

CUBANS WILL HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT

Congress to Supervise the Affairs of the Island.

'HE LAST INVESTIGATION.

Meaning of the Inquiry Ordered by the Senate—Plans for the Investigation—Sub-Committee to Sit in Washington All Summer—May Visit Havana—Another Item in Neely's Case—Postal Resolution.

Washington, May 25.—The senate investigation to be undertaken by the senate committee on relations with Cuba is to be searching and exhaustive. A sub-committee will sit through the summer in Washington to take testimony and may visit Cuba.

The action of the senate in ordering an investigation is significant. It means something more than an inquiry into charges of peculation, fraud and extravagance and amounts in effect to the assumption by congress of supervision over Cuban affairs.

Hitherto, following the lead of Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the Cuban committee, the senate has kept hands off. The policy has been to leave everything to the executive branch of the government, on the theory that the president was governing Cuba under the war power and that the legislative branch had properly no concern in the matter.

Postal Resolution. The resolution with regard to the postal department, which threatened revelations with regard to the customs service of the island brought into question the wisdom of that policy. It begins to appear that Senator Platt's position, however correct in theory, is untenable in practice, and that, unless the officials in the dependencies, acting under the military power, feel the always impending possibility of congressional examination, they will be subject to temptations to which no official ought to be exposed.

Another Neely Extradition Bill. In the senate today Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to punish crimes against the United States not committed within the territory of the United States, but which the defendant was in the act of committing in the United States.

President McKinley Thanked. President McKinley has received the following cable message, dated Manzanillo, Cuba, May 24:

ICE MAGNATES ARRESTED.

Organizers of the Trust Held to Bail in Sum of \$2,000. New York, May 25.—Magistrate Zeller, in the Jefferson market police court today, held ten persons, officers and directors, against whom process were issued as organizers of the American Ice company for violation of the laws relating to monopoly, in \$2,000 bail each for the grand jury. The action was taken on the waiver of an examination by the defendants.

ARMY RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

A Benevolent Society to Be Incorporated. Washington, May 25.—Representative McClellan, of New York, today introduced a bill incorporating the National Army Relief association. The names of Governor Roosevelt, John Jacob Astor, Cornelius N. Bliss, Stuyvesant Fish, Daniel S. Lamont, L. P. Morton, Whitlaw Reid, William C. Whitney, General Joe Wheeler and many ladies appear among the incorporators.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Berlin, May 25.—Prince William of Hesse, uncle of the Grand Duke Ernest Louis, is dead.

STATEMENT OF BOERS.

They Are Unable to Accept All the Invitations Received in this Country—Are Grateful For Sympathy.

Washington, May 25.—The following statement was issued today by the Boer envoys who are at present in this city: "Messrs. Fischer, Weasels and Wolmar, who are representing the South African republic in this country, have received many pressing invitations from most of the large cities of the United States to visit them, but owing to the short time they have to spend in this country it will not be possible to accept all of the invitations received. It is their intention to return as soon as circumstances permit to their own country, staying in Europe sufficient time to carry out their instructions, but before leaving they have concluded to yield to the great demand on the part of the American people to spend a few more days in America and they have concluded, first of all, to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston during next week. After visiting these cities they are in hopes of being able to spare the time to extend their visit to several other cities in the middle states, timely notification of which will be given to the committees who have honored them with invitations. The common councils and mayors of a number of cities are urging them by resolution to make them a visit and it may be possible that their stay in the country may be prolonged a few days in order to meet their wishes. The envoys regret exceedingly that they cannot meet the great numbers of people who are so anxious to greet them as they would like to do. They express themselves as very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy heard upon all sides for the cause that is so dear to them, and they trust the fact that they cannot visit all who wish them to do so, will in no way interfere with the full and free expression of sympathy and good will on their part."

PEORIA OVERTURE PROVOKES DEBATE

After Acrimonious Discussion It Is Adopted by Vote of 237 to 229. Philadelphia Selected for Meeting Place.

