

BOER ARMY DWINDLING

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THE INTEREST IN MAPEKING

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London, March 27, 4:15 a. m.—Military observers here and even those in close affiliation with the war office are considerably confused as to what is being done for the success of Mafeking.

General French is reported from Bloemfontein Sunday as returning from Thaba Nehu, without apparently having handed off Commandant Olivier with his fifteen guns and miles of baggage.

General Buller's patrols had a sharp skirmish Sunday at Waschbank.

Lord Roberts' infantry have now been quiet for fourteen days, and news of an advance is hourly expected at the war office.

Messrs. Wolmarans, Fischer and Wessels, the peace envoys from the federal forces, are due at Naples in a few days.

After visiting two or three European capitals, they will go to New York by way of Antwerp. It is understood at the Hague that they are invested with large powers and are prepared to agree to anything looking for intervention.

The Times prints a statement from Cape Town to the effect that the Boers, after deducting heavy losses, are probably unable now to put more than 30,000 men on the firing line.

Boers at Papkuel.

Barkley West March 26.—A command of 400 Boers has re-occupied Papkuel, forcing the rebels in the Herbert district to rejoin the federal flag.

Extensive looting is reported in that direction.

Expedition Will Leave Kimberley.

London, March 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Monday, March 26, says: "A strong expedition will leave Kimberley today, primarily for Griquatown. Its movements are likely to attract considerable notice."

MISS GOULD'S CHAPLAINS.

She Maintains Nine or Ten Ministers in the Philippines.

Washington, March 26.—The Star today says: A visitor at the White House today, referring to the lack of chaplains with the volunteer regiments in the Philippines and elsewhere, says that Miss Helen Gould, of New York, is maintaining nine or ten chaplains in the army at her own expense.

These men are not officially recognized as chaplains, but as ministers and Young Men's Christian association workers, they voluntarily and unofficially do practically the same work.

KANSAS FLOUR MILLS BURNED.

Pierson Plant at Lawrence Destroyed by Fire.

Lawrence, Kan., March 26.—Fire early today destroyed the plant of the Pierson Flour Milling company, valued at \$150,000. The loss is partly covered by \$50,000 insurance.

Senator Hoar's Salary Bill.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Hoar today reported from the judiciary committee a bill to increase the annual salaries of chief justice of the supreme court at \$15,500, and associate justices at \$13,500; circuit judges at \$9,000; district judges at \$7,000. The bill also provides that after the passage of the act no payment shall be made to any of the judges for expenses.

Philadelphia Convention Fund.

Philadelphia, March 26.—Mayor Ashbridge today announced that the third \$25,000 to be raised by this city for the Republican national convention is now in hand and he will forward it in a few days. The work of raising the fourth and final \$25,000 has been started.

THE PROPOSED LABOR BILL.

Hearings Before House Committee on Judiciary.

Washington, March 26.—Hearings were continued before the house committee on judiciary today on the bill to limit the issuance of injunction in disputes between employer and employee. President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, Jackson H. Ralston, counsel for that organization; H. R. Fuller, representing the various railroad brotherhoods, and H. W. Szegedy, president of the Central Labor union of Washington, were present, and Messrs. Gompers, Ralston and Fuller spoke in support of the measure.

INVESTIGATING

GOEBEL MURDER

F. Wharton Golden Is Placed on the Stand for Cross-Examination—He Fails to Locate the Man Who Was Given the Key.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—The hearing of Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with being an accessory to the murder of Governor Goebel, was resumed today. F. Wharton Golden, who finished his direct examination Saturday, was today placed on the stand for cross-examination.

Ex-Governor Brown interrogated the witness. Golden said he learned about two weeks ago that he would be arrested if he did not tell what he knew about the assassination and that if he did tell the attorneys for the commonwealth would try to save him from prosecution.

Thomas Cromwell, who swore out the warrant against Powers, was the first person to take the stand in the assassination. Cromwell had been to the mountains and heard that he was connected in some way with the murder and sent for him. Golden told Powers of his conversation with Cromwell and told him powers that he wanted to get away from the state house. He got a leave of absence from Republican Assistant Adjutant General Dixon and left.

Golden said he told Judge Fleming, of Winchester, that he intended to tell all he knew about the affair. He said he could not remember that he ever heard Powers say that he intended to pay any one. Dick Combs, the alleged assassin, was brought to Frankfort, he said, by William Culton, one of the defendants.

