

THE PLATT AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Cuban Constitutional Convention Decides the Question by a Vote of 16 to 11.

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Senores Tamayo, Villundias and Quesada Submit the Platt Amendment as Passed by Congress and Recommend That It Be Accepted and Made an Appendix to the Constitution—Senor Ferrero Votes with the Conservatives—Two of the Objectors Absent—A Commission Will Be Appointed to Draw Up the Electoral Law.

Havana, June 12.—The Cuban constitutional convention today adopted the Platt amendment by a vote of 16 to 11. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion. Immediately after the opening of the session, Senores Tamayo, Villundias and Quesada, constituting a majority of the committee on relations, submitted as a substitute for the committee's former report, the Platt amendment as passed by congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the constitution.

Senores Rivera, Corcoso, Genera and Roban were absent. The latter two voted against acceptance in the previous division. Senor Ferrero voted with the conservatives, explaining his change of attitude by asserting that he believed acceptance would be the best solution of the problem. The convention will now appoint a commission to draw up the electoral law.

Washington, June 12.—The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment, and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island.

Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island. Just to what extent the United States will require practical evidence of this fact is not definitely known, but the officials here think that such steps should be taken by the Cubans as will demonstrate their ability to maintain order and peace, so that the interests of all the people, native and foreign, shall be adequately protected.

An effective police force, and other measures necessary to the preservation of good order and sanitation are considered essential prerequisites in the formation of the new government. The mere physical question of the withdrawal of the American military from the island is an easy one, and can be accomplished without much delay.

General Wood tonight communicated to the war department officially the fact that the amendment had been adopted. Mr. Root's Opinion. Buffalo, June 12.—Secretary of War Elihu Root was shown the Associated Press dispatch from Havana tonight announcing the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban convention. He said: "If the Cuban convention has adopted the Platt amendment it has done the wisest and most patriotic thing for Cuba."

LAUR WILL FIGHT TRUSTS. Former French Deputy Feared the American Steel Company. Paris, June 12.—Francis Laur, a former deputy, deposited in the chamber of deputies today the petition calling attention to the American steel trust, which Laur claims threatens the disorganization of the French metal industry. The petition suggests as a requisite an increase in the duties on American steel products and

TRANSIT ORDINANCES IN PHILADELPHIA.

Fourteen Which Were Introduced Monday Have Passed. Philadelphia, June 12.—Fourteen rapid transit ordinances, which were introduced in council Monday, were tonight passed by both select and common branches. Thirteen of the bills grant franchises to street railway companies and the remaining one revokes all privileges previously granted to companies which failed to take advantage of them within the time set by ordinances. Last week several new bills were rushed through the state legislature at Harrisburg, permitting the chartering of new companies for the purpose of constructing elevated, underground and surface railways, provided the consent of the municipality was secured. These bills were almost immediately signed by Governor Swope. The ordinances introduced in council here Monday were referred to the proper committee and after being printed were favorably recommended to councils, both branches of which held afternoon and night sessions in order to pass them.

EIGHTEEN STREET RAILWAYS. Receive Charters from the State Department at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, June 12.—Charters were granted today by the state department to eighteen street railway companies under the Poicht and Emery rapid transit bills. All the corporations are located in Allegheny county. The incorporators are the same, as follows: W. J. Berryman, Pittsburg; C. F. Thompson, Charlot; C. J. Marsh, P. M. Ross, L. G. Wood, Pittsburgh. A charter was also granted to the Potstown Traction company, of Potstown, to build twenty-one miles of road in the borough of Potstown and vicinity. The company is capitalized at \$250,000. George M. Malsberger, of Potstown, is president of the concern. The directors are Jacob C. Souter, J. Allen Healy, Calvin Fegely and S. H. Fridy, of Potstown. An application for a charter has been filed by the Schuylkill Traction company for a line to run over practically the same territory covered by the Potstown company's papers, but has not yet been acted upon.

INVESTIGATING FRAUD REPORTS. General Shafter and Colonel Maus, Inspector General of the Department of California, Make Inquiries.

