

TWO CENTS.

RELIEF FOR CUBA GRANTED

Congress Responds to President McKinley's Call for Aid.

APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000

Bailey Blocks the Proceeding in the House.

The Boy Orator from Texas Attempts to Attack the Morgan Resolution to the Bill for the Relief of Helpless Americans in Cuba--Immediate Action is Postponed on Account of His Interference--Senator Wellington, of Maryland, Makes His Initial Speech in the Interest of Peace, Condemning Jingoism.

Washington, May 17.--Cuba engrossed the attention of the senate today. The public interest in the subject was shown by the great crowds which besieged the galleries through the day.

Among the occupants of the diplomatic gallery were Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Minister Hatch, of Hawaii, and in the reserved gallery was General Dan Sickles, ex-United States minister to Spain.

The local sentiment of the several towns, however, is disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people, and are altogether powerless to help their citizens.

The latest report of Consul General Lee estimates that six to eight hundred are without means of support.

It is desirable that a part of the sum which may be appropriated should, in the discretion of the secretary of state, also be used for the transportation of American citizens who, desiring to return to the United States are without means to do so.

(Special) William McKinley, Executive Mansion, May 17, 1897.

SENATE ACTS PROMPTLY.

Immediately following the reading of the message, Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, presented a favorable report on the joint resolution originally introduced by Mr. Gallinger, appropriating \$50,000 for relief of American citizens in Cuba.

The second phase of the subject came up at 1 o'clock when the Morgan resolution declaring that a condition of war exists in Cuba was taken up. Mr. Wellington, the new senator from Maryland, came forward for his initial speech in the senate, making a vigorous protest against the war.

Mr. Mason, of Illinois, secured recognition for a speech tomorrow. No vote was in sight up to the time of adjournment.

IN THE HOUSE.

The house confronted the Cuban question today, made a party issue of it, and adjourned without taking any action. President McKinley's message recommending an appropriation to relieve suffering Americans in Cuba was received without any demonstration and on its passage, Mr. Hitt, former chairman of the foreign affairs committee, asked unanimous consent for consideration of a bill to appropriate \$50,000 in response to the president's request.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, asked for consent to consider in connection with the bill an amendment embodying Senator Morgan's resolution for recognition of the Cubans as belligerents. Mr. Dingley would not consent to consider the amendment, nor Mr. Bailey to consider the bill without the amendment, so, for the time, the question was side tracked.

The house devoted two hours to debate on the conference report on the features of the Indian appropriation bill opening to settlement the Gilaonite lands on the Uncompahgre Indian reservation in Utah, refused to accept the compromise agreed on by the conferees and asked for another conference with the senate on the bill.

GENERAL LEE IS GREATLY ANNOYED

Has Been Placed in False Position by Jingo Journalists.

MR. CALHOUN ARRIVES AT HAVANA

The American Representative Who is to Investigate the Ruiz Case is Entertained by the Havana Yacht Club--Small Skirmishes Take Place Daily--Pardons Are Expected on the King's Birthday.

Havana, May 17.--In view of the statement published in the New York Consul General Fitzhugh Lee had made a report to the American state department in the course of which he had attacked Captain-General Weyler savagely and declared that the insurgents would be successful in driving the Spaniards from the island, a representative of La Lucha has interviewed General Lee on the subject.

General Lee, on the express authority of Consul General Lee that no savage attack was made by him on Captain General Weyler in any report to the American government, nor has he ever asserted in any report or orally that the insurgents could expel the Spanish troops from the island under the conditions now existing.

Consul General Lee is greatly annoyed by the publication of this unfounded report and has written an earnest letter to the Marquis Alameda denying it. Upon General Lee's desk is a portrait of Captain General Weyler with the following inscription: "To General Lee, as a token of friendship and with my best wishes, friendship and friendship."

Senator Maguel Diaz, mayor of Havana, paid a visit to the Hotel Inglaterra today to meet William J. Calhoun, who has come here to represent the American government in the investigation into the circumstances attending the death of Dr. Ruiz.