St. Louis, May 25.—Notwithstanding the absence of a large number of commissioners at the meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly today there was marked interest taken in the debate over the Peoria overture, which, after an acrimonious debate, was adopted by a vote of 237 to 229. Reports of the finance and narrative committee were presented. Philadelphia was selected for the meeting place of the assembly in 1901.

Rev. Dr. William C. Covert made the opening address on the narrative, which treated of the spiritual life of the entire Presbyterian church. He said the chilling influence of mercantile life was encroaching on the spiritual life of the church. Other hindrance to religious life were the lack of the family altar, the neglect of the church, the lack of trained teachers in Sabbath schools; the restlessness of ministers and churches and limited contributions for church work. A neurological report was read, showing that one hundred and twenty-three ministers died during the year.

The most important features of the afternoon session of the general assembly were the re-appearance of the Peoria overture, which was thought to have been given a rest by adoption at the morning session, and the appointment of the creed revision committee. One of the New York commissioners offered two amendments as substitutes to the sections of the Peoria overture which provide for the number of members of the standing committee and the appointment of chairmen. The substitute provides that an additional member shall be on each committee and that the moderator shall appoint the chairmen of the committees. Action will be taken on the amendments before adjournment of the assembly. The great part of the afternoon was occupied by the reports of committees.

Rev. Dr. G. Lowrie, chairman of the temperance committee, read the report of the standing committee on temperance. It was a long and able amendment protesting against the existence by official permission of liquor selling in the cantens of the army of the United States. This subject has a heated debate. The committee has a report which it had aimed to draw up a temperate report and because a canteen section was in the report made by the committee last year no allusion was made to it in this year's report. The standing committee has a report which it had aimed to draw up a temperate report and because a canteen section was in the report made by the committee last year no allusion was made to it in this year's report.

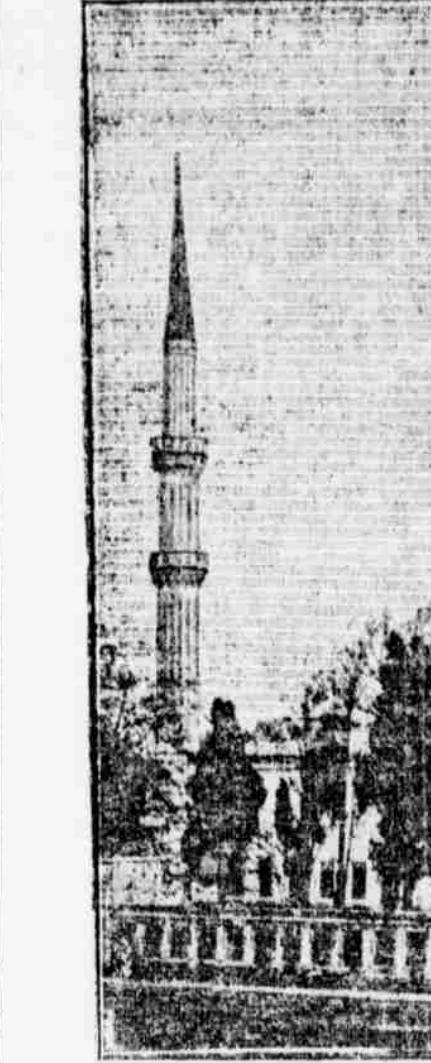
BILL PRITTS CAPTURED.

The Famous Moonshiner in Hands of Officers. Connellsville, Pa., May 25.—Bill Pritts, a famous moonshiner, who has escaped many raids of detectives for a period of twenty years, was surprised and captured today at the home of a friend in the mountains that it had aimed to draw up a temperate report and because a canteen section was in the report made by the committee last year no allusion was made to it in this year's report.

DISCUSSION IN SENATE.

Debate on Question of Ownership of Philippines—In the House. Washington, May 25.—Discussion of the Spooner Philippine bill was continued in the senate today by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama. On the general question of the ownership and government by the United States of the Philippine islands, he was in accord with Senators Spooner and Lodge, but he regarded the pending bill as unwise and dangerous legislation, because of the great power it placed in the hands of

SULTAN'S MOSQUE.