San Francisco, June 12.—General Shafter and Colonel Maus, inspector general of the department of California, and the federal grand jury, are investigating the many reports of fraud committed in the military branch of the army service in this city. That the reports seem to be based on something more substantial than idle rumor, is evidenced by the disclosures following the arrest of Lewis Abraham and Sons, dealers in second hand clothing. The extent of the alleged frauds has not been determined. For months past various stores about the city have been exhibiting signs "government goods for sale here," and advertisements have even been crowded into the daily newspapers. Inspector Maus and a number of local detectives began some days ago the investigation which resulted in the arrest of Abraham and his son, George, or buying and selling government supplies. Their examination has been set for next Tuesday afternoon. Their bail was fixed at \$5,000. Both Abraham and his son deny the charge, but a second hand dealer, Jacob Stever, states that Abraham sold him twenty pairs of army shoes.

Three big wagon loads of goods, principally clothing, were taken to the hall of justice and in every case the men from whom they were secured have admitted buying the goods from Abraham and his son. Late this afternoon Captain Seymour stated that the government officers had discovered large quantities of goods stolen from the government. The goods were stored in a warehouse south of Market street. The property consisted of all kinds of military supplies. Captain Seymour would not give the address of the warehouse.

FASTEST BATTLESHIP. The New Sea Fighter, the Illinois, Lowers the Record for Rapid Sailing.

Boston, June 12.—With the proud distinction of being the fastest battleship in America and the speediest of her class in the world, the new sea fighter Illinois lies at anchor in President's roads to-night, after a most successful trial. Over the government course, from Cape Ann to Cape Cod, she returned in a distance of sixty-six nautical miles, she raced to-day under the watchful eyes of United States naval representatives, and established a new record by maintaining an average speed of 17.3 knots for four consecutive hours. Not only did she demonstrate that she was faster than any warship of her size afloat, but she proved her ability to turn upon an enemy with extraordinary quickness by describing a complete circle in 200 yards, at little more than twice her length, in three minutes and ten seconds, while ploughing through the sea at full speed.

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Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, June 12.—Charters were issued today by the state department to the following corporations: The Hazel Press association, Honesdale; capital, \$8,000. International Pneu-matic Packing company, Senanton; capital, \$2,000. The Tusoga Mountain Mining and Smelting company, Huntington; capital, \$20,000. The People's Ice company, Harrisburg; capital, \$25,000. The Peltona Water company, Cross Forks, Potter county; capital, \$5,000. Alliance Water company, Catawago; capital, \$2,000. The Excelsior Milling Machine Manufacturing company, Al-lentown; capital, \$100,000.

Princeton Commencement.

Princeton, N. J., June 12.—Tonight the concluding exercises of commencement work at Princeton, including the singing of the seniors on the steps of Nassau hall and the passing of the loving cup to each member of the class. After the time honored custom, the senior branches were banished on the historic common.

CAPTAIN HERRIHY HELD. The King of the Red Light District Is Under Bail.

New York, June 12.—Police Captain John D. Herlihy was formally held in \$1,500 bail today by Magistrate Cornell, in the Harlem police court. The charge is alleged neglect of duty in permitting vice to exist in the Eldridge street precinct, known as the "Red Light" district, when the captain was in command there last year. The action of the magistrate grew out of charges that were made against Captain Herlihy by the Rev. Mr. Pad-dock, of the pro-cathedral, before the old police board, which acquitted the captain.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN PORT ROYAL MINES. Tom Gleason, the Pit Boss, at the Inquest Says the Man Responsible Is Still in the Mine.