Yesterday the Havana Yacht club gave a breakfast to Mr. Calhoun at their club house at Mariamao.

SMALL SKIRMISHES TAKE PLACE. During a number of small skirmishes which have taken place recently in the province of Santa Clara, the insurgents had thirty men killed, in the last three days, and a sub-prefect surrendered and sixty-five armed insurgents were captured.

In the provinces of Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio, twenty-six insurgents were killed in recent skirmishes and thirteen surrendered to the Spanish authorities.

In these engagements, according to the official reports the government forces lost six men killed and had twenty-seven men wounded. A detachment of troops commanded by General Molina, which was escorting a convoy from Manzanillo to Bayamo, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, has dislodged an insurgent from the positions which they occupied. The Spanish officials here say that the stories published by a New York newspaper today, from Havana, via Key West, announcing the defeat of Col. Ruiz near Manzanillo, with a loss of many killed and the defeat of Col. Aguilar, near Guines, this province recently, by insurgent forces, are untrue.

The Marquis Palmierola, the civil governor of Havana, has gone to Pinar del Rio, to meet the Marquis Alameda with Captain General Weyler regarding a pardon for political offenders which is momentarily expected to be announced from Madrid on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso XIII, which occurs today.

KILLED TEN WHITE MEN.

A Revengful Pinte Runs Amuck and is Finally Killed. Kingman, Ariz., May 17.--Ahvotte, a Pinte Indian, who in the last three days has murdered ten miners and teamsters along the Colorado river, has been shot dead by members of his own tribe. The Indians were warned by the miners that if they did not hunt down and kill Ahvotte the whole tribe would be exterminated.

His sentence is for thirty days, which, with the rebate for "good behavior" makes an actual period of twenty-five days.

CASE OF TOBACCO MEN.

Officials Who Were Indicted a Year Ago Will Be Tried. New York, May 17.--District Attorney O'Leary said today 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 in favor of the tobacco company.

NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Vanderlip to Be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Washington, May 17.--The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Frank A. Vanderlip, of Illinois, to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

They Seek a Connecting Link. Buffalo, May 17.--The Lehigh Valley Railroad company has made an application for a hearing before the railway commissioners as to the necessity and expediency of the proposed line known as the Delaware and Southwestern railroad, to be built between Dewey and Bismarck. This is a renewal of the long struggle of the Lehigh and New York Central for a connecting link between these points.

Historic Cannon for Lisbon. Lisbon, O., May 17.--Star post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, has received two 12-inch Parrott guns, weighing 9,800 pounds each, from the war department at Washington. One will be placed on the public park and the other on the soldiers' lot in the cemetery.

Wild Boy in the Woods. Cumberland, Md., May 17.--A boy aged about 12 years, who acts in a wild manner, is living in the woods in the vicinity of St. John's Run, W. Va. He is supposed to be W. H. Hammer, son of Dr. C. E. Hammer, of McGeheysville, Va., who left home Dec. 29.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ODD FELLOWS

Two Hundred Delegates Assemble at Williamsport.

THE BUSINESS BLOCKS DECORATED

The Visitors Are Welcomed by J. B. Dublin, President of the Board of Trade--Col. E. C. Deans of Scranton Responds--List of Grand Officers Elected and Installed.

Williamsport, Pa., May 17.--The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was held in this city today, and about 2,000 delegates are here for the grand lodge assembly of the Order of Odd Fellows tomorrow.

The grand officers of the encampment were escorted from their headquarters at the Park Hotel to the Odd Fellows' temple by the local cantons and the Flak band. J. B. Dublin, president of the board of trade, welcomed the lodge men and General Ed. C. Deans, of Scranton, made an address in response.

Most of the time of the three sessions was devoted to the consideration and adoption of amendments to the constitution of the grand encampment and a constitution and by-laws for subordinate encampments.

The grand lodge officers for the ensuing year are: Grand Patriarch, Warren H. Cogswell, of Philadelphia; grand high priest, Joseph H. Mackey, of Williamsport; grand senior warden, M. M. Hughes, of Philadelphia; grand junior warden, John A. Fleming, of Chambersburg. They were installed tonight.