In the Mosque of Sultan Achmet in Constantinople the Sultan is wont to worship at times. Within its walls he may find refuge should he delay longer a settlement of the claim made by our government. This mosque is of great beauty and was erected about 1515 by the Sultan whose name it bears.

CLOSING DAYS OF CONGRESS

THE HOUSE IS NOW READY TO ADJOURN.

Senate Desires More Time for Consideration of Business—The Congressional Record as a Campaign Document—Pages of Humiliating History—Vice Presidential Makers Are Worried—Other Congressional News.

ON AGUINALDO'S TRAIL.

Col. Hare Believes He Is Pursuing Filipino Leader—Battle Over a Girl—Sergeant Killed.

Manila, May 25.—Major Peyton C. March, with a battalion of the Thirty-third infantry, and Colonel Luther Hare, with another portion of the Thirty-third regiment, while scouring the country northeast of Benquet, report that they struck the trail of a party of Filipinos traveling in the mountains, and they believe the party is escorting Aguinaldo.

Requisition for Stirling. Harrisburg, May 25.—Governor Stone issued a requisition this afternoon for the extradition of Amos Stirling, colored, who is under arrest at Trenton, N. J., for the murder of Professor Roy White, of the University of Pennsylvania, last Saturday night at Philadelphia. Two Philadelphia detectives left Harrisburg on an afternoon train for Trenton with the papers for the return of the alleged murderer to the Quaker City for a hearing.

DISAGREEMENT ON NAVAL BILL.

Washington, May 25.—The conference of the two houses on the naval appropriation bill decided to report a disagreement on the armor plate amendment of the senate and also on the senate amendments relating to the terms of Annapolis cadets and ocean and lake surveys. An agreement has been reached upon all items of the bill.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS.

Washington, May 25.—Pensions have been granted as follows: James Surver, Bugzies, Luzerne county, 81; James H. Terwilliger, Scranton, 84; Susan Jones (widow), Pike's Creek, Luzerne county, 85; Winifred Frittker (widow), Wilkes-Barre, 85; Fanny Hass (widow), Wilkes-Barre, 85.

PURE OIL STOCK INCREASED.

Trenton, May 25.—Papers were filed at the state department today increasing the capital stock of the Pure Oil company from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The company is incorporated in Pennsylvania, and it is understood it will work in conjunction with the United Pipe Line company.

IRISH EMIGRATION FIGURES.

London, May 25.—In the house of commons today Mr. Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, replying to an attack upon the Irish emigration figures was due to the improved state of trade in the United States.

ELECTION AT THE M. E. CONFERENCE

MANY SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANTS ARE RE-ELECTED.

The Conference Will Consider for Final Disposal Today the Report of Committee on the State of the Church in Regard to Its Attitude on Card Playing and Theatres. Lively Debate Is Promised—Results of the Balloting for Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries.

MR. WANAMAKER IS VINDICATED

Mass Meeting of Philadelphia Citizens Protest Against the Alleged Action of Mr. English.

Philadelphia, May 25.—A mass meeting of citizens which was limited numerically only to the capacity of the Academy of Music was held tonight to protest against the alleged action of Director of Public Safety English in threatening the personal character of ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker if he did not use his influence to have the attacks against the city administration by the North American, his son's newspaper, discontinued.

DEL PUENTE DEAD.

The Famous Operatic Baritone Expires From Apoplexy. Philadelphia, May 25.—Signor Giuseppe Del Puente, the famous operatic baritone, died suddenly today of apoplexy at his home, 4303 Walnut street. He was 69 years old. A widow and one son survive him.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, May 25.—Arrived: Ford, Bremen, from Hamburg. Cleared: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, from Bologna. Sailed: European, London, Hamburg, 23. Paterla, from New York. Cherbourg—Arrived: Columbia, New York for Hamburg. Sailed: Kaiser Friedrich, from Hamburg and Southampton for New York. Landed—Arrived: Europe, from New York. Bremen—Arrived: Lahn, New York. Goggin—Arrived: Ems, New York via Naples. Queenstown—Arrived: Campania, New York for Liverpool (and proceeded). Bremen—Passed: Columbia, New York for Liverpool. Pearl Point—Passed: Staniam, Rotterdam for New York. Landed—Passed: La Gasconne, New York for Havre.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 25.—Forecast for Saturday (and Sunday): Partly cloudy; variable winds; showers and drizzle; fresh north to east winds.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR; FRESH WINDS.