West Newton, June 12.—Another explosion took place in the Port Royal mines at 4 o'clock this afternoon in No. 2 shaft. It sent up a whirlwind of oil dust and smoke and proved conclusively that the explosion was in the mines. It will probably be tomorrow afternoon before the mine inspectors can get together for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of making another attempt to recover the dead in the mine before flooding it. Coronor Wynne, of Westmoreland county, commenced an inquiry into the cause of the disaster at this place this afternoon. Only two witnesses were examined when adjournment was taken until tomorrow. The inquest will probably occupy several days as the jury, which is composed of well-known business men, seems determined to get at the cause of the disaster if it can be learned. Tom Gleason, pit boss, in his testimony at the inquest, said the man responsible for the explosion is still in the mine. "That would be wrong," said he, "but I had put up a danger signal which Assistant Pit Boss Hadley tore down and told the men all was safe. The explosion followed a short time afterward. Gleason promised to have at the inquest tomorrow two witnesses to corroborate his statement. Rev. Father Carroll of Smithton, insists that some of the men in the burning mine are yet alive and asked tonight that he be permitted to lead a relief party. "I have four experienced miners from the region," he said, "who will go into the shaft with me. I will go one hundred yards ahead and will bring out the men alive or dead." Some one spoke of removing the plugs in the river bed and letting the water into the mine. "That would be wrong," said Father Carroll, "at least until the mine has been closed seven days."

RIOTING AT ROCHESTER. A Thousand Men Drive Away Laborers at Work on the Streets—Mayor in Sympathy.

Rochester, N. Y., June 12.—Rioting of the striking street car building laborers in the city today, which assumed this morning, a thousand men in ugly mood marched onto Portland avenue, where a macadam pavement is being laid, and with sticks and stones drove away the men and teams employed in the work. A bicycle squad of fifteen policemen and an equal number brought by a patrol wagon, drove off the strikers, who proceeded to other jobs, followed by the big police detail. Later in the day the men visited the city hall and the leaders waited on Mayor Carnahan, who expressed his sympathy and promised to use his best endeavors with the contractors to terminate the strike.

NEWPORT NEWS STRIKE. Trouble at Shipyard Has Reached a Critical Stage—Uncomfortable Feeling in Business Circles.

Newport News, Va., June 12.—The strike situation at the Newport News shipbuilding yards has reached a critical stage. In addition to the striking machinists, about 500 in number, two hundred skilled men from the electrical, plumbing and pipe fitting departments were laid off yesterday. Today 150 more, chiefly laborers, were laid off. In each case action was due to the interference in the progress of the work of the departments by the strikers. It is stated that other departments will be laid off as rapidly as they finish their work ahead of the machinists and can do no more without the aid of the machine shops. As the city is largely dependent upon the 7,000 men at the yard the feeling in business circles is uncomfortable in the highest degree. At the present rate the yard will close down in a week or ten days, unless there is a change.

FRESH FOREIGN TOPICS.

Breslau, June 12.—Mrs. Baha, wife of Commandant General Louis Baha arrived here today. She was received at the railway station by Dr. Leyde. Rome, June 12.—The pope today received in audience Mr. O'Connell, the bishop of Portland, Me. Berlin, June 12.—The German government is organizing in the Rhine provinces a large expedition of coal miners who will go to Spain to help work there. Each miner is to be paid 100 marks for the expedition, plus the cost of his passage.

Preference for Yerkes.

Altoona, June 12.—At a special meeting called for the purpose the Blair County Democratic association adopted a resolution expressing preference for Judge Herman Yerkes, of Bucks county, to fill the vacancy in the supreme court of Pennsylvania caused by the death of Justice Henry M. Green, of Easton, and pledging the Democracy of Blair county toward securing the Democratic nomination for Judge Yerkes.

Drowned in a Canal.

Harrisburg, June 12.—Charles Reindler, aged 15 years, while swimming in the Pennsylvania canal today in this city was seized with cramps and drowned.

INTERNATIONAL Y.M.C.A. JUBILEE. First Address Before Convention at Boston Is Delivered by Judge S. P. Spencer.

Boston, June 12.—The work of the International Y.M.C.A. jubilee convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which began yesterday, was in full swing in all its branches to-day. The presentation of Y. M. C. A. problems and of subjects bearing on the progress of the work of fifty years was the main feature of to-day's programme. The day opened with the praise service. The first address of the day was given by Judge Selden P. Spencer, of St. Louis, who spoke on "The Contribution of the Young Men's Christian Association Towards the Solution of City Problems."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE. Statistics Showing the Increase of the Y. M. C. A. Institutions Throughout the Land—Large Gains in the Cities but the Country Associations Are Not Well Supported.

