

WAR CARRIED ON IN HOUSE

Members Interested in Cuba Show a Desire to Spill Blood.

RESULTS OF A DEBATE

Mr. Brumm and Mr. Bartlett Raise a Row.

In Response to Insinuations on Part of Mr. Brumm, the Member from Georgia Fires the Congressional Record at the Head of the Stairway Pennsylvania--A General Mix-Up Follows Which the Sergeant-at-Arms Is Unable to Straighten Out for a Time.

Washington, April 13.—One of the most exciting incidents in the history of the house occurred this afternoon. Members all about were in a state of frenzied excitement in the discussion over Cuban affairs. Partisan passion was running high. It required only the application of a match to explode the magazine and when the explosion came pandemonium reigned. Mr. Bartlett (Dem., Pa.), off to the right of the chair, was supporting the proposition of the Democrats against the tariffing words which were coming from the other side.

Suddenly in his rear in the next tier of seats came in stentorian tones from Mr. Brumm (Rep., Pa.) a shout addressed generally to the Democratic side: "You got just what you did not want," he shouted. "That is not true," cried out Mr. Bartlett, who, it was explained subsequently, was addressing his remarks to a Republican on the other side. "I say it is," retorted Mr. Brumm hotly. "It is not," fired back Mr. Bartlett, turning and facing Mr. Brumm. "You are a liar," responded Mr. Brumm.

The fight had passed. Instantly Mr. Bartlett reached for a large bound copy of the Congressional Record in the desk before him and, raising it aloft, hurled it at his adversary. It fell short and then the two antagonists rushed for each other. The house immediately was in an uproar. Some of the ladies in the galleries screamed hysterically. Members crowded toward the combatants from all quarters. They ran across the area in front of the speaker's desk and crowded on the adjoining aisles, clenching, turning, hauling at each other like mad men.

A FREE FIGHT. It was like a free fight in the streets. Shouts of anger and indignation were heard on every hand. Members in the crush espoused the cause of the two original combatants and there were several exciting collisions, but no blows struck. Meanwhile, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Brumm were trying to get at each other over the benches, but they were torn back by friends. Mr. Bartlett, who is a slight man, was carried off his feet and Mr. Brumm, who is the most famous of the Democratic side, was carried off his feet and Mr. Brumm, who is the most famous of the Democratic side, was carried off his feet.

Key West, Fla., April 13.—Everything is in readiness for the quick start, and the order comes for a warlike move. The boats of the fleet and their officers will respond with a burst of enthusiasm which can only be appreciated by those who have been spending the weary days of waiting here. During the day the news reached here that the flying squadron had received orders to sail, and it caused much excitement among both officers and men, mingled with a feeling of chagrin at the fact that Schley's squadron had been the first to get away, but later came the news that the flying squadron was only going on a forty-eight hours' tropical cruise, and then went the hope of the fleet again only to be revived by another dispatch saying that, after all, the squadron might only be going outside the cape, there to await further and more important instructions from Washington.

WANAMAKER TALKS.

The Ex-Postmaster General Tells of Frauds Committed by Political Leaders and Henchmen.

Bryn Mawr, Pa., April 13.—Ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker spoke here tonight at a largely attended meeting of citizens.

Mr. Wanamaker addressed himself entirely to abuses and frauds that he alleges are practiced by political leaders and certain members of the legislature each session under cover of the measure known as the general appropriation bill. He charged that "it has become the instrument by which Senator Quay's political henchmen, unlawfully and with great boldness take large sums of money from the state treasury to reward their faithful followers. So notorious have become the abuses practiced by politicians under the cover of this bill that it may truly be called 'Quay's appropriation bill' for if there is anything forgotten in the preparation of other questionable measures the general appropriation bill is made to supply every want."

Mr. Wanamaker quoted the constitution limiting the general appropriation bill to certain specified objects, and then gave a long list of improper items that were smuggled into the last bill, including reimbursement of a man alleged to have erroneously paid taxes; money for portraits of state and former state officials; \$225 for clerk hire for our investigating committee on utilizing convict labor; \$2,244 for the "fake investigation of the state treasury and auditor general's departments." "This item," declared Mr. Wanamaker, "was inserted in the general appropriation bill after its passage as a separate measure became impossible."

Other illegal items in the bill, he said, were \$1,000 to pay the expenses of delegates to the coast defense congress, notwithstanding they were notified that no compensation would be

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WORK THE WYOMING CONFERENCE DID

First of the Business Sessions Held Yesterday Morning.

