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CUBAN RECIPROCITY IS UNRESTRICTED

All Danger of the Bill Being Weighted with Undesirable Amendments Is Over.

MEASURE WILL PASS IN ORIGINAL FORM

The Debate Yesterday Was Without Particular Interest — Thirty-five Members Still Desire to Speak on the Bill—In the Senate the Debate on the Chinese Exclusion Bill Is Practically Concluded—Voting Will Begin at 10 O'Clock Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—With the close of the Cuban reciprocity debate in the house today, the leaders announced that all danger of the bill being weighted down with undesirable amendments was over and that they felt assured the bill would pass in the shape in which it came from the committee. As the bill in its present form is sure to command three-fourths of the vote of each side its passage was certain if it successfully passed the stage when amendments could be offered. The only cause of anxiety heretofore has been the possibility that enough Republicans would join with the Democrats to overrule the chair and tack on to the bill an amendment to abolish the differential on refined sugar. All the energies of the leaders have been directed, therefore, to bringing pressure on the recalcitrant Republicans to induce them to refrain from aiding this plan, and this evening at the close of the session of the house it was announced that the entire Republican delegations from Michigan and California, who constitute the head and front of the opposition, had agreed not to vote to overrule the ruling of the chair. Mr. Watson (Indiana), who is acting as the whip of the majority, does not believe over a dozen Republicans, at the outside, will join the Democrats on this proposition. It would require more than twenty Republican votes to place on the bill the amendment which might endanger its ultimate passage, as several Democrats, it is understood, also have declared their intention to stand by the ruling of the chair.

An unsuccessful effort was made again today by Mr. Payne to secure an agreement to limit the general debate. When the house adjourned today there remained thirty-five members who desire to speak.

The debate today was without particular interest. The speakers were Messrs. Swanson (Virginia) and White (Kentucky) for the bill, and Messrs. S. W. Smith (Michigan), Dayton (West Virginia), Burgess (Texas), Meyer (Louisiana) and Sutherland (Utah) against it.

Debate on Chinese Exclusion.

The debate in the senate on the Chinese exclusion bill was practically concluded today, and voting on the bill and amendments will begin at 1 o'clock tomorrow. By general consent a vote was taken today on two important amendments, offered by Mr. Fairbanks, of Indiana, striking out the definition as to Chinese students and teachers, and they were agreed to without division. These changes were made with a view to reconciling some of the opposition to the measure, which has been directed against the rigid restrictions on students and teachers, and the unnecessary inconvenience this would impose on the educated Chinese classes coming to this country.

The debate today was participated in by Senators Heitfeld, of Idaho; Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Turner, of Washington, in favor of the bill, and Senators Pritchard, of North Carolina, and Spooner, of Wisconsin, in opposition. Mr. Turner made the assertion that politics had crept into the discussion and that most of the members of the majority were opposed to the bill. This brought out a sharp rejoiner from Mr. Spooner, who maintained that politics had not figured in the discussion and that the opposition to the present bill was due entirely to its conflict with the treaty and not because of any opposition to Chinese exclusion, which was an established doctrine of the government.

PENNSYLVANIA DAY.

Governor Stone and Staff Will Be at the Charleston Exposition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Charleston, S. C., April 15.—Tomorrow will be notable at the exposition, as it will be celebrated as both Virginia day and Pennsylvania day. Two crack companies of the Seventieth Virginia regiment, the Richmond Blues and Richmond Grays, under Major L. T. Christian, arrived here on Monday, and the entire cadet corps of the Virginia military institute, 280 strong, under Major H. C. Ford, reached Charleston this morning and went into camp on the exposition grounds. Tomorrow they will escort Governor Montague on the parade from the St. John hotel to the exposition grounds.

Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, with his staff and a number of ladies, will arrive tomorrow morning and will hold formal exercises in the Pennsylvania building.

Democratic State Committee.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 15.—Democratic State Chairman Creasy tonight sent out notices to the county chairmen announcing the meeting of the state committee in this city on Wednesday, April 23, for the purpose of electing a state chairman and selecting the time and place for holding a state convention.

SENATORIAL ELECTION BILL.

Committee on Privileges Votes to Amend House Resolution.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today, by a majority of one, voted to amend the house resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people, by adding the amendment offered by Senator Depew. The amendment is as follows:

"The qualifications of citizens entitled to vote for United States senators and representatives in congress shall be uniform in all the states, and congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and to provide for the registration of citizens entitled to vote, the conduct of such elections, and the certification of the result."

