Cuba, he shall agree to pay each year for three years to the government of Cuba a sum of money equivalent to 20 per cent of the duties collected and paid into the treasury of the United States on goods, wares and merchandise the growth or product of the island of Cuba imported into this country.

The debate continued for some time, and at its close votes were taken, as recorded above.

Ship Subsidy Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, March 18.—After prolonged debate the senate passed the ship subsidy bill, the final vote on the measure being 42 to 31. Senators Allison and Dolliver of Iowa, Spooner and Quarles of Wisconsin and Proctor and Dillingham of Vermont, Republicans, voted against final passage of the bill, and Senator McLaughlin (R. C.) voted for it. Some amendments to the bill were adopted, but they were all agreeable to those in charge of the measure, the friends of the bill voting down all other amendments.

Riots at St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Student riots here Sunday, in which over 10,000 people participated, kept a small army of police and cavalry busy throughout the day. Probably a hundred arrests were made, but the repressive measures were not so strict as on the corresponding Sunday of 1901. While many persons were injured, no fatalities were reported.

Greek Emigration Causes Alarm. ATHENS, Greece, March 18.—The increase in Grecian emigration is seriously alarming the government. During the last few weeks a thousand young people have gone to seek their fortunes in the United States. The press is calling on the government to introduce a measure to check this exodus.

A Sweet Time in Vermont. CHESTER, Vt., March 17.—The maple sugar season has opened much earlier than usual this year, and the last week has been an unusually good one for a flow of excellent sap. All orchards in the warm localities are now in working order. Farmers predict that more sugar will be made this year than in any one of the last five seasons.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

Navigation on Lake Erie was opened. Cecil Rhodes' symptoms showed a slight change for the worse.

Chinese rebels in Kwangsi defeated government troops under General Ma. An uproar occurred in the Austrian Reichsrath over cheering for the Hohenzollerns.

The Venezuelan insurgents were reported to be fast gaining control of the island of Margarita.

The French chamber of deputies adopted a resolution extending the duration of future legislatures to six years.

Tuesday, March 18.

Chicago experienced zero weather, with high winds.

Mayor Jones of Toledo was reported seriously ill in California.

The Deutschland, with Prince Henry aboard, reached Plymouth.

Gerónimo, the old Apache chief, has petitioned to be released from captivity.

Rev. Mr. Houst of Elizabeth, N. J., was murderously attacked by anarchists.

Powell Clayton, United States ambassador to Mexico, declared charges against him false.

St. Patrick's day was observed by the Irish population of New York city with a parade, festivities at Sulzer's park and dances.

Monday, March 17.

The queen regent of Spain has called upon Senor Sagasta to form a new cabinet.

The resignation of William M. Johnson, first assistant postmaster general, has been accepted by President Roosevelt.

Considerable damage by high water was reported from Alabama and Georgia. Cloudbursts occurred in some places.

Hundreds of farmers in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas are in a destitute condition owing to last season's drought.

By an explosion in the powder mixing department of a Cleveland torpedo factory one girl was killed and seven other persons were injured.

The remains of Hon. William J. Glenn, late doorkeeper of the house of representatives, were buried at Cuba, N. Y. The funeral was largely attended by prominent men.

Two mills of the Luffin & Rand Powder works, near Columbus, Kan., exploded, and one workman was killed, and several others were injured. The property loss was heavy.

Saturday, March 15.

Twenty-four were hurt, none fatally, in a train wreck near Fortuna, Mo.

A man arrived in Chicago after traveling 700 miles in a sack billed as potatoes.

Funeral services were held over the body of former Governor Altgeld in Chicago.

The strike begun by the American Woolen company's weavers was reported to be spreading.

Friday, March 14.

The Spanish cabinet has resigned. General Methuen has been released by the Boers.

Private advices indicate that there is little hope for Cecil Rhodes' recovery.

The town of Kyankari, in Asia Minor, has been destroyed by an earthquake.

A tornado in Mississippi killed a number of persons and destroyed much property.

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Thursday, March 13.

Pillsbury won second prize in the chess tournament at Monte Carlo.

The vault of the Farmers' bank of Townville, Pa., was blown open and robbed.

A great theatrical benefit is to be held in Paris for the McKinley memorial fund.

The strike on the Rocky mountain division of the Northern Pacific was more serious.

