

FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

The Arbitration Treaty Will Be Taken Up

WILL BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION

Appropriations Will Be Speedily Passed.—The Nicaragua Canal Bill Will Be Dropped.—The Cameron Resolution, Recognizing the Independence of Cuba, Will Again Come Before the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Three weeks and three working days only remain to this Congress, and there are marked evidences of an intention on the part of the senate to catch up with some of the work that has been neglected.

The arbitration treaty with Great Britain will be taken up tomorrow, Mr. Sherman having given notice to that effect. The chairman of the foreign relations committee is very sanguine and expects to see the treaty promptly passed.

Mr. Hale fears that the opponents of the treaty may be able to defeat it. Other senators anticipate an organized effort to start an interminable debate on the treaty with the view of holding it until the fourth of March.

Mr. Sherman has prepared elaborate speeches on the subject and the men who are opposed to the treaty are those who will debate it most.

When the treaty is called up tomorrow a motion will be made to have the discussion proceed with open doors. It is doubtful if this will prevail, but a very considerable vote will favor it.

CAMERON RESOLUTION.

The Cameron resolutions recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba, which were supposed to have appeared as a notable disturbing influence, are to be called up again by Mr. Morgan.

The bankruptcy bill will probably be given the right of way after the arbitration treaty has consumed a couple of days. The men opposed to the bill differ materially from the bill which passed the house.

Many speeches will be made on it in the senate. The house bill provides only for involuntary bankruptcy, and some senators are opposed to it in the interest of the creditor class.

The majority report to the senate provides for voluntary bankruptcy except in cases of fraud. The text of the proposed measure, which made sixty-four pages when passed by the house, has been condensed by the senate to 18 pages.

On Wednesday next both houses of congress will go through the form of counting and declaring the vote which will make William McKinley the next president of the United States.

Pursuant to a resolution of the senate and house of representatives will meet in joint convention in the hall of the house of representatives at 1 o'clock p. m., and under a form of proceedings prescribed by that law the certificates returned by a majority of the electors opened, the votes cast for the electors for president and vice-president will be counted and the result will be declared by the vice-president of the United States.

This declaration will be the only official notification of the next McKinley and Hobart will receive of the high office conferred upon them. They will take official cognizance of the facts without requiring a "communication in writing."

NEW BASE BALL RULES. Recommendations Submitted by the Committee to President Young. Washington, Feb. 7.—The following recommendations of the committee to prepare new playing rules for the National League and American Association of professional base ball clubs have been given out for publication.

We commend no change in rules 1 to 13 inclusive, which are those governing the laying off of a ball ground, but suggest the incorporation in the rules of a foot not coming into play as an addendum to the playing rules, in which will be found direction for "A simple way of laying off a ball field."

Section 2. To enforce this rule the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to a violation, whereupon the umpire shall immediately order such player or players to be seated. If the order is not obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarr'd from further participation in the game and shall be obliged to leave the playing field forthwith.

Section 1 of rule 27 relating to substitutes is made to read as follows: "In every championship game, each side shall be required to have present on the field in uniform a sufficient number of substitutes to carry out the provision which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any innings of a game. If the pitcher fails to comply with the requirements of this rule, the umpire must order him to be seated, and if he persists in not complying with the requirements of this rule, the umpire shall change in effect, now reading: "When the side goes to bat, the players must immediately return to the field. If a pitcher is seated, he remains there until the side is put out, except when called to bat, or they become substitute base runners, provided the pitcher is not seated, he remains only, (except that of base runners) occupying each and all, first, second and third bases, then the captain and pitcher, or substitute pitcher, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captain's lines to coach base runners." This permits but one change, when less than three base runners are on the bases in the uniform of the club who may stand in either box known as the coacher's box. This change is recommended because it has been proven in the past that the presence of two coaches allows a "crossing" of talk between the foreign to the game and frequently of a character objectionable to the spectators.

The batting rules have been changed in order that two players may occupy the club who may stand in either box known as the coacher's box. This change is recommended because it has been proven in the past that the presence of two coaches allows a "crossing" of talk between the foreign to the game and frequently of a character objectionable to the spectators.