The committee voted down the Penrose amendment, providing that senators shall be apportioned according to the population of the several states. The vote on the Penrose amendment was unanimous. Senator Burrows voted with the Democrats in opposition to the Depew provision. Otherwise the vote was strictly on party lines. The division was as follows:

Ayes—Hoar, Pritchard, McComas, Foraker, Depew, Beveridge and Dillingham—7.

Noes—Burrows, Pettus, Blackburn, Dubois, Bailey and Foster, (Louisiana) —6.

There was a general discussion of the merits of the house resolution, and when the committee adjourned, it was with the understanding that a vote should be reached upon it as amended at the next regular meeting of the committee, which will be held on Tuesday of next week.

FEDERATION DEMANDS EXCLUSION OF CHINESE

Resolutions Are Framed and Submitted to Senator Frye, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today continued the hearing of the three cornered fight between the Brewery Workers' National union, the International Union of Steam Engineers and the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, and then deferred a decision.

The status of the Chinese exclusion bill, which has passed the house and is now pending before the senate, was discussed at length when the following letter was framed and presented to Senator Frye, president pro tem of the senate:

Washington, April 15, 1902.

Hon William P. Frye, President Pro Tem., United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: The undersigned, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, being in session in the city of Washington, D. C., has under consideration the matter of legislation relative to the exclusion of Chinese laborers from the United States and its insular territory. It may be necessary to indicate how deeply interested are the men and women of our country whom we have the honor to represent, in the matter of this legislation, and desirous of serving them, as well as all people of our country to the very best of our ability, we have adopted the following preambles and resolutions:

Whereas, The Philippines with their large Chinese population of the pure and mixed blood and their proximity to China serves and could to a greater degree serve as a reservoir of Chinese laborers, and a bridge over which Chinese could and would come to the mainland territory of the United States unless stopped by effective legislation, and,

Whereas, Any law which does not exactly define the meaning to be given to the treaty terms, official, teacher, student, merchant and traveler, would, in view of Chinese duplicity be a mockery and of no value, and the seamen are clearly entitled to equal protection from Chinese competition and contamination as are other workers in our common country, and,

Whereas, The validity of the entire Scott act of 1888 is in controversy in an appeal case now pending before the Supreme court and it is generally admitted that the attack will be sustained by the court, neither the Proctor bill nor the Platt amendment dealing in any way with these new questions or the emergency which will beyond doubt arise by the court's dicision.

Resolved, By the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in session assembled, that we hold said Proctor bill and Platt amendment utterly inadequate and contrary to the best interest of labor all over the country, in the mills of New England or the Carolinas, as well as the workers on the Pacific coast and in the inter-mountain states and, further,

Resolved, That we are firmly convinced that the Mitchell-Kahn bill as reported from the committee on immigration and passed by the house of representatives as the only exclusion bill that will exclude, now before congress, and we therefore, urge all true friends of the policy of the exclusion of Chinese laborers from the United States to vote for this bill and to defeat any amendment offered thereto, tending to weaken it in any of its essential or effective features.

We sincerely trust that this resolution, embossing our best judgment may meet with your favorable consideration, and that you may honor us by presenting the same to the senate in session.

Thanking you in advance, in anticipation of your compliance with our request, we have the honor to remain, Very respectfully,

Samuel Gompers, president; James Duncan, first vice president; John Mitchell, second vice president; James O'Connell, third vice president; Max Morriz, fourth vice president; Thomas I. Kidd, fifth vice president; D. A. Hayes, sixth vice president; John B. Lennon, treasurer; Frank Morrison, secretary.

Executive Council American Federation of Labor.

Pennsylvania Society.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—Bishop Henry C. Potter was re-elected president and Andrew Carnegie first vice president of the Pennsylvania society of New York at its third annual meeting tonight. The society now has 400 former Pennsylvanians in this city on its rolls.

Countess de Castellane Has a Son.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—The Countess Boni de Castellane, formerly Anna Gould, of New York, gave birth to a son yesterday. The mother and child are doing well

TWELVE ARTICLES COMPLETED.

Presbyterian Creed Revision Committee Expects to Finish Friday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—The work of the committee which is preparing a revision of the Presbyterian creed progressed rapidly today. Three articles of the brief statement of doctrine were agreed upon, viz.:

Those relating to the Holy Spirit, justification, faith and repentance and the new birth. Twelve articles are now completed, leaving a half dozen or less to be formulated. The committee expects to finish its work by Thursday or Friday.