Several engagements between Russian troops and Tunguses were reported in Manchuria.

Charles Guden and Colonel Norman S. Dike still maintained separate offices as sheriff of Kings county, N. Y.

Strikers Return to Work.

BOSTON, March 18.—The great strike of last week, involving 20,000 union men, has been completely wiped out, and practically every man went back to his work under conditions but slightly changed from those existing when the trouble began. The only incident in the labor situation is the strike of seventy-five longshoremen at the Clyde line wharves. This is not actually an offshoot of the big strike, but an independent strike brought about by two disgruntled workmen.

Three Bills Against Mrs. Soffel.

PITTSBURG, March 14.—Indictments in three cases against Mrs. Catherine Soffel, wife of ex-Warden Peter K. Soffel, growing out of the escape of the Biddle brothers from jail on Jan. 30 have been considered by the grand jury and true bills returned. Should Mrs. Soffel be convicted upon the three charges the maximum aggregate sentence that could be imposed upon her would be sixteen years in prison and a fine of \$2,500.

A Former Slave Celebrates.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Mrs. Mary Ann Van Dyke yesterday celebrated the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of her birth at the home of Mrs. Sarah Brown at 1808 1/2 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. She is said to be the oldest inhabitant of Brooklyn and was born in slavery.

TWELVE DROWNED.

Life Crew and Sailors Went Down Together.

ONLY ONE ESCAPED TO TELL TALE.

Heroic Effort to Rescue Crew of a Stranded Barge on Massachusetts Coast Results in Disaster.

CHATHAM, Mass., March 18.—Seven brave life savers, practically the entire crew of the Monomy station, on the south end of Cape Cod, met death yesterday at their post of duty, and with them into the treacherous sea which capsize the lifeboat went five men from the stranded barge Walden, whom they vainly tried to bring in safety to the shore. One man, Lemuel Ellis, through the heroic work of Captain Elmer Mayo of another stranded barge, the John C. Fitzpatrick, was rescued from the bottom of the up-turned lifeboat.

Among those lost was William H. Mack of Cleveland, O., who was on the barge, representing his company, the Boutell Towing and Transportation company of that city, while Captain Marshall N. Eldredge, one of the oldest life savers on the coast, went down with his men. All the life savers came from Chatham and Harwich. There is no government pension for those whose husbands and fathers are lost in the life saving service, so the lot of the families who are left is a hard one.

The scene of the accident was in the well known tide rips off Monomy point, which make down from Chatham into Nantucket sound.

The disaster is one of the worst that ever happened to a life saving crew on Cape Cod.

TRADE CONDITIONS.

A Lively Spring Distribution—Much Wheat in Farmers' Hands.

NEW YORK, March 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Outside of Massachusetts the labor situation is exceptionally free from controversy, and even in the coal mines there is less than the usual agitation as April approaches. Distribution of spring merchandise is making rapid progress, the most sanguine expectations being fully realized in all sections outside the strike area.

Official indications of farm reserves on March 1 were not surprising as to corn, dealers anticipating that supplies would be only about one-half last year's, but the statement that 23 per cent of the enormous wheat yield remained in farmers' hands was not calculated to sustain values.

Failures for the week were 232 in the United States against 209 last year and 34 in Canada against 33 in 1901.

Church Burned in Schenectady.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 19.—The Emmanuel Baptist church, in this city, has been totally destroyed by fire. The loss is \$35,000, which is only partially covered by insurance. It was a new structure, having been dedicated within a year.

Oil Struck Near Denver.

DENVER, March 15.—Oil has been struck at a depth of 800 feet in a well on Turkey creek, southwest of Morrison and only twelve miles from Denver.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call steady at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 @ 49 1/2 for demand and at 48 1/4 @ 49 1/4 for 60 days. Posted rates, \$1.36 and \$1.35. Commercial bills, \$1.35 @ 1.37. Bar silver, 54 1/2. Mexican dollars, 23 1/2. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds steady. Closing prices: Atchison, 37. N. Y. Central, 102 1/2. C. & O. St. L., 107 1/2. Ontario & West, 33 1/2. Ches. & Ohio, 94 1/2. Pacific Mail, 46 1/2. Del. & Hudson, 17 1/2. Reading, 56 1/2. Del. & Potomac, 17 1/2. Rock Island, 17 1/2. Erie, 37 1/2. St. Paul, 144 1/2. Gen. Electric, 317. Sugar Refinery, 127 1/2. Lackawanna, 37 1/2. Texas Pacific, 40 1/2. Lead, 20 1/2. Union Pacific, 99 1/2. Louis. & Nash., 104 1/2. Wabash pref., 43 1/2. Manhattan Con., 13 1/2. West. Union, 91 1/2. Missouri Pac., 107 1/2.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—There was a small trade in flour, but no change in prices; Minnesota patents, \$3.55 @ 4.10; winter straights, \$3.80 @ 3.95; winter extras, \$3.19 @ 3.30; winter patents, \$3.35 @ 3.40.