The witness said that when he heard on his way to Louisville with Powers that Governor Goebel had been shot, he told Powers what had happened and Powers said that it was a dirty shame and Brown asked him to get up and answer if he was in the room. Golden looked carefully over the large crowd, but said he did not see him.

At 3 o'clock the defense announced that they were through with the cross-examination, and the commonwealth commenced its examination in rebuttal. After a brief examination Golden finished his testimony and the prosecution rested. The defense asked for time to consult with the defendants and court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

ILLEGAL VOTING ALLEGED.

A Strong Quay Organization Back of the Prosecution.

Altoona, Pa., March 26.—Tonight information was made against Dr. D. K. Smith and C. L. Getzinger, manager of the Quays, before Alderman Ramey, for illegal voting at Saturday's Republican primaries. It is alleged Dr. Smith, who is a resident of the Fifth ward, voted in the Ninth ward, although he claims he did it unknowingly. Getzinger, it is charged, has not been a resident of the city long enough.

The Keystone league, a strong Quay organization, is back of the prosecutions, and may proceed against the Ninth ward election board.

Charleston Crew Vindicated.

Washington, March 26.—In accordance with the naval regulation, Admiral Watson convened a court of inquiry at Manila to fix the responsibility for the loss of the cruiser Charleston. The report of the court was made public today at the navy department and is a complete vindication of the officers and men of the Charleston from all of the aspersions that have been passed upon them, including one to the effect that they were intoxicated when the ship struck.

Lady Minto at Washington.

Washington, March 26.—The president today received Lady Minto, wife of the governor general of Canada. In the party were the governor general's aide-de-camp and Mr. Morton Froom. They were introduced to the president by Senator Wolcott. Mrs. Minto, who is still suffering from a cold, was unable to appear.

Bubonic Plague Victims.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 25.—The number of bubonic plague cases officially reported has reached thirty-six. There have been thirteen deaths from the disease. Nine thousand persons have been inoculated.

Steamship Arrivals.

Queenstown, March 26.—Sailed Lucania, New York. Liverpool—Sailed: Celtic, for New York. New York—Cleared: Kaiserin Maria Theresa, for Bremen via Southampton and Cherbourg; Tauris, for Liverpool.

Cardinal Massella Dead.

Rome, March 26.—Cardinal Camillo Massella, bishop of Palestrina, and prefect of the congregation of Sacred Rites, is dead. He was born in Italy in 1832 and was created a cardinal in 1884.

DEMOCRATS WILL STICK TO SILVER

MR. JOHNSON GIVES HIS VIEWS OF THE SITUATION.

No Authority for the Various Hints That the Democracy Will Desert the 16 to 1 Theory in These Days of Uncertainty—General Weaver, a Prominent Populist, Is Not in a Position to Speak for a Democrat. Hopes for the Kansas City Convention.

Chicago, March 26.—J. C. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee, being asked for his opinion of articles published today in which it is made to appear that a number of prominent Democrats, commencing with Chairman Jones, of the national committee, favor the abandoning of any reference to the silver question in the forthcoming Democratic platform, said:

"I have read the articles in question and am prepared to say that in so far as they attempt to connect any prominent Democrat with the proposition, they are, to say the least, very unfair, and are only a sample of very many similar articles which have been and probably will be published in papers with whose managers the wish is very probably father to the thought. If these articles are read with care it will be seen that while they shrewdly connect various men including General Weaver, with the proposed movement, there is in reality not a word of authority for the proposition in the articles from beginning to end from any of the men whose names appear therein, so far as Senator Jones, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Abbott, or myself are concerned, none of us have ever had a thought or uttered a syllable which would warrant the suggestions contained in these articles, and are all diametrically opposed to the position in which we are dexterously placed by the ingenious authors of the articles in question.

As to Weaver.

