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INTERESTING WAR RESULTS

May Follow Present Lull in Military Operations.

THE REPUBLICS DISSOLVED

Indications That the Republics Will Be Administered as Crown Colonies of Great Britain—No Other Settlement Possible—President Steyn's Bluff.

London, March 21, 4.30 a. m.—While there is a lull in the military operations, the present surroundings of the war show interesting developments. The colonial office has telegraphed to Cape Town for information concerning the destruction of property. This will not be published in London until after its promulgation in South Africa; but it is known that it will convey an intimation that any wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation and as justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal republic prove inadequate.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the colonial office is regarded as a significant indication that the republic will be administered as crown colonies. In this connection it is understood that the leaders of the opposition in parliament now admit that no other settlement is possible, since the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the efforts of the liberals will be confined to securing in the settlement the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against their disfranchisement.

It is becoming regarded as quite a settled matter that should the war be ended, as is now hoped, before June, the government will dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event, one of the foremost planks of the government platform will be army reorganization. There is no further information as to the movements of Sir Alfred Milner. It is regarded as certain, however, that he has gone to Bloemfontein to arrange for the temporary administration of the Free state.

Indications from Natal seem to show that General Buller's forward movement will not be long delayed. Despatch from Lord Roberts. London, March 20.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20: "Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river. "The Bloemfontein people are affording every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds. "Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 200 standers of arms and some supplies and explosives. "The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland frontier."

London, March 21.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Donkorp, dated Monday, March 19, says: "A reconnaissance toward Philippoort, twenty-five miles west of Springfontein, found the farms all flying white flags. The British troops were cordially received. "It is reported that Mr. Steyn is trying to rally the Boers, but the latter say they have had enough."

Freight Rate Abolished. St. Paul, Minn., March 20.—The differential freight rate of 10 per cent. on the Canadian Pacific between the east and San Francisco was abolished today. This is the outcome of a meeting held in Chicago, at which agents of the American lines threatened to secure legislation declaring the Canadian Pacific freight rates in violation of the Interstate Commerce act.

Tenement House Exhibit. Chicago, March 20.—The tenement house exhibit, under the auspices of the Architectural club and the Arts and Crafts society, opened at the Art Institute today. The societies have furnished the rooms as completely as if a family were living in them. The object is to show how far artistic taste and economy can go together.

Red Men Meet. St. Joseph, Mo., March 20.—The annual session of the great council of Missouri Improved Order of Red Men, was opened here today, and will continue until March 25. Several hundred delegates are present.

Fatal Fall Down a Shaft. Wilkes-Barre, March 20.—Samuel Cooper, an employe of the Susquehanna Coal company at Nanticoke, fell down a shaft a distance of 100 feet today and was instantly killed. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

Republicans Meet. Little Rock, Ark., March 20.—The Republican state convention opened here today.

HIDEOUS NIGHTMARE.

John Redmond's Idea of Political Life in Ireland.

London, March 20.—At a nationalist banquet at the hotel Cecil in London this evening, John Redmond, leader of the nationalist party in the house of commons, who presided said he regarded the last nine years of public life in Ireland as a hideous nightmare. "Our union is sinning," he continued, "and there is nothing, humanely speaking, which the eighty-six Irish members of parliament cannot obtain from the exigencies of the British parties. It is incredible that English statesmen can be so blind to the teaching of history as to imagine that serious practical grievances can be mitigated by a royal visit to Ireland or by British celebration of St. Patrick's Day."

Mr. Redmond denounced the war as the "most damning of which there is any record in history," but he evoked tremendous enthusiasm when referring to the gallantry of the Irish soldiers.

Edward Blake, member of parliament for South Longford, who proposed the toast "Ireland, a nation," was greeted with hostile cries. A disturbance ensued and the police were called in to restore order.

GIGANTIC COMBINATION.

Union Traction Company Will Absorb the Pittsburg Lines.

Pittsburg, March 20.—The organization of the Union Traction company, which will absorb the Consolidated Traction company and other local street car lines, has been completed within the next ten days. Tomorrow the books for the transfer of the stock of the Consolidated company will be closed and the matter of putting on the finishing touches of the big combination will begin. Senator C. A. Magee, president of the Consolidated, who is in Philadelphia, will return to attend the special meeting of the stockholders on Saturday, March 31, when a vote will be taken on the question of authorizing the issue of the property and franchises of the company to the Union Traction company.