MANY COMMITTEES WERE NAMED

Rev. J. B. Sweet, of This City Was Appointed Secretary--Resolution with Reference to Bishop Fowler Offered by Rev. L. L. Sprague--The Missionary Sermon at the Afternoon Session--Bishop Fowler's Brilliant Address on Abraham Lincoln.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Norwich, N. Y., April 13.—The first regular session of the Wyoming conference opened yesterday morning with love feast and the holy sacrament, the brilliant and much beloved bishop, C. H. Fowler, presiding. The attendance of clergymen was very large, 177 responding to roll call. Sessions are held in the handsome Broad Street Methodist church, which is of interest to Scrantonians as the debt which threatened to engulf the society was largely paid by Hon. William Connel, who came to its aid with his usual generosity at a time of desperate need. It is a very commodious and pretty edifice. The pastor, Rev. Samuel Moore, has arranged details of accommodation with care, and the sessions



BISHOP C. H. FOWLER. He is Presiding Over the Sessions of the Wyoming Conference.

promise to be most interesting. Norwich is a beautiful town and the spring sunshine over its fair extent seemed unusually attractive.

Rev. W. L. Thorpe read the following list of standing committees:

- Anding Committee--E. L. Sanico, J. E. Bone, S. H. Wood. Bible Classes--E. Vanort, J. W. DeWitt, H. E. Wheeler, E. E. Pearce, S. H. Flory, N. J. Hawley. Church Extension--L. Jennings, L. E. Sanford, L. A. Wild, L. W. Wilson, M. S. Hard, J. E. Conditon, C. H. Newing, T. H. Church, J. E. Evans, J. L. Thomas, J. S. Casard, S. Jay, M. V. Williams, M. L. Anderson. Conferees and Parsonages--E. Sweet, E. A. Quinby, J. R. Sumner, Thomas Eya, D. B. Wilson, A. C. Brakenbury. Conference Collections--S. E. Hunt, J. N. Lee, D. C. Isaacs, A. J. Neff, H. G. Harrod, W. A. Shaw, C. H. Newing. Conference Relations--J. R. Wagner, D. Ducker, J. H. Lattin, L. W. Karschner, M. S. Goshall, G. A. Cure.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Education--J. H. Hays, C. M. Olmstead, L. N. Reimann, E. P. Ripley, R. M. Foster, L. L. Sprague, D. D. C. H. Newing, T. Harrison, G. A. Hays, F. H. D. J. W. Nicholson, J. E. Bone, D. D. C. H. Newing, D. W. H. Jones, D. D. C. H. Newing, C. H. Campbell, Professor C. P. Norton, Professor E. W. Griffin, Professor H. J. Beckendorf, Professor W. C. Franklin, Hon. A. L. Decker.

Education Fund--C. N. Sardin, S. C. Brinkman, F. G. Rickman, C. C. Vrooman, L. P. Howard, A. Whaley. Epworth League--C. H. Hays, P. H. Parsons, J. J. Smith, L. C. Murdoch, H. E. Wilbur, E. L. J. Briggs. Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society--C. B. Pennington, S. A. Perry, E. S. Armstrong, C. P. Tiffany, E. D. Hamilton, A. D. Williams. Local Preachers and Postoffice--S. B. Keeney, J. Anderson, G. D. Fisher, D. L. Mosker, E. D. Cavanaugh, C. D. Shepley.

Memoirs--J. C. Leacock, J. W. Price, W. Traub, A. J. Vander, J. W. Nicholson, G. Moore, L. C. Floyd, P. R. Tower, Geo. Spruill, T. E. Warrick, W. L. Thorpe. Missionary Cause--J. E. Conditon, W. A. Alger, E. G. Randall, H. B. Benedict, M. D. Fuller, G. T. Price. Ministerial Support--E. P. Reimann, C. A. Benjamin, J. E. Brumby, J. Bradshaw, J. C. Ester, G. L. Williams. Nominations of Officers for Conference Societies--J. H. Boyce, N. B. Ripley, G. D. Hamilton, L. B. Severson, G. F. Ace, W. A. Wagner. Observance of the Sabbath--A. M. McGovern, A. F. Brown, F. A. King, J. M. Corbett, J. E. Southworth, C. A. Bonham, J. Public Worship--S. Moore, H. C. McKeen.

Publishers of Book Concern--James Schellert, W. Edgar, W. M. Hiller, T. Harrison, S. B. Norton, N. S. Smith. Reception of Members--J. P. Warner, J. C. Johnson, S. Moore, G. H. Proctor, E. Kilpatrick, H. L. Elsbirth.