"So far as General Weaver is concerned, he is a prominent Populist, but is not in a position to speak for any Democrat. What his individual views may be on the matter in question, I cannot say. As to the ingeniously worded statement that he stopped over here on his return from Washington (probably from a conference with Senator Jones) and started from here to Nebraska with the cordial concurrence of myself and others, it is out on the national committee to press this matter upon Mr. Bryan, the whole thing is ridiculous when the facts are known. General Weaver has not been in Washington for some weeks. He is now in North Dakota with Mr. Bryan, instead of being in Nebraska, as is out on the Pacific coast. Of course the Democratic national convention will settle these questions for itself when it assembles, but I think there is no well informed Democrat in the United States, but is merely a device today that the Kansas City convention will distinctly re-affirm the position which the party took on the money question in its platform of 1896."

BURGLARS AT LUZERNE.

They Secure Nine Dollars in Cash from the Postoffice.

Pittston, March 26.—About 3 o'clock this morning burglars entered the post office at Luzerne borough and ran off with the money drawer, taking stamps and stamped envelopes valued at \$9.00.

An attempt was also made to open the safe, a hole having been drilled in the door and explosives set off. The door was broken, but the lock held fast. Neighbors being aroused by the noise of the explosion, the burglars were frightened away. It is believed to have been the work of local men.

FIVE COOL ROBBERS.

They Eat Dinner in a Restaurant and Loot the Safe.

New York, March 26.—Five well dressed men entered Healy's restaurant at the corner of sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue today, and after eating a meal one of them engaged the cashier in conversation while one of his companions went to the safe and got away with \$3,100. The other man then quietly withdrew and the robbery was discovered for fully five minutes afterward.

There is no clue to the thieves.

THEIR WAGES ADVANCED.

Altoona Miners to Receive an Increase of 20 Per Cent.

Altoona, March 26.—The Altoona Coal and Coke company, of this city, and the Frugley Coal and Coke company have notified their miners of a general advance in wages of 20 per cent. to take effect April 1. None of the companies were represented at the recent joint conference of miners and operators and the increase is voluntary.

Five thousand miners will benefit by the advance.

New Telephone Project.

Washington, March 26.—An application was completed today to be presented to congress for a franchise for a new telephone, telegraph and cable company. It expects to combine all the companies outside of the Bell. Negotiations are believed to be under way to perfect the long-distance project by making an arrangement with the Pacific system, including San Francisco and most of the lines of the Pacific slope.

Polo Tournament.

Alken, S. C., March 26.—The annual open golf tournament for the Southern Cross championship opened heretofore. It will last a week. Twenty-five cups have been offered to the winners.

Racing in California.

Oakland, Cal., March 26.—The big spring race meet opened under favorable auspices today, and will continue until April 7.

GIRL CHLOROFORMED.

Miss Pearl Reese Has a Strange Experience with an Unknown Man.

Special to The Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, March 26.—Miss Pearl Reese, of East Stroudsburg, was chloroformed after church service last evening and was afterward thrown in Pocono Creek. A strange man thought to have been the girl's long absent father, is believed to have done the deed. From inquiry it is learned that as Miss Reese was passing over the lower bridge, which divides this town from East Stroudsburg, she was met by a man in a carriage. The driver slowed up and as the young lady neared the carriage the man jumped out, held a cloth saturated with what the young girl thinks was chloroform over her mouth and nose. She soon lost her senses. The strange man picked Miss Reese up and placed her unconscious in the wagon. He then drove through this town to Pocono bridge and is there said to have thrown Miss Reese into the water. The strange man then drove away.

At 9 o'clock this morning the young lady, hatless and dripping wet, knocked at the door of George Nevil, a few yards from the bridge. She told her story as related above and was put to bed. Later her relatives were summoned and the girl was placed in the right hand side, almost under the bridge. There were foot marks there also. Information was refused at the home of Miss Reese, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. Brewer, over Hoop's variety store in East Stroudsburg. A young lady seen at the house said that Eastern detectives were already on the case. At the Nevil home Miss Reese said the man might have been her father, who went away some ten years ago. The parent has frequently asked his daughter to live with him. It is said, but so far a negative answer was given.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

NEAR BRADFORD

Bradford, March 26.—One of the big passenger cars of the Olean, Rock City and Bradford Electric railway ran over the tracks at Bradford, Pa., today. A Red Rock, about six miles east of this place, this evening and was derailed and wrecked. J. C. Marsh, of Bradford, an oil well worker, aged 23 years, was killed, and the following were injured: B. Harris, Bradford, head crushed, leg broken and is in a dying condition; Edward Norton, Sterling Run, left leg broken, condition serious; E. H. Hunter, Dallas, Luzerne county, hurt about the hips and body, face cut, scalp wounds; J. J. Reardon, conductor; J. W. Wheeler, motorman; Lawrence Dana, John Wingard and A. J. ...