WHEAT—Opened steady on cables and was held for a time by scattered covering; May, 90 1/2 @ 91; July, 89 1/2 @ 90.

RYE—Steady; state, 60 @ 61 c. l. f. New York; car lots, No. 2 western, 64 c. f. o. b., north.

CORN—Opened steady with wheat, but eased off on the larger movement; May, 67 1/2 @ 68; July, 66 1/2 @ 67.

GATS—Dull and easier; track, white, state, 53 @ 54; track, white, western, 53 @ 54.

PORK—Steady; mess, \$15.50 @ 16.50; family, \$16.50 @ 17.

LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4; creamery, 22 @ 23.

CHICKENS—Firm; state, full cream, small, early made, fancy, colored, 12 1/2 @ 13; state, full cream, small, early made, fancy, white, 12 1/2 @ 13; full cream, large, full made, fancy, colored, 11 1/2 @ 12; full cream, large, full made, fancy, white, 11 1/2 @ 12.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 16 c.; western, at market, 16 1/2 @ 16 3/4.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining, 2 @ 22; centrifugal, 36 test, 3 @ 22; refined steady; crushed, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; powdered, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4.

RICE—Steady; domestic, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4; Japan, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 8 1/2 @ 8 3/4; country, 8 1/2 @ 8 3/4.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60 @ 65 c.; good to choice, 92 @ 95 c.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Receipts light; market steady; choice to best feeders, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4; fair to good, \$3.50 @ 4.10; best native stockers, \$4.10 @ 4.40; fair to good, \$3.75 @ 4; stock buyers, fair to extra, \$3.50 @ 4; choice to extra cows, \$4.50 @ 5; fair to good, \$3.80 @ 4.

HOGS—Receipts six double decks; best grades, 10 1/2 @ 11; higher, good Yorkers, \$6.50 @ 6.75; light do., \$6.20 @ 6.45; mixed packers, \$6.00 @ 6.25; heavy do., \$6.00 @ 6.25; good to choice, \$6.10 @ 6.30; roughs, \$5.50 @ 6; stags, \$1.75 @ 2.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Twenty cars on sale; lambs higher; sheep firm; choice lambs, \$4.50 @ 5; good to choice, \$4.50 @ 5; fair to good, \$4.25 @ 4.50; sheep, choice heavy wethers, \$3.50 @ 4; common to extra mixed, \$2.25 @ 3.50; culs and common, \$1.50 @ 2.

COLD FOLLOWS STORM.

Thirty Below Zero in the Northwest. Business Being Slowly Resumed.

ST. PAUL, March 18.—Specials indicate that the big storm is over. Grand Forks, N. D., reports pleasant but cold weather, with big snowdrifts and general suspension of all work except the shoveling of snow.

At Bismarck, N. D., the thermometer registered 12 below zero yesterday morning. The cold was felt more intensely on account of the terrific wind accompanying it. After sixty hours of the fiercest blizzard known in this section for twenty years the storm has abated, and efforts are being made to resume business in this section. Snowplows are clearing the tracks from Jamestown west, and no trains have moved yet.

What damage was done in the stock district cannot be told until communication with the country districts shall be established, but it is feared there will be heavy losses.

No Pacific coast trains have arrived at St. Paul since last Friday. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have experienced the longest blockade on through traffic for more than fifteen years.

Prince Albert, with more than 30 degrees below zero, was the center of cold in the northwest.

At Dickinson, S. D., the stock shipping center, conservative estimates place the losses at 25 to 30 per cent, a little more on sheep than on cattle.

CANAL BILL PASSED.

New York Senate Favors \$31,000,000 Proposition by a Vote of 17 to 15.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 19.—The Davis thirty-one million dollar canal improvement bill has passed the senate by a vote of 17 to 15.