This afternoon the members attended the funeral of Rev. Dr. Talmage in a body.

KNOX AND THE BEEF TRUST

The Attorney General Will Prosecute Without Aid of Congress.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—A letter from Attorney General Knox, relative to the so-called beef trust, was made public today by Representative Ray, of New York, chairman of the house committee on judiciary. In view of the attorney general's letter, the judiciary committee decided without division to recommend that the resolution of Representative Thayer, of Massachusetts, asking the attorney general what steps he had taken against the beef trust, lie on the table. The attorney general's letter is given in Chairman Ray's report on the resolution.

The report quotes Mr. Ray's letter, dated April 12, to the attorney general, in which the following questions are asked

First—Has you attention been called to the matter alleged in house resolution 206, a copy of which is annexed?

Second—Have you been requested to take any official action in the matter?

Third—Have you any evidence of the existence of such a combination?

The attorney general, in a letter of the same dates, answers the questions as follows:

First—It has not, except so far as it is a matter of general notoriety.

Second—I have not.

Third—None that could be classed as legal evidence.

Continuing, the letter says:

It is proper, I think, however, to add that owing to the positive, oft-repeated and circumstantial nature of the allegations, that the law is being flagrantly violated, I directed some time ago a thorough investigation to be made by one of the district attorneys of the United States for the purpose of ascertaining whether in fact such combination existed, and whether, if so, its operations were in violation of any federal statute.

Continuing, the report says:

It is apparent from this conference that there is no necessity for the adoption of the resolution. By reason of the widespread notoriety of the matter, the attorney general of the United States has already ordered a thorough investigation. There is no doubt he will perform his duty and prosecute all offenders, if offenders there be.

It is evident that he should not be required to give in detail the steps already taken as this would be to forewarn those who are violating the law to enable them to conceal evidence.

It is also evident that this office cannot state whether or not there has been an infringement of the law as no evidence has been presented to him upon which to base an opinion and no intelligent opinion can be given as to whether or not there has been an infringement of the law until the facts are fully ascertained.

It is also evident that no legal steps can be taken toward a prosecution of the parties violating the law until a thorough investigation has been made. In short, the letter of the attorney general above quoted answers the resolution as fully as it can be or ought to be at this time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS PROVIDES FOR BIG LOAN

Resolution Ordering the Placing of a £32,000,000 Loan Is Passed by Vote of 229 to 103.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 15.—During the course of the debate in the house of commons today, on the resolution authorizing a loan of £32,000,000, as proposed yesterday when the budget was presented, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, said the grant for the relief of the West Indies, pending the operation of the provisions of the Brussels sugar convention, would probably not exceed £250,000, but assistance was necessary, if the sugar producers were to be saved from absolute ruin.

Discussing the financial prospects of South Africa, the chancellor of the exchequer said both the Transvaal and Orange River colonies would be able to share in the cost of the war. He could not announce the amount definitely, but he believed that within a few years, certain sources of revenue, representing a capital of the value of £30,000,000 would be set aside for this purpose.

Regarding the reports of differences between himself and the colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer admitted they had a little difference of opinion. The resolution providing for a loan of £32,000,000 was adopted, 229 to 103.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen; Aller, Genoa. Cleared: Vaderland, Antwerp; Germanic, Liverpool; Philadelphia, Southampton. Havre—Arrived: La Bretagne, New York. Boulogne—Arrived: Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam. Plymouth—Arrived: Patricia, New York for Cherbourg and Hamburg (and proceeded). Bremen—Arrived: Kronprinz Wilhelm, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15. — Pensions granted: Henry Welch, Scranton, $10; Griffith Reese, Plymouth, $12.

The Pope Receives Cockran.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, April 15.—The pope today received former Congressman Bourke Cockran, of New York, in audience.

THE RIOTING IN BELGIUM

Scenes of Disorder Are Continued. Mobs Stone the Police Who Charged with Swords.

TROOPS QUARTERED IN THE SCHOOLS

Strike Steadily Extending — 50,000 Men Out in Charleroi District Socialists in Brussels Prohibited from Making Demonstration at Funerals of Their Associates.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Brussels, April 15.—In consequence of the disorders, the pupils of several communal schools have been dismissed, and the premises have been utilized as barracks for the troops.

All the factories and mines at Valere, Mabille and Morlanwelz, a village fifteen miles east of Mons, have been closed.