SHOOTING AT SPRUCE CREEK.

Two Negroes Will Probably Die from Wounds.

Altoona, March 26.—About 7:30 this morning Robert Hamilton, colored, a bad man, armed himself with a double-barreled shotgun and journeyed to the village of Spruce Creek, where he was met by Louis Ayres, colored, and tried to force his way into the shanty. Ayres refused him admittance. Hamilton persisted and Ayres opened up on him with a revolver, shooting him through the right side and lodging the bullet in the left side, where it was afterwards removed by a doctor. When the shooting commenced John Davis, also colored, a spectator, attempted to interfere, and Ayres turned the revolver on him, hitting him in the small of the back, the ball crashing through the spinal column. It has not been located. The doctor says it is only a matter of a few hours when both men will die.

MIKE TIGUE NOMINATED.

He Is Opposed by the Elements of a Rump Convention.

Wilkes-Barre, March 26.—A faction of the Democratic party of the Fifth legislative district held a convention at Pittston today and nominated Hon. Michael J. Tigue for the legislature. Another faction will meet in convention next Saturday and nominate another candidate. The district is largely Democratic.

Porter's Sentence Commuted.

Washington, March 26.—In the case of Robert Porter, a civilian employe of the Quartermaster's Department of the army, who was tried by general court martial on the charge of assault committed at Panioke, Philippine islands, in December last, and who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, the president has commuted the sentence to confinement at hard labor in a penitentiary for a period of twenty years.

Scottish Rite Convocation.

Kansas City, March 26.—The spring convocation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons opened here today and will continue until the 30th. Today degrees from the fourth to fourteenth were conferred. Tomorrow the degrees from fifteenth to eighteenth, inclusive, will be conferred. Wednesday the degrees from nineteenth to thirtieth, and on Thursday, from thirty-first to thirty-second will be conferred.

Mint Rushed.

Philadelphia, March 26.—Owing to the deficiency in subsidiary currency, the mint is crowded and perhaps never so busy before. Twenty millions in small coin will be turned out as speedily as possible. It will require two years to complete the work, provided by the new currency law.

ALLEGED BRIBERS ON THE RACK

EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL OF SENATOR COYLE.

Michael J. Costello, of Philadelphia, on the Stand—Other Witnesses Testify in the Somewhat Complicated Case—Evidence Calculated to Destroy the Credibility of Certain Witnesses—Ex-Chief of Police Wise's Opinion of Mr. Costello.

Harrisburg, March 26.—Michael J. Costello, of Philadelphia, was the first witness at today's session of the trial of ex-Senator John J. Coyle, of Philadelphia, charged with offering \$500 to Representative John Engler, of Lycoming county, to vote for the McCarrill jury bill at the last session of the legislature.

Before Costello went on the stand the habeas corpus proceedings for his release, from the custody of Deputy Sheriff Miller, of Lycoming, was continued until tomorrow morning and his bail of \$1,000 was renewed. Costello is under indictment at Williamsport for making an alleged offer of \$200 to Engler by Miller for a preliminary hearing as soon as he is discharged by the Dauphin county court. Costello was asked by Mr. Berger, private counsel for the house prosecuting committee, if he had visited Engler's home and offered him \$500 to vote for the bill and the witness answered in the negative. Mr. Engler was then called by the defense and testified that he was accused and arrested for perjury in this matter; that he had given bail and that he had never been given a preliminary hearing.

He denied that he had testified before the legislature investigating committee against Coyle for the purpose of securing the revocation of a portion of them offered by the Business Men's league during the last legislature for any information which would lead to the arrest and conviction of any persons for bribery or attempt to bribe.

The defense offered to prove that the case against Engler was a charge of perjury had not been tried because the court had directed that it should not be tried until after the pending case; this for the purpose of testing the credibility of Engler. Judge Simonton remarked that he had no objection to the district attorney that he would not try the perjury case until after Coyle had been tried, although Mr. Berger tried to persuade him to try the perjury charge against Engler first. The court sustained the prosecution's objection to the defense and the defense closed.