Senator Brackett of Saratoga was present, but did not vote. Senator Raines, who voted against the bill, declared that his reason for not voting for the bill was that he refused to vote for any bill that would result in placing in control of state affairs next fall, as this canal proposition would surely do. Senators Lewis and Malby spoke briefly against the bill. There was no debate whatever. The vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Ahearn, Audett, Cullen, Coeks, Davis, Donnelly, Ellisworth, Eisberg, Foley, Fuller, Grady, Green, Hennessy, Hill, Marshall, Martin, McCabe, McCarren, McKinney, Plunkitt, Prime, Ransperger, Slater, Sullivan, Trainor, Wiley and Willard—27.

Nays—Messrs. Ambler, Armstrong, Barnes, Foeter, Krum, Lewis, Malby, McEwan, Raines, Sherwood, Stewart, Stranahan, Thornton, White and Wilcox—15.

The Raines antisham hotel bill was also passed by the senate by a vote of 25 to 17, and the Slater employers' liability bill went through without opposition.

WALLER'S TRIAL BEGUN.

Objection on Ground of Lack of Jurisdiction Causes a Halt.

MANILA, March 19.—The court martial appointed to try Major Littleton W. T. Waller and Lieutenant John H. A. Day of the marine corps on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial held its first session yesterday. Major Waller was represented by Captain Arthur T. Marix of the marine corps, Major Edwin F. Glenn of the army and Mr. Sutor, a lawyer. General William H. Bissbee presided.

Captain Marix pleaded that the court lacked jurisdiction, as marines cannot be tried by the army except when attached to that service, whereas Major Waller returned to duty with the marines in February, though the acts charged occurred in January, and consequently the army had voluntarily forfeited its right to a trial. The orders of either General Chaffee, Secretary Long or the president, Captain Marix asserted, were not sufficient to legalize the proceedings.

The court, after a lengthy consideration of the matter, decided that the point was well taken. General Chaffee is now considering the court's decision and probably will leave the final decision to the authorities at Washington. The court here in the meanwhile is held, awaiting orders.

Shot in a Strange Manner.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., March 14.—Minnie Hall, thirty years old, was mortally wounded by an unusual accident. Her children were playing against a partition and in doing so dislodged a loaded rifle hanging on the wall. In falling the rifle struck across a chair, discharging a bullet which passed through the clothes of an infant in its mother's arms and entered her side, passing through the liver and lodging against the spine. The babe was uninjured.

Herr Von Holleben Will Stay.

BERLIN, March 15.—It having been rumored that a change in the German embassy in Washington was possible, the foreign office here has authorized a correspondent to deny that Dr. von Holleben, the present ambassador, will be either furloughed or recalled.

Did Not Like America.

BERLIN, March 19.—Five hundred returned emigrants, disappointed with life in the United States, have passed through Berlin on their way to their old homes in Posen, the provinces of East and West Prussia and in Russia and Austria.

Noted New York Merchant Dead.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Hugh O'Neill, founder of one of the largest retail dry goods businesses in New York, is dead at his residence in this city. Mr. O'Neill was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and was fifty-nine years of age.

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THE MARKETS. BLOOMSBURG MARKETS. CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES. Butter, per pound, 24. Eggs, per dozen, 20. Lard, per pound, 14. Ham, per pound, 14. Beef (quarter), per pound, 6 to 8. Wheat, per bushel, 1 00. Oats, do, 65. Rye, do, 60. Flour per bbl., 4 00. Hay, per ton, 14 00. Potatoes, (new), per bushel, 1 00. Turnips, do, 40. Tallow, per pound, 10. Shoulder, do, 10. Side meat, do, 10. Vinegar, per qt., 05. Dried apples, per pound, 05. Cow hides, do, 33. Steer do, do, 05. Sheep skin, 75. Sheep pelts, 80. Shelled corn, per bushel, 82. Corn meal, do, 2 00. Bran, cwt., 1 40. Chop, cwt., 1 50. Middlings, cwt., 1 40. Chickens, per pound, new, 12. do do old, 10. Geese, do, 12 1/2. Ducks, do, 12. do do, 08. COAL. Number 6, delivered, 3 50. do 4 and 5 delivered, 4 40. do 6, at yard, 3 15. do 2 4 and 5, at yard, 4 25.