ON RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions--G. N. Underwood, J. B. Sweet, G. A. Pige, C. H. Reynolds, J. B. Davis, G. Simpson, J. C. Leacock, S. Stowers, W. T. Blair, A. W. Cooper, C. H. Hackett, A. J. Cook, J. C. Leacock, I. N. Shipman, E. Carley, H. Lathrop, J. H. Hackett, John Sencoff, S. J. Stark, W. Stillwell. Sunday Schools--T. J. Vaughn, J. H. Weston, H. N. Vandusen, J. L. Ross, E. L. Thrift, E. L. Thrift. State of the Church--A. C. Oliver, T. P. Hall, J. B. Cook, C. E. Moga, S. Homan, H. A. Williams. State of the Country--L. B. Weeks, A. P. Chaffee, E. B. Olmsted, Albert Clarke, J. V. Newell, H. A. Greene. Subscriptions for Minutes--P. P. Doty, J. T. Vandusen, L. D. Palmer, W. S. Wilson, G. G. McChesney, J. W. Johnson. Temperance and Prohibition--G. C. Jacob, B. W. Lewis, A. D. David, W. J. Hill, W. H. Bang, W. H. Hiller. Tracts--J. A. Trammis, W. W. Babcock, W. Frisbie, G. M. Bell, C. D. Shepherd, P. P. Mead.

Election of officers were made as follows: Secretary, Rev. J. B. Sweet; first assistant, J. W. Nicholson; second assistant, T. M. Purity; treasurer, G. B. Stone; statistical secretary, H. O. Williams; assistant statistical secre-

aries, C. C. Vroomans, C. M. Olmstead, H. L. Ellsworth, E. E. Pearce, S. E. Reimann, John Humphries. The assistant treasurers were named as follows: Arthur D. David, J. N. Bailey, D. L. McDonald, Seward A. Perry, T. B. Miller, Walter A. Wagner. Rev. A. F. Chaffee was appointed solicitor for the Methodist Review; Rev. Clinton B. Henry for the Northern Christian Advocate.

DR. FLOYD'S REPORT. Rev. Dr. L. C. Floyd gave the report of the Binghamton district, speaking of the withdrawal of Rev. J. A. Paullner and John C. H. Race to other fields, and of the deaths of Rev. James Schofield and Rev. J. B. Davis. His report was encouraging from both spiritual and financial points of view. His report was accepted, and after the offering of a rule of order by Dr. Hard, Rev. L. L. Sprague offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have with great satisfaction his coming, that we assure him of our deep gratitude to God that his life and health have been spared that he has been permitted thus to be abundant in labors and of great service to the church and that we warmly welcome him as a brother, as an administrator and as a preacher of the Gospel of peace.

Dr. H. C. MacDermott, presiding elder of the Chenango district, presented his report which was heard with interest as it differed from the usual detailed routine. Dr. Hays, senior agent of the Methodist book concern, was introduced by the bishop and made an address. He gave many important facts with relation to the importance of the literature issued. He suggested that the price of lesson helps be lowered and that as a result other similar publications would be given from the field. He reported that \$1,156 was received by this conference from the dividends of the Book concern. The bishop announced the transfer of Dr. Henry Luckley from the New England conference by Bishop Newman. The draft of \$1,156 for the superannuated ministers' fund was ordered to be paid.

DR. HAMILTON'S PLEA. Dr. J. H. Hamilton, secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational society made a plea for his work. He made many strong statements regarding its needs. A collection was then taken. Dr. A. J. Van Cleft offered a resolution regarding the exclusion of all over thirty-two years of age. Dr. Hard submitted a motion regarding the hour of the conference, following with a resolution.

We have heard Rev. Dr. Hamilton's presentation of the cause of Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational society, with intense interest. It is a benevolent and should command our deepest attention. We will use our best endeavor to present the facts of the cause to our people this year and raise the amounts appropriate to our charge.

Dr. Van Cleft presented a resolution regarding the permanent fund for the superannuated, and that no probationary members should be admitted whose age is more than 32 years, unless he is a graduate of one or more of our institutions of learning, and in the possession of good health. The resolution was tabled.

Dr. Minger and Dr. Binkles, of the New York conference, were introduced to the conference. Dr. Hard introduced a report committee resolution regarding the departure of Dr. J. A. Paullner to the chair of historical theology at Drew Theological seminary, and Dr. Race to the chancellorship of Grant university, which was adopted. The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby record our approval of the understanding among the bishops by which the transfer of a preacher from one conference to another requires the concurrent action of the bishops of the two conferences concerned.