TRIBUTE TO DUC D'AUMALE.

French Officials and Queen Victoria Honor His Memory. Paris, May 17.--A memorial service for the repose of the soul of the late Duc d'Aumale was held this afternoon in the Church of the Madeleine. The ceremonies were attended by all the French ministers, the members of the French institute and a great many public officials, all in uniform.

Queen Victoria was represented by Colonel William H. P. Carington, one of Her Majesty's equestrians in ordinary, and the Prince of Wales by Major-General Arthur Edward A. Ellis, one of the prince's equerries.

WALTH FOR BEACH COMBERS. Asbury Park, N. J., May 17.--The high tides of the past two days have cut away nearly the whole of the beach at Asbury Park, N. J.

FATHER KNEIPP'S FOLLOWERS. Arose Early and Walked in the Dewy Grass to Cure Their Ills. New York, May 17.--Twenty-five members, including five women of the Knipp society, met at the north meadow of Central park at 6 o'clock this morning for the first walk of the season on the dewy grass.

POULED A GAS PIPE. A Steam Barge's Peculiar Accident in the Niagara River. Buffalo, May 17.--The steam barge C. F. Curtis, Captain Cunningham, ran aground at the head of Squaw island, near the International bridge, as she was heading down the Niagara river yesterday afternoon for a lumber yard.

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SAVOY LEAVES HOME. The Prince Sets Out for His Climbing Expedition. Rome, May 17.--Prince Luigi Amereo, Duke of Abruzzi, and nephew of King Humbert, started for Liverpool today, with his suite, on his way to New York, San Francisco and Alaska, where the prince will make an attempt to ascend Mount St. Elias.

HEIR TO \$75,000. A Poor Miner Profits at Last by the Thrift of His. Los Angeles, Cal., May 17.--Through the death of a brother in England a few weeks ago, James Bagley, who for several years lived the life of a recluse on Bee Ranch, near Monte Vista, has fallen heir to an estate of \$75,000.

THE POWERS WILL OBJECT

Declare That They Will Not Allow Greece to Be Crushed.

TERMS MUST BE MODIFIED

Are Emphatically Against the Abandonment of Thessaly. Constantinople, May 16.--(Delayed in Transmission).--The representatives of the powers here held a long meeting yesterday and drew up a note which will be presented to the Turkish government as soon as one of the ambassadors receives the necessary instructions from his government.

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SUICIDE'S DEATH MACHINE

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Variable Winds.

(General)--President McKinley Asks Relief for Americans in Cuba.

General Lee Annoyed by Misrepresentation.

The Powers Object to the Sultan's Demands.

(Sport)--Scranton Defeats Springfield.

(State)--Senator Andrews Presents His Investigation Committee's Bill of Costs.

Amateur Base Ball.

Washington Gossip.

(Story)--The Conversion of Major Harrington.

(Local)--Joint Conference Committee Agrees to the Appropriation Ordinance.

(Local)--Board of Trade Reviews the Work of the Board of Control.

Financial Charge Against Mrs. Reed.

(Local)--West Side and City Suburban.

Laekawanna County Happenings.

Neighboring County News.

Financial and Commercial.

Work on the Albany Canal.

Albany, May 17.--Superintendent of Public Works Aldrich will, on Monday, open bids for the completion of the work on the eastern approach to western stairs and the terraces of the capitol. It is estimated that the cost of this work will be \$230,000.

The Prince of Wales' Leave.

London, May 17.--The Prince of Wales held a levee at St. James' Palace today in behalf of the queen. The weather was brilliant and there was an unusually large attendance of ministers and members of the diplomatic corps.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, May 18.--In the Middle States and New England today, clear, warmer weather and light to fresh southerly and southerly winds will prevail, followed by cloudiness in the lake region. On Wednesday, in both of these sections, fair to partly cloudy weather will prevail with fresh southerly winds, followed by