1 General—British Advance Unobstructed. New Government for the Cubans. Methodist Conference Events. Secretaries. Congress Nearly Ready to Adjourn.

2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

3 Local—News and Gossip of the Sporting World. Crowds at the Circus.

4 Editorial. News and Comment.

5 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's Views.

6 Local—Crucifixion to Sea Crusaders. Bishop Heber Will Lay Corner-Stone of New South Side Church.

7 Local—Death of Robert T. Black. Councilman Chittenden in Favor of Radical Reform in Fire Department.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

9 Round About the County.

10 Local—Religious News of the Week. Tomorrow's Sunday-School Lesson.

11 General—Monday's Total Eclipse of the Sun.

12 Local—Live News of the Industrial World. Court Proceedings.

THE BRITISH UNOPPOSED

Country in Front of Them Practically Clear of Boers.

ROBERTS' RAPID ADVANCE.

A Junction Now Effected with General Hamilton—French's Cavalry Is Already Reconnoitering the Fords of the Vaal—According to Reports the Boers Are Quarreling Among Themselves—Transvaal Money at 80 Per Cent. Discount.

London, May 26, 2:30 a. m.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vrededorf station, filed Thursday at 8:45 p. m., was that the British were rapidly advancing. General Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers to Johannesburg. The Boers were evacuated all their positions north of the Vaal river and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably General French's cavalry is already reconnoitering the fords of the Vaal.

War office observers expect that the next news from the field will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier.

Mr. Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Vrededorf, Thursday evening, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal river on Saturday or Sunday. The British are everywhere in the Transvaal, nine miles north of Vrededorf and twenty-six miles south of the Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

While the British in overwhelming force are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are everywhere in the Transvaal. The Pretoria newspaper to reach Lorenzo Marques was a week old. Everyone seeking to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is searched for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war are suppressed, and the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth.

According to these oral reports yesterday, the Boers were quarreling among themselves. The Transvaal paper money was circulating at 80 per cent. discount. Becker's firm was giving one pound in gold for five pounds in paper. Krouse and Klinko, the engineers, who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schutte had been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and the British subjects had been turned out.

The Transvaalers fear that the British will blow up the bridge at Komati-poort, thus cutting off their supplies from Delagoa Bay, and a commando of 500 is guarding the bridge against any such attempt.

The railway south of Mafeking is being rapidly repaired, and the bridge at Taunus can now be used. Refugees from Mafeking are passing through Taunus, bound for the Cape.

Two thousand Boers are near Peka-burg, besides small parties of Boers who come into contact with the British while reconnoitering. President Steyn was with these Boers last Monday, organizing and inspiring them and drafting recruits into the service.

WILL SUPPRESS "BOXERS"

United States Will Take a Hand in the Crusade Against the Chinese Murderers.

Washington, May 25.—The United States government has taken a hand in the suppression of the "Boxers," the famous Chinese secret society which is engaged in the massacre of native Christians in China, and of which is attributed numerous outrages since the foreign missionaries, United States Minister Conger has been instructed by the state department to inform the Chinese government that the government of the United States expects to promptly and thoroughly stamp out this society, and to provide a proper guarantee for the maintenance of peace and order and the protection of life and property of Americans in China, all now threatened by the operations of the "Boxers."

There is no indication in the instructions as to the course that will be pursued by the United States in case the Chinese government ignores or fails to observe the warning conveyed in this communication.

BIG VERDICT RENDERED.

William Walters Received \$47,000 For Loss of Eyesight.

Philadelphia, May 25.—One of the largest verdicts ever rendered by a jury in the local courts for personal injuries sustained was that of \$47,000, given to William F. Walters, a minor, in his suit against the Atlantic Refining company, which was tried in common pleas court before Judge Wittbank today.

The boy asked for \$50,000, contending that through the negligence of the company in allowing a can of oil to remain in a dangerous locality an explosion occurred which permanently blinded him.

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