Circular letters setting forth in detail the manner in which the gigantic combination of capital will be effected in consequence of being awarded with interest by local capitalists. Judge J. H. Reed said that the deal was progressing without a hitch.

ADMIRAL DEWEY ILL.

Unable to Attend Reception Arranged at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., March 20.—The programme for the entertainment of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey was broken this evening by the illness of the admiral. A public reception had been arranged for and 5,000 persons gathered at the De Soto hotel to greet the distinguished visitor. But the admiral was too ill to appear and the function was abandoned. The admiral suffered an attack of indigestion on board the revenue cutter Hamilton while the party was on a trip down the river and had not recovered from it. He is in bed and resting easily tonight, and his physicians say he will no doubt be able to go on with the programme of arrangements tomorrow.

Mrs. Dewey was entertained this afternoon by a committee of ladies at the Y. M. C. club where she heard plantation songs sung by a chorus of rice field pickaninnies.

JENNINGS WILL RETIRE.

Famous Infelder to Join the Staff of a Philadelphia Newspaper.

Philadelphia, March 20.—A letter received here today from Hugh Jennings, the famous infelder of the Brooklyn Base Ball club, makes the announcement that he will not play base ball any more. Jennings says he has accepted a signed the contract tendered by the Brooklyn management and will not do so.

He is at Ithaca, training the Cornell university team and he states that he will go south with the college players on March 29, returning to Ithaca with them from New York for the final expiration of his contract with Cornell. Jennings, it is stated, will become sporting editor of a Philadelphia newspaper.

Atlantic Ball League.

Wilmington, Del., March 20.—Horace Fogel, of Philadelphia, president of the Atlantic Base Ball league, has notified J. Albert Curry that the league will have a club located in this city and that he will arrive here tomorrow to rent the grounds and make preparations for establishing the team.

Steamship Arrivals.

Boulogne, March 20.—Sailed: Phenicia, from Hamburg for New York. New York, Sailed: Lahn, for Bremen via Southampton; Oceanic, for Liverpool. Kinsale—Passed: Celtic, from New York for Liverpool.

Solid Quay Delegation.

Carlisle, Pa., March 20.—The Cumberland county Republican convention today elected William R. Ruppel, Jacob E. Baillie and George E. Wetzell delegates to the state convention, and Charles H. Millin, delegate to the national convention. The delegation is solid for Quay.

Fund for the Hospital Ship Maine.

New York, March 20.—The performance for the benefit of the American hospital ship, Maine, the American soldiers in the Philippines and the British Red Cross society, was given tonight at the Metropolitan Opera house. Messrs. Eames, Nordica and Sembrich will appear.

Appointed by Gas.

Boston, March 21.—Philip Cohen and Agnes Davis were found dead in bed in a south end lodging house today with the gas turned on full. Cohen was about 35 years of age and the woman about 53. It is not known whether the deaths were accidental or suicidal.

Prohibitionists' Convention.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 20.—The state convention of the Prohibition party opened here today, and will continue until March 22. A ticket will be nominated.

Admiral Fairfax Dead.

Naples, March 20.—Admiral Sir Henry Fairfax, British commander in chief at Plymouth, died here today.

M. E. CONFERENCE FOR EXPANSION

REV. DR. NEELY'S PAPER IS ADOPTED.

It Arrays the Philadelphia Conference in Support of the Expansion Policy of the Present Administration—Rev. Dr. Lippincott Makes a Vigorous Protest Against the Action of the Conference.

Philadelphia, March 20.—The Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference will meet next year at Stroudsburg, Monroe county, that city being chosen at today's session over St. George's church, Philadelphia, by a vote of 99 to 90.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Mills presented the report of the education committee, which was adopted with an amendment presented by Rev. Dr. J. A. Lippincott, endorsing the public school system and upholding the withdrawal of public school moneys for private or parochial schools and declaring that the public schools should not be allowed to fall under the malign influence of partisan politics. A resolution presented by Rev. Dr. A. C. Kynett, deprecating the action of the attorney general of the United States in setting aside the act of congress abolishing the army cadet school, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely offered for adoption a paper which arrayed the conference in support of the expansion policy of the present administration of the United States. It is in all respects similar to one adopted recently by the South Kansas conference and is ostensibly a call for volunteers to go to the Philippines for evangelical work.