Resolved, That in view of the unusual pressure upon the conference, at this session we respectfully request our bishop to make no transfer into the conference without a transfer of equal grade out of the conference. Dr. Hamilton closed the session with the benediction.

THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

Rev. G. E. Place delivered the missionary sermon at the afternoon session. He took for his text the words "I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him," etc., etc. He spoke in part as follows:

Poetry is the highest art of expression. The greatest themes furnish material for the poet's thoughts. The German poet, Herder, said: "Give me a great truth, and I may live on it." In Shakespeare's "The eternal verities of God's revelations are scarcely ever out of sight."

Large portions of the Bible are in poetic style. The Psalmist says: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth." The Book of Job is poetry from beginning to end. Note the lofty themes of the Bible: Christ, His Kingdom, Salvation, Eternity. Much of the paraphrase of the Bible is expressed in poetry: "I shall see him, but not now, etc."

"Fate" Christ's kingdom carries with it the inspiration of certain success. "His throne shall endure as the sun before me." His throne shall be established forever; and I shall see him, but not now, etc. The Bible is filled

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The One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of the Great Democratic Celebrated.

Washington, April 13.—The 155th anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson was celebrated here tonight by a dinner given at the National Hotel under the auspices of the National Association of Democratic clubs. About 400 representative Democrats from all sections of the country were present, including many senators and representatives. The guest of honor was Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, formerly and the president of the National Association of Democratic clubs, delivered the address of welcome and Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the national Democratic committee, presided. Mr. Bryan, who responded to the toast of "Thomas Jefferson," was greeted with enthusiastic applause and throughout his speech there were many demonstrations. In the course of his remarks he spoke feelingly of the Cuban situation, declaring that if the United States assumed the responsibility of dealing with the cruelties and barbarities of the war against the island should be refused, the nation in Europe could protest without defending the things which we condemned. He said that any man has a right to prevent the erection of a slaughter house in his own yard and that we who lived side by side with those who suffered, could not refuse to insist that those who had manfully resisted the tyranny of Spain had earned their right to self-government.

Senator White, of California, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, responded to the toast "Congress and Its Work," the presidential Deamond, of Missouri, to the toast of Jefferson, "I Am Not Among Those Who Fear the People;" Representative Cummings, of New York, "Our Endeavor Should Surely be to Make Our Hemisphere That of Freedom;" John H. Hunter, of this city, "The Inequality of Citizenship;" Representative Norton, of Ohio, "American Democracy;" and Representative Jones, of Virginia, "The State That Gave us Jefferson."

Chicago, April 13.—At the Jefferson celebration at Central Music Hall tonight, ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, was the principal speaker. He eulogized Jefferson "as the great defender of human liberty" and declared he was one of the greatest figures in American history. The greater portion of the address was devoted to a denunciation of ex-President Cleveland.

MORALITY OF MALES.

Influence of Occupation Is a Great Factor in the Death Rate. From the Ottawa Gazette. The mortality among males in the United States is a subject of increasing interest. The death rate among males is a subject of increasing interest. The death rate among males is a subject of increasing interest.

WORLD'S BEST SUGAR OUTPUT

More Than Half of It Now Manufactured in Germany. Of the world's sugar product of \$500,000,000, about 4,500,000 tons are prepared from beets, of which Germany and Austria furnish nearly two-thirds. France, Russia, Belgium and Holland supply the remainder. The American beet sugar product has increased from 7500 tons in 1859 to 43,000 tons. England leads the world in sugar consumption, averaging 86 pounds per capita; Denmark averages 45; Switzerland, 44; Holland, 31; France, 29; Norway and Sweden, 25; Austria, 19; Italy and Turkey, 7; Greece, 9; and Serbia, 4 pounds.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Newark, N. J., Boston, N. H., Reading, Pa., Washington, D. C., Toronto, Ont., Pennsylvania "Varsity," 12; Georgetown, D. C., New York, 10; Montreal, 5.

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Flora Belle Sweet Was Insane When She Killed Her Mother. Montrose, Pa., April 13.—The jury in the trial of Miss Flora Belle Sweet, charged with the murder of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Sweet at Susquehanna, this county, on Dec. 17 last, has rendered a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity. The commonwealth was evidently satisfied that the prisoner was insane as it confined its proof to the fact of the killing. A defense charged with the murder of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Sweet at Susquehanna, this county, on Dec. 17 last, has rendered a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity. The commonwealth was evidently satisfied that the prisoner was insane as it confined its proof to the fact of the killing. A defense charged with the murder of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Sweet at Susquehanna, this county, on Dec. 17 last, has rendered a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity. 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