Socialist disturbances occurred last night at Namur, a city thirty-six miles southeast of Brussels. A mob there stoned the police, who charged with drawn swords. Subsequently, a force of gendarmes scattered the rioters.

The strike is steadily extending, both in this city and its suburbs, especially at Molenbeek, where many large factories have stopped work. The military and police hav adopted more stringent measures to preserve order.

The burgomaster has refused the socialists's request to be allowed to follow their own devices in burying the socialists killed in Saturday's riots. Orders have been issued for the procession to be held at 6 o'clock in the morning, without bands or funeral emblems. Otherwise, the burial must be conducted at night.

It is estimated that the strikers in the Charleroi district number 50,000. Parades are held frequently in the street there, but the town is generally peaceful, in accordance with the advice of the strike leaders.

At La Louviere, a town in the province of Hainut, 25,000 men are out on strike, but that district remains quiet.

A soldier who raised seditious cries at Houdeng-Aimeries, ten miles west of Mons, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Dispatches from Ghent, Liege and elsewhere in the provinces show that the strike is extending. The workmen thus far have been peaceable. At Herstal, three miles northeast of Liege, 1,500 employes of the National Arms factory walked out.

All the approaches to the parliament buildings here are occupied by civic guards.

The International Socialist bureau has decided to issue a manifesto to all foreign labor associations, asking them to support the general strike in Belgium.

The Government Firm.

The government has firmly declined to yield on the question of revision, and, unless King Leopold should override the ministry, there seems to be nothing to prevent the development of a serious situation.

In the chamber of deputies this afternoon, M. Neujean presented a manifesto, on behalf of the Liberal members of the Leftists, demanding dissolution in order to enable the country to pronounce on the revision question. This manifesto pointed out that the time was critical and the country threatened with civil war, and for the government to consent to a loyal and constitutional settlement could not be represented as a surrender to popular disorder.

To this challenge the premier, M. Le Smet de Nayer, replied briefly by declaring that the right of dissolution rested with the king. He added that he felt it his duty to warn parliament against the rumors of government concession.

M. Janson, the Liberal leader, retorted that the chamber could, by a motion, call upon the king to change the ministry. He said there was no sign of conciliation in the premier's reply to M. Neujean and that responsibility for the consequences would rest on the government.

At this point M. Woeste, a Catholic deputy, who, although not a minister, is a powerful adherent to the government, jumped up and exclaimed:

"There is no civil war, but only evilly disposed men. You demand our resignation, but you shall not have it."

Tomorrow the Socialist members of the chamber will present their demand for universal suffrage. This will inevitably be defeated, and it is feared that this defeat will lead to trouble, particularly in the provinces.

Measures to Avert Disorders.

No noteworthy incident occurred today in the streets of the city. The authorities have taken extraordinary measures to avert disorders, and the whole quarter, comprising the chamber of deputies, the palace and the ministeries is kept in complete isolation from the rest of the city by cordons of the city guard.

A torrential storm, which began at 8 o'clock this evening, has cleared the streets.

The Socialists are pleased with the Liberal manifesto, presented in the chamber this afternoon as it supports their demands.

The strike movement in Brussels and its environs is of a minor character, but in the industrial districts it was today more formidable than ever.

The appeal of the Socialist leaders for a demonstration at the chamber of deputies has created some uneasiness. A number of shop keepers have barricaded their windows. It is rumored tonight that the cab drivers and tramway men will strike.

M'KINLEY MEMORIAL BENEFIT.

Grand Gala Matinee at the Opera Comique, Paris.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—The gala matinee performance at the Opera Comique today, in aid of the fund for a memorial to the late President McKinley, at Canton, O., was a great artistic and financial success. The house was crowded with resident Americans and many Parisians of social prominence.

The programme consisted of selections and scenes from operas and plays, recitations and a ballet, and closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise." All the artists were warmly applauded and there were many recalls.

The performance added over 20,000 francs to the Paris McKinley fund, which now exceeds 50,000 francs.

THE WYOMING CONFERENCE

Fifty-Fifth Annual Session Opens at Waverly—Bishop Merrill to Preside

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Waverly, N. Y., April 15.—The fifty-first annual session of the Wyoming Methodist Episcopal conference opened in the Methodist church here today. The day was occupied with the examination of classes. This evening the Rev. Dr. Crane, of Boston, delivered a temperance address before a large audience. The Rev. C. A. Benjamin, of Athens, presided, and the Rev. Dr. Leaffer conducted the devotional service. Bishop Merrill, who is to preside, arrived this evening.