The preamble, however, is couched in the following language: "Whereas, God in His wise providence has recently redivided, from bondage, despotism and superstition more than ten millions of souls for whom Christ died, and has brought them under the sheltering folds of our glorious flag and made them partakers of our inheritance of liberty at a great cost of treasure, suffering and blood, etc., etc."

PROVIDENTIAL OCCURRENCE.

Dr. Neely stated that he was an expansionist; that he believed nothing more providential had occurred in recent years than the acquisition by this country of the territory in the Pacific ocean. We had reached a point, he said, when the Pacific ocean was becoming a European lake, and it was absolutely necessary that we assert our power. He said he, for one, rejoiced in the results that had accrued and that we now have stepping stones across the Pacific. Rev. Dr. J. A. Lippincott objected to the phraseology of the preamble. He said he and many other members of the conference were directly opposed to the policy in which the adoption of the paper would place them. He declared the government's policy in the Philippines and the rest of our war there had simply reduced the natives to another form of slavery. This elicited cries of "No! No!" from several members, and when the matter was referred to a vote the paper as originally presented was adopted.

The report of the conference temperance committee deplored the growth of the saloon evil and deprecated the army canteen. It also embodied the resolution recently passed by the Philadelphia Women's Christian Temperance union concerning the experiments of Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan university, with alcohol as a food. Dr. F. B. Lynch objected to the implied criticism of Professor Atwater, and as the conference endorsed his views, that part of the report was eliminated.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Closing Sessions Held at Hazleton Yesterday.

Hazleton, Pa., March 20.—The closing sessions of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference were held today, in executive session. The conference adopted a resolution declaring that it will not be responsible for the policy of Dr. Swallow's Pennsylvania Methodist.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold the next conference at Chambersburg. The report of the statistical committee show a membership of 62,575, a decrease for the year of 227; there was an increase of six churches. The total missionary collections for the year were \$4,548, an increase of \$2,246 over last year.

The delegates to the general conference were instructed to vote for an amendment to the discipline of the church placing members of the Methodist church who sign applications for liquor licenses and Methodist attorneys who plead for the granting of liquor licenses under the same discipline as is provided for in the case of church members who rent property for saloon purposes.

Rev. K. C. Swallow was re-appointed superintendent of the Methodist book rooms at Harrisburg. A resolution was adopted requesting the bishop to fix the time of meeting for next year's conference at the same time the Baltimore conference meets.

The appointments are as follows: Danville district—Presiding elder, William Evans; Ashland, Edwin Witman; Beech Haven, Samuel Fox; Beaver Meadow, Isaac Cadman; Benton, John Wilhelm; Berwick, Richard Gilbert; Bloomsburg, Jacob Diehl; Bloomsburg, William Frymazer; Buckhorn, Timothy Tubbs; Catawissa, Samuel Wilson; Catawissa, circuit, Elmer McVey; Centre, J. W. Buckley; Conyngham, Richard Brooks; Danville, St. Pauls, Benjamin Dimick; Danville, Trinity, Orlando Hoek; Elyburg, James Glass; Emory and Lime Ridge, William Hartman; Excelsior, Frank H. Armstrong; Fountain Spring, Charles H. Barnard; Friesland, W. W. Hartman; Gordon, Reuben Wilson; Harveyville, William Rothrock; Hazleton, Diamond, Alfred Miller; Hazleton, St. Pauls, Isaac N. Moschardt; Irish Valley, Oliver H. Albertus; Jamison City,

CONVENTIONS FOR MCKINLEY

SENTIMENTS OF THE GATHERINGS YESTERDAY.

Arkansas Republicans Favor Expansion and the Annexation of the Philippines—The Party in South Carolina Also Forwards Endorsement of the Administration.