Engler was recalled by the prosecution and was asked whether Costello had come to his house and offered him \$500 to vote for the McCarrill bill. Counsel for the defense objected and pending argument as to the right to ask such questions the court took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Evidence Ruled Out. When the court reconvened Judge Simonton ruled out the questions of the prosecution relating to the alleged offer of Costello to bribe Engler. Mr. Berger offered a record from the Lycoming county court showing that Costello was under indictment there for bribery and corrupt solicitation for the purpose of discrediting him as a witness against Engler. Representative Miller, of Northampton county, testified that Coyle told him that if the witness and his colleague would vote for the McCarrill bill, he would get a petition from the citizens of that county endorsing their action. Representative Criste, of Northumberland county, testified that Coyle came to his seat in the house last February and said to the witness:

"Vote for the reconsideration of the McCarrill bill and leave the rest to me."

William E. Wise, former chief of police of Williamsport, testified that Costello's reputation at Williamsport was very bad and that he would swear to a lie for 50 cents.

S. T. Foresman, of Williamsport, testified that Costello's father told him he could not rely on his son's words. John B. Emery, T. J. Savidge and a number of other citizens of Williamsport swore that Costello's reputation was very bad and that they would not believe him under oath.

Harry A. Mackey, of Philadelphia, counsel for the Business Men's Republican league, testified that the rewards offered by that organization to the arrest and conviction of alleged bribers and that Engler had never asked for or received a portion of the reward. Frank Sutsman, Charles Dugan and a large number of other citizens of Williamsport testified that Costello's reputation was good and that he was a man of his word.

After the evidence was all in the court adjourned until 3:30 tomorrow, when Mr. Gilbert will inform the jury in behalf of the defense and Mr. Berger for the prosecution.

Costello Enters Bail.

Williamsport, March 26.—M. J. Costello, a witness in the Coyle trial at Harrisburg, and who is charged here by Representative John Engler, of this county, with corruptly soliciting him to vote for the McCarrill jury bill, came to this city tonight. He entered bail before Judge Metzger in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance here in June. Costello said that he has not been in hiding at any time and that his movements have never been secret. He left at midnight for Harrisburg.

Yellow Light Railroad Signals.

Boston, March 26.—The Boston railroads are considering favorably the new signal lights of Professor Louis Derr, of the Institute of Technology, who after a series of tests, decided that yellow should be the "caution" signal and green the "safe" signal, making with the red, three easily and surely distinguishable colors, the only qualification tending toward safety. White would be discarded. Any accident to the glass would stop the train.

Roebber's Cash Is Up.

New York, March 26.—Ernest Roebber's manager today posted \$1,000 as part of a forfeit to bind another wrestling match with Beck Olsen.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

RAIN; FOLLOWED BY CLEARING.

1 General—Strength of the Boer Army.

All Factions Stand Firm on Puerto Rico Legislation.

2 Local—Common Pleas Court Proceedings.

3 Editorial.

4 News and Comment.

5 General—Things New in the Literary World.

6 Local—Supreme Court Opinions in Lackawanna Cases.

7 Local—Grand Jury Will Have Seven Councilmen Indicted.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

9 Round About the County.

10 Local—Live Industrial News.

FOR THE RELIEF OF PUERTO RICO

Two Million Dollars to Be Appropriated in Aid of the People of the Island—Employment for 25,000 Men.

Washington, March 26.—There will be no delay in the execution of the act of congress appropriating \$2,000,000 for the relief of the residents of Puerto Rico. The war department had anticipated the passage of the act and had made arrangements to carry its provisions into effect at once. A plan of action was agreed upon by General Davis, governor general of Puerto Rico, and Secretary Root, while the latter was in Havana recently. It involves the employment of native labor on public works in Puerto Rico and the distribution of rations to the sick and destitute who are unable to work.

General Davis was given full discretion in the matter and the sum of \$1,000,000 was placed at his disposal. Secretary Root said today that General Davis has full power in the premises and will execute the relief act for the best welfare of the Puerto Ricans, the employment of labor on public works being the principal method of utilizing the congressional appropriation. It is estimated that about 25,000 men will be given immediate employment.

JUDGE GETS DECISION.

The Scranton Boy Defeats Mike Donovan in a 20-Round Bout at Buffalo.