To section 1 of rule 45, which defines when a batsman is out for batting out of order, the last sentence is changed to read: "And furthermore, no other batsman than the one who batted out of order shall be declared out on the ground. It reads: "An additional section is added to this rule. It reads: "Section 11. The moment a batsman is declared out by the umpire, he shall call for the batsman next in order to leave his seat on the bench and take his position at the bat, such player or batsman, who sits at the bench, shall sit on the bench until so called to bat except as provided by rule 37, section 1, and rule 46."

Section 1 of rule 46 is made to read: "If while he is a batsman without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person—excepting hands or feet, which may touch the ground, or clothing be hit by a ball from the pitcher, unless in the opinion of the umpire he plainly avoids making any effort to get out of the way of the ball from the pitcher, and thereby permits himself to be hit."

Section 2 of rule 46 is made to read: "This we consider to be self explanatory. Rule 47, which requires that bases be touched by base runners, has been amended by the addition of the following: "However, no runner shall score a run to count in the game until the base runner preceding him in the batting list—provided there has been a full out—has touched the base before he has touched the base. This has never heretofore been a part of the game."

To section 7, rule 48 is added, "Except his gloved hand" under the caption "The Empire." We recommend the addition of a foot note, calling attention to "advice to umpires" printed in the addenda to the playing rules, which is as follows: "You are the umpire in charge of the game from the beginning to the termination of the game. You are by these rules given full authority to order any player, pitcher or manager to leave the game, to do any act which you may deem necessary to maintain your dignity and complete respect from players and spectators. Do not in any case temporize with a rule breaker. Never attempt to 'even up' after having made a mistake. Be strict in what may seem to be trivial matters, thereby 'nipping in the bud' trouble before it fully develops.

To section 10, which is added to appeal to you on a legal misinterpretation of the rules. If he claims that you have erred, it is proper that the umpire should know what the claim is. Compel respect from all and your task will be an easy one. In rule 10 the words "the player shall be fined the sum of \$25" are stricken out and the words "he shall be required to assess a fine of \$25 against the player removed" substituted. This change is made to make it clear that the umpire is required to assess the fine.

New sections Nos. 6, 7 and 8 are added to rule 10, as follows: Section 6. The umpire shall not address the spectators at any time, except in case of necessary explanation of misunderstood decisions or points of play. Section 7. No decision, rendered by the umpire, shall be reversed by him, in which the question of error of judgment is alone involved. And no such decision shall be reversed on the testimony of any player engaged in the game or on that of any spectator. Section 8. No decision, rendered under any decision based on an illegal interpretation of any rule of the game, the same shall be reversed on the appeal of either two captains, but not otherwise.

The changes in rule 6 are all made with the view of making the duties of the umpire clear. Some changes are made in the manner of scoring and in conclusion the committee says: "We observe that no changes are recommended in the rules governing the playing of the game proper. The changes are more in the nature of improving the discipline surrounding the game and making certain rules less ambiguous."

teddy hale defeated. Lewis Gimm, the Cleveland Long Distance Rider, Wins the Victory. Cleveland, O., Feb. 7.—Lewis Gimm, the Cleveland long distance bicyclist, defeated Teddy Hale, the Irish champion, in a 100-mile race at Central armory, his lead being a little less than twenty feet or so ahead of Hale. The official time was four hours and fifty-two seconds. The last mile was made in 2.39.

The race was under League of American Wheelmen auspices for \$250 a side and a percentage of the gate receipts.

FIRE AT HALLSTEAD. The Lumber Establishment of F. H. Johnson is Destroyed. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Hallstead, Feb. 7.—The lumber establishment of F. H. Johnson was destroyed here last night. A large amount of builders' supplies was destroyed. The fire was caused by an over-heated stove in the office.

The stock was insured for \$2,000, and the building for \$1,000. The building was valued at \$1,800.

MARKETS AND STOCKS.

Wall Street Review. New York, Feb. 6.—The dealings at the Stock Exchange were on a very small scale today. Stocks were rather irregularly. A few of the prominent issues received practically no business.

Philadelphia Provision Market. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Provisions were without notable change. Beef hams, \$12.50; extra, \$12.75; choice, \$13.00; good, \$13.25; low, \$13.50.

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