Little Rock, Ark., March 20.—The Republican state convention adjourned late tonight after electing delegates to the national convention and declaring for the renomination of President McKinley. The platform adopted endorsed the administration of President McKinley and says:

"We favor the expansion policy of the administration. We favor annexation of the Philippines as the most beneficent thing that could happen to the Philippines and as giving us command of the vast trade of the Orient not otherwise possible. "The platform opposes trusts, favors the Nicaragua canal and endorses the protective tariff policy. "Every mention of President McKinley's name was cheered and the delegates to the Philadelphia convention were unanimously instructed for his renomination.

Columbia, S. C., March 20.—The state Republican convention today elected four delegates to the national Republican convention. A score of the 125 delegates were white men and the temporary and permanent officers were negroes. "The convention adopted a platform embracing the principles of the Republican party as set forth at St. Louis in 1896. McKinley's administration was endorsed and Bryanism and Democracy denounced as enemies to prosperity. The delegates were instructed to support McKinley.

ALL CANDIDATES QUAY MEN.

Harmonious Proceedings at the Huntingdon Convention.

Huntingdon, Pa., March 20.—The Huntingdon county Republican convention here today was conspicuous for its harmonious proceedings and brief duration. No resolutions were offered or adopted. All the candidates on the ticket are avowedly favorable to the reelection of M. E. Quay. The ticket follows: Congress, Thaddeus M. Mahon; state senate, Oliver M. Stewart, of Huntingdon; legislature, Thomas W. Montgomery and John C. Taylor; poor directors, Robert M. Johnston, Dr. P. L. Schum; jury commissioner, G. M. Cutchall; Carl M. Gage, of Huntingdon, was acclaimed national delegate, to select his own conferees, and C. Chalmers Port, of Huntingdon, and I. N. Swoope, of Huntingdon, delegates to the county convention. Ex-County Commissioner A. S. Welsh, of Mt. Union, was elected chairman of the county committee.

BANK CLERK MISSING.

Easton, March 20.—Thomas A. Stewart, a clerk in the First National bank of Easton, has absconded. He took \$1,700 of the bank's money. On Saturday Stewart was sent to the county jail at Hazleton, Pa., in the city to make settlement of the previous day's business between the two banks. The balance due the First National bank, \$1,700 was paid Stewart and he departed.

He reported to the First bank, but did not leave the money there. He said he was sick and was permitted to go home. Yesterday the theft became known. Stewart, who is about 18 years of age, has not been seen by his mother who is now in the city on a Sunday morning. Arthur Clements, an orphan and a companion of Stewart, has also been missing since Saturday. The boys are supposed to be together.

MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

Lancaster, Pa., March 20.—Mrs. Frank Dietzler, of No. 724 East Marlon street, this city, tells a story that she thinks may throw some light on the mystery of the young woman found in Marshport river, near Annapolis, Md., on March 16.

One evening in January while walking on the bridge that crosses the Susquehanna at Columbia, Mrs. Dietzler met a man and woman walking together talking excitedly. Just after she passed they heard a splash and cry and looking around, saw the couple had disappeared. The finding of the body strengthens her suspicion that they committed suicide by jumping into the Susquehanna, which washes into the Marshport. She is unable to give an description except that the man wore a grey overcoat.

WILL BE TRIED BY JURY.

New York, March 20.—Justice Fursman today made a decision in the "Sapho" case, directing that it be submitted to the grand jury. The application was made by the defendants through counsel that the case should be taken from the court of special sessions and tried by a jury in the court of general sessions.

The procedure now to be followed will submit the case to the grand jury, and if indictments are found the defendants will be tried by a jury in general sessions.

Independent Telephone Combine.

Weyauwega, Wis., March 20.—The meeting of all the independent telephone companies in Wisconsin is in session here today and will continue in such until March 22. The object of this meeting is to form an association for the purpose of ultimately connecting all independent companies, of which there are more than twenty-five in this state, in one system as a rival to the Wisconsin Telephone company.

New York City's Debt.

New York, March 20.—Controller Coker made public today a statement of the city debt on February 3. The total gross funded debt was \$34,195,520; the net, \$28,725,484, and the net bonded debt, \$25,240,000. There were besides outstanding bonds of various corporations, now wholly or partly included in the city of New York, amounting to \$1,355,281.

Strikers Return to Work.