Buffalo, March 26.—Jim Judge, of Scranton, got the decision over Mike Donovan, of Rochester, in a 20-round bout at the Hawthorne annex tonight. The men fought at 142 pounds. Judge did most of the leading and landed the cleanest blows, but was saved by the bell in the thirteenth, and knocked flat just at the bell in the nineteenth.

Donovan fought on the defensive throughout and this lost him the fight.

McGoy and Sharkey to Fight.

New York, March 26.—"Kid" McGoy and Tom Sharkey, through their representatives tonight signed articles of agreement calling for a 25-round fight on June 25 for 60 per cent of the gross receipts. The fight is scheduled to take place before the Seaside Sporting club at Coney Island. Each man posted \$1,000 and Johnny White was selected as the referee. This action was taken after the failure today of Bob Fitzsimmons to post \$250 for a fight with McGoy.

Zeigler Knocked Out.

Niles, O., March 26.—Matty Matthews, of Brookville, knocked out Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, in the second round.

BURGLARS AT HONEDALE.

Penwarden's Grist Mill Entered and Small Amount of Money Secured. Honedale, March 26.—Some time during Friday night a robbery was committed at Penwarden's grist mill. The thieves gained entrance by removing a window glass. The safe door to the safe in the office was merely closed, and the burglar made his chance in the house. Some members of the ways and means committee advised this course today at the same time urging speedy action and this view found expression in the caucus of the opposition parties in the senate and that in this way a majority will be secured.

Wagoner's Strike.

Aid for the Strikers Is Received from Philadelphia. Wilkes-Barre, March 26.—Branch No. 1, of the Amalgamated Lace Curtain Operatives of America, of Philadelphia, have donated \$500 to the lace workers who are on strike at the Wyoming lace mills here.

The strikers from Brooklyn who came here to take the places of the strikers are still at work, although they have received official notice from the executive committee of the Federation of Labor to quit work. It is rumored that the Brooklyn men will sever their connections with the Federation of labor and remain at work.

Rabbi Wise Dead.

Cincinnati, March 26.—Habi Ismail M. Wise, probably the most distinguished rabbi in the reformed Jewish church, died this evening of a stroke of paralysis which made his first appearance last Saturday evening. He was 91 years of age.

Miners Secure 30 Per Cent.

Saginaw, Mich., March 26.—The coal miners and operators agreed today on the wage schedule. An advance of 30 per cent was secured by the miners. It is thought that the other matters pending in the convention will be settled quickly.

PUERTO RICO LEGISLATION

Senate Republican Caucus Apparently Without Material Result.

ALL FACTIONS STAND FIRM

The Discussion Carried on in a Much More Amiable Manner, but None Would Yield a Point—Six Republicans Will Vote Against the Measure—Members Are Urged to Speedy Action—Delay More Dangerous.

Washington, March 26.—The Republican members of the senate spent two and a half hours in caucus today in an effort to reach an agreement upon the Puerto Rico legislation now pending in the senate. The caucus was apparently, however, without material result, the only accomplishment being a decision to proceed with the general bill as it now stands without separating the tariff feature and to discharge the harmony committee from further efforts.

During the sitting there were twenty or more speeches made. All of them were of more or less amiable tone with the speeches in the caucus of a fortnight ago. But while good feeling was generally manifested, and all senators who spoke expressed themselves as desirous of reaching an amicable understanding, there was but little or no disposition manifested to yield a point which would produce that result. Indeed the free traders on the one hand and the ironbound tariff men on the other were quite as obdurate as they had been at the previous meeting. This condition of affairs was made so manifest that Senator Allison, acting as chairman of the caucus, declared at the close of the meeting that there was no necessity for putting a motion to continue on past lines, as it was very evident no other course was practicable. Senator Foraker was instructed by the caucus to press the Puerto Rico bill as it now stands, the governmental bill incorporated with the tariff measure, to a speedy vote as possible. The understanding at the time this instruction was given was that Senator Foraker would offer an amendment to the tariff feature of the bill containing the free list named by the executive order to the exports going from the United States to Puerto Rico duty free, but that the fifteen per cent of the Dingley law carried in the house by the opposition parties in the senate to the United States would be retained. The vote by which this instruction was given was taken viva voce, no record being made, but it was evident that a substantial majority approved the proposition.

Will Oppose the Bill.