Statistics Showing the Increase of the Y. M. C. A. Institutions Throughout the Land—Large Gains in the Cities but the Country Associations Are Not Well Supported. Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler Sends an Outline of His Address—Delegates From European National Unions Are Presented. The treasurer's statement for 1900 shows that the receipts from associations were \$16,443, while the balance of \$129,095 was made up from over 1,500 individuals. The treasurer's statement for 1900 shows receipts of \$136,828; expenditures, \$136,267. Receipts of the publication account, \$2,977. The expense of this account were the same as the receipts. For the work in foreign lands the receipts were \$59,251; expenditures, \$29,648. The jubilee fund of one million dollars, authorized by the last convention, has been a little over \$1,000,000, consisting for the most part upon the total amount being raised during this jubilee year. The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of New York, who had been announced as the concluding speaker of the morning session, was detained at home by illness, but he sent an outline of his address, which was read by the secretary of the convention, Dr. Cuyler said: "The single and supreme aim of associations from the start was, and must be, to echo the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts of young men. The best achievements are the men it has made. The association is the most splendid example of the beauty and power of loving, working unity in Christ that the age has witnessed."

DISMEMBERED BODY IS IDENTIFIED. The Chelmsford Mystery the Remains of Mrs. Wilfred Blondin. Husband Treated Her Cruelly.

Lawrence, Mass., June 12.—Mrs. Wilfred Blondin, whose dismembered body was found at Chelmsford last Sunday and identified today, came here with her family from Ireland when she was quite young. Last April, while on a visit to her sister, who resides here, she said she had some trouble with her husband because he wanted her to draw her money from the bank and go to Canada to live. She asked her sister's advice about this matter, but her sister told her to do as she thought best. Later, she returned to Boston and was living with her husband. Mrs. Casey, her sister, from what Mrs. Blondin told her, believed that Blondin was jealous of her and that he treated her cruelly. She says also that he was very peevish. Mrs. Casey is of the opinion that the quarrel about going to Canada was renewed by the countess and that Mrs. Blondin left her husband and went back to Lowell to seek work, and there met her death. Boston, June 12.—Investigation here shows that Wilfred Blondin, or J. W. Blondin, worked as fireman for Forbes, Hayward & Co. here last September. A week ago to-day it was learned he began work as night engineer on Albany street. He left his work at 7 o'clock this morning, went to his room on Green street, packed his trunk and disappeared.

CENSUS EXPERT COMES TO GRIEF. Joseph H. Ching Is Convicted of Conspiracy to Alter Returns.

Baltimore, June 12.—Joseph H. Ching, the Saint Mary's county lawyer who was recently convicted of being the principal conspirator in the scheme to alter the federal census returns from that county, was today sentenced to serve two years in the Baltimore city jail and to pay a fine of \$1,000. In overruling his motion for a new trial Judge Morris, of the United States court, said the jury could not have found any other verdict from the evidence adduced. Ching's attorneys at once gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme court of the United States.

The U. P. Commencement.

Pittsburgh, June 12.—The one hundred and forty-ninth commencement of the University of Pennsylvania was held today. Assistant United States Attorney General James M. Beck delivered the commencement oration and 600 graduates received diplomas.

Will Christen the Cleveland.

Cleveland, June 12.—Miss Ruth, daughter of Senator Hanna, has accepted an invitation to christen the cruiser Cleveland, now being built at Bath, Me. The Cleveland, it is understood, will be launched within a short time.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: LOCAL RAINS PROBABLE. 1 General—Cuba accepts the Platt Amendment. Jubilee Convention of the Y. M. C. A. Work of the State Legislature. 2 General—Carbonate Department. 3 Story—"The Avon Strike." 4 Editorial. Note and Comment. 5 Local—Lafayette College and the Educational Center. 6 Local—Trial of Mrs. Bevilacqua. Decorating the Army. 7 Local—Man killed in railroad wreck. Councils Committee Discusses the License Tax. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 General—Southeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 10 Local—Industrial and Labor.

IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Bill Appropriating \$250,000 to Erect a Memorial Building at Gettysburg Is Passed.

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Haag Opposed to the Gettysburg Bill Because He Thinks Money Should Go to Hospitals—Eleven O'clock on Thursday Is Fixed for Consideration of Congressional Appropriation Bills. Harrisburg, June 12.—The bill appropriating \$250,000 to erect a memorial building in the Gettysburg battlefield, in memory of the volunteer soldiers, sailors and marines from Pennsylvania who participated in the civil war, passed finally in the house by 103 to 34. Mr. Haag, Democrat, of Schuylkill, opposed the bill because he believed the money should be applied to the private hospitals. Mr. Voorhees, Republican, of Philadelphia, said the Democrats were always against the Union soldiers and called upon the Republicans to vote for the bill. The votes against it were cast by Democrats and anti-Quincy Republicans. A resolution was reported from the rules committee and adopted fixing 11 o'clock Thursday morning for consideration of the senate congressional appropriation bill on third reading and final passage.

Appropriation Bills Passed Finally

Williamsport hospital, \$5,000; compiling and publishing the laws of the province and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, \$2,000; home for children, Pottsville, \$2,000; Western Pennsylvania institution for the deaf and dumb, \$31,200; St. Agnes hospital, \$10,000; Grove City college, \$25,000; St. Christopher's hospital, Philadelphia, \$12,000; Washington hospital, \$18,000; York hospital, \$18,000; Lock Haven hospital, \$10,000; Kane hospital, \$12,000; Robert Packard hospital, \$25,000; Philadelphia Orthopedic hospital, \$6,000; Children's Industrial home, Harrisburg, \$4,000; Johnstown hospital, \$40,000; Todd hospital, Carlisle, \$2,000; Almlra home, New Castle, \$2,000; Oil City hospital, \$15,000; board of public charities, \$28,000; Green Hospital for Poor Consumptives, \$110,000. The senate amendments to the Ford compulsory education bill and the renovated butter bill were non-concurred in. Should the senate refuse to concur from its amendments the bills will go to conference committees.

In the Senate.

The calendar of first reading appropriation bills was cleared at to-night's session of the senate. A large number of house appropriation bills were reported from conference committees. The amendments to the Ford compulsory education bill and the process butter bill, were adhered to and conference committees will be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses. The amendment to the hunters' trespass bill, to which the house refused to concur, was stricken out. "The bill makes it willful trespass to hunt on cultivated lands. The words "on enclosed lands" were added by the senate, but the house refused to concur. Adjourned until 8 a. m.

BILLS VETOED.

Governor Stone Places the Seal of Disapproval Upon Promising Measures. Harrisburg, June 12.—Governor Stone today vetoes these bills, for the reason that he has already signed similar measures: Regulating assessment in cities of the second class. Amending the act of April 3, 1897, regulating lotteries. The governor also disapproved the following bills: Granting amnesty to S. B. Lysenger, a private in an artillery company commanded by Captain A. S. Morrow, belonging to Colonel Jacob Higgins' regiment, Pennsylvania militia, for granting a pension to James S. Plummer, a private in Tyrone artillery company, Pennsylvania militia, commanded by Captain James Bell.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, June 12.—Arrived: Lahn, Bremen and Southampton; Arrived: La Lore, Bremen; Friedrich, Bremen via Southampton; Deutschland, Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Sailed: Majestic, Liverpool; Friedland, Antwerp; Rotterdam-Arrived: Stratford, New York; Southampton-Arrived: St. Louis, New York; Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse (from Bremen), New York via Cherbourg; Klabbe (from Bremen), New York for Queenstown and Liverpool.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 86 degrees; lowest temperature, 60 degrees; relative humidity, 75 per cent; S. W. wind, 5 to 10 miles per hour; no precipitation; weather, clear.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 12.—Forecast for East: Fair, with showers and a few showers; temperature, probably followed by showers and cooler in the afternoon or at night. Friday, showers; variable winds.