Wilkes-Barre, March 20.—The five hundred miners at the J. Davis colliery, Warrior Run, who went out on strike a week ago, will return to work tomorrow on a satisfactory agreement having been reached with their employes.

Cornell Base Ball Team Starts South.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 20.—Coach Hurl Jennings and the Cornell Base Ball team left for Calhoun, S. C., today, where they will prepare for the coming season.

Sumner Will Depart for Manila.

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—The transport Sumner, with 100 recruits on board, sails for Manila today.

Coshocton's Centenary.

Coshocton, O., March 20.—A big celebration in honor of the passing of the century mark in this town's existence is being held here today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather in Vicinity Today: FAIR, COLDER.

- 1 General-Boer Republics as Crown Colonies.
2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Finance and Commercial.
3 Local-Convention of Returns Judges in the First and Second Republican Legislative Districts.
4 Editorial.
5 General-History's View of Consent of the Governed.
6 Local-Defense Wants the Martin Case Continued for a Year.
7 Local-Grand Jury Looking Into City Misgovernment.
8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
9 Round About the County.
10 Local-Live Industrial News.

PLOT TO BURN BREAKERS.

Number of Boys Are Under Arrest for Participation. According to a confession made by a lad named Murray to District Attorney Jones last week, a plot to burn down all the breakers between this city and Carbondale has been in existence for some time.

Acting upon the story told by the boy, who lives in Archbold, County Detective Leysion on Saturday last arrested Murray, Michael Flaherty, Fred Sidons and Michael Manley, all young boys, ranging in age from twelve to sixteen years. They were taken before Squire Glida, charged with arson, as according to Murray's story they are responsible for the recent burning of the Katydid and other breakers up the valley. They all waived a hearing and entered bail.

AUDACIOUS ROBBERY.

Four Hundred Thousand Francs Stolen in Paris. Paris, March 20.—An audacious robbery of 400,000 francs was committed today from the Northern railroad. The company, however, has three times weekly deposits large sums with the bank of France, sent 630,000 francs today, of which amount 400,000 francs was in small bills. This was placed in a satchel and the money was conveyed from the station to the bank in a cart, which was in charge of two clerks.

Before they started one of the clerks placed the satchel beside the coachman. Two men then approached and engaged the attention of the clerk and coachman, while a third man picked up the satchel and bolted with it. The loss was not noticed until it was too late to apprehend the robbers.

QUEER COURT OPINIONS.

Magistrates Hold That an Inventor Has No Right to His Own Ideas. Washington, March 20.—Inventors in German factories have a hard time to profit by their brain work, according to a report to the state department by Consul General Guenther at Frankfurt. He cites the case of a foreman, who invented a substance used in finishing velvet. Because he imparted his invention to persons outside of the firm of which he was a member, he was tried and convicted of revealing trade secrets, although this secret was his own.

The German court took the ground that it was a duty of the foreman to make experiments; that his inventions belonged to his employers and that he had no right to expose them.

BASE BALL FOR SCRANTON.

Prospects Are Now Bright for an Atlantic League Team. M. E. Sanders, of this city, who is looking after the local base ball interests, is trying to establish an Atlantic league team in Scranton, yesterday received a letter from President Horace Fogel, stating that Walter Burnham, of Portland, Me., who has managed teams in the New England league for several years, would be in the city today. Mr. Burnham will probably manage the team in case Scranton enters the league, and will also be one of the heaviest stockholders.

Mr. Sanders reports that nearly all arrangements have now been completed, and that it is almost assured that Scranton will have professional ball this season. A meeting of the directors of the various teams making up the league will be held Friday afternoon in the Hotel Germania, at which arrangements will be made for the coming season.

Mr. Burnham arrived in the city early this morning and will have a conference with the men interested in the sport today.

Bishop Hurst Misquoted.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Bishop Hurst, who is presiding over the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference at Millville today, denied the published statement that he had announced to the conference yesterday that President McKinley had accepted the chair of international law in the American university at Washington. The bishop expressed his regret that he was misquoted and directed his secretary to telegraph a denial to the president.

Bell Stock to Be Increased.

Philadelphia, March 20.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Bell Telephone company, of Philadelphia, here today it was voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The new stock may be subscribed for at par, \$50, until April 20, payments to be made May 20, July 20 and September 20.

Missionary Meeting.

Bethlehem, Pa., March 20.—The Women's Foreign Missionary society of Lehigh Presbytery, met here today in annual convention. The sessions will continue tomorrow. More than 100 delegates are in attendance. Mrs. R. M. Mator and Dr. Jessie Wilson, returned missionaries, addressed today's sessions.

Bundy's Shortage.

Elmira, N. Y., March 20.—The examination today of the books of Frank M. Bundy, the defaulting city chamberlain, showed a deficit of \$33,000 in one tax roll. It is now expected that the total shortage will reach at least \$50,000.

PUERTO RICO MEASURE

Mr. Foraker Is Confident That the Bill Could Be Passed.

IS READY FOR THE TEST

Wanted Republican Leaders to Permit Him to Call It Up in the Senate Today—Votes for It Being Gained Rapidly—Majority Already in Favor of the Bill with Free Imports into Puerto Rico—The House Enters Upon Consideration of the Loud Bill.

Washington, March 20.—Senator Foraker is so confident of his ability to pass the Puerto Rican tariff bill that he urged the Republican managers to let him call it up today and try to force a vote on it. The other friends of the measure advised a little longer delay, because they feel that they are gaining votes rapidly, and that after a short time the bill can be put on its passage with the certainty of a substantial majority.

There is no doubt whatever that there is a majority of the senate today favorable to the passage of the bill with a duty on imports into Puerto Rico stricken out, but there are some who believe that it would be better to put the bill through just as it came from the house, and thus avoid any complications which might arise from sending it back to the house to be voted on again. It is also believed advisable to await the return of Senators Aldrich, Platt and Teller, all three of whom are favorable to the bill, but only two of whom are paired.

The Loud Bill Discussed. The house today entered upon the consideration of the Loud bill to restrict the character of publications entitled to a cent per pound rate as second-class mail matter. The bill has been before congress for several years. Mr. Loud defended the bill in a lengthy speech.

The other speakers were H. C. Smith (Michigan), in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Little (Arkansas), Bell (Colorado), Henry (Mississippi), Stokes (South Carolina), and Brown (Ohio), in opposition to it.

Before the bill was taken up, Mr. Sulzer (New York) delivered a denunciation of the administration in connection with his resolution of inquiry calling upon the war department for information as to what fortifications Great Britain was erecting on the Canadian border. The committee on military affairs submitted a reply. Adjutant General Corbin, saying such information was secret, but that Great Britain was erecting no works which threatened our rights. The committee recommended that the resolution lie upon the table. The house sustained the committee's recommendation by a vote of 110 to 97.

Discussion of the Puerto Rico government and tariff bill was resumed in the senate today. Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, presenting a speech dealing with some of the constitutional phases of the measure. He maintained that as the treaty of Paris was the supreme law of the land, it was impossible for the United States to abrogate either Puerto Rico or the Philippines. He held, also, that the constitution extended to a certain extent, at least, over the acquired territory and that the inhabitants of Puerto Rico were citizens of the United States.

COMPROMISE MEASURE.

The Conference on Puerto Rican Bill Have Agreed. Washington, March 20.—The conference on the Puerto Rico appropriation bill have agreed upon a compromise measure. The senate conferees receded from the senate amendment limiting the appropriation to the revenues collected on Puerto Rico importations until the first of last January, and restored the clause in the house bill until the first of last January, and applying to future revenues, reading as follows:

"Together with any further customs revenues collected on importations from Puerto Rico since January 1, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law.

The provision in the senate amendment specifying the purpose for which the money shall be used is retained, but an addition is made declaring specifically that it shall be for the "aid and relief" of the Puerto Ricans.

Ardent Quay Men.

McConnellsburg, Pa., March 20.—The Republicans of Fulton county held their convention today and elected A. D. Dalbey delegate to the state convention. F. M. Taylor received the endorsement for national delegate. Taylor and Dalbey are both ardent Quay men.

When Simms Will Be Hanged.

Harrisburg, March 20.—Governor Stone has fixed Tuesday, May 22, as the date for the hanging of William Simms in Fayette county.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 20.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair, colder; Wednesday, Thursday, fair; fresh; west to north winds.