The regular session of the conference will open tomorrow morning with a communion service, conducted by the bishop. A missionary service and a memorial service will be held in the afternoon. In the evening the Union Veterans' association meets with the local post of the Grand Army.

FUNERAL OF DR. TALMAGE.

Services Held at the Church of the Covenant.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—Funeral services were held at the Church of the Covenant this afternoon over the body of the Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage. The large church was crowded to the doors.

The funeral ceremony began at 5 o'clock and occupied considerably over an hour. The Rev. Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, and the Rev. Drs. Thomas Chalmers Easton, of this city; S. J. Nicols and James Demarest, both of Brooklyn, officiated. The floral offerings were numerous and included a wreath from President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Dr. Hamlin, in his address, pictured Dr. Talmage as one of the great clergymen of the century. He said that Dr. Talmage in his marvellous word pictures always bespoke hope and cheer; that he aimed at the hearts and emotions of the people instead of at their intellect.

Upon the conclusion of the services those within the church passed before the bier. The casket remained in the church until late tonight, when it was placed on a special car attached to the Pennsylvania railroad train leaving here for New York at 12.20 o'clock a. m. The remains will be interred tomorrow morning at Greenwood cemetery in Brooklyn, after services conducted by the Rev. Dr. Howard Suydam, of Rhinebeck, N. Y.

SECRET SESSION OF THE RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS

Meeting at Wilkes-Barre to Take Action in Case of John Nelligan.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 15.—A meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Telegraphers was held in this city tonight. The proceedings were secret. It was learned, however, that the object of the meeting was to take some action in the case of John Nelligan, a telegrapher employed in the Ashley office of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and chairman of the grievance committee of the employes, which waited on the officials of the company some months ago to present a list of grievances, and who, it is alleged, was recently asked to give up his membership in the Brotherhood by Superintendent Wentz, and, failing to do so, was dismissed from the service of the company.

This is Nelligan's side of the story, as he explained it to the meeting tonight. It is also said that two other telegraphers were laid off yesterday. They were Brotherhod men. The company, it is claimed, has a rule that men employed in dispatcher's offices must not join the Brotherhood. It is understood that a committee of the Brotherhood will wait on the officials of the road and ask for the reinstatement of Nelligan. The company officials say if there were any suspensions of employes in the telegraph department, it was for cause.

Superintendent Tinker Resigns.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—Charles A. Tinker, who for many years has been the general superintendent of the Eastern division of the Western Union Telegraph company, has resigned to take effect May 1 and B. Brooks, superintendent at Denver, Colo., has been promoted to fill the vacancy. The territory includes New England and the Middle states and Maryland.

North Dakota Arbor Day.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bismarck, N. D., April 15.—Governor White, in his Arbor Day proclamation designating Friday, May 9, as Arbor Day, recommends that "on this tree be lovingly planted and tenderly cared for on the grounds of every school and public institution of the state in honor of our martyred president, William McKinley."

CONSIDERING THE BOERS' TERMS

RUSSIAN MINISTER MURDERED.

M. Sipiaguine Killed by an Assassin's Pistol.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The minister of the interior, M. Sipiaguine, was shot at 1 o'clock this afternoon, in the lobby of the ministerial offices, by a man who held a pistol close to the minister's person.

It was learned later that M. Sipiaguine was on his way to attend a meeting of the committee of ministers. He had just entered the office of the imperial council when the assassin, who had driven up in a carriage, approached and handed him a folded paper, saying he had been charged to deliver it by the Grand Duke Sergius. The minister stretched out his hand to take the document, when the assassin fired five shots at him. Three of the bullets struck M. Sipiaguine and one wounded his servant.

The assassin did not resist arrest. He said his name was Balsahanstt, that he was a student at Kieff, where he had been sentenced to compulsory military service for participating in the riots of 1901.

He said he had been subsequently pardoned, but that he had not been reinstated at the university and that he therefore revenged himself upon M. Sipiaguine.

The minister was taken to a hospital, where he died in one hour.

M. Sipiaguine belonged to a distinguished Russian family. He was a reactionary in politics and incurred the enmity of the students by upholding the views of M. Pobiedonostseff, the chief procurator of the Holy Synod, and by supporting the most severe measures for the repression of all Liberal tendencies.

An attempt was made to shoot him on the Nevsky prospect about a year ago.

SMITH'S TESTIMONY WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Secretary Root Has Cabled General Chaffee to Place the General on Trial if Reports Are True.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—Secretary Root has cabled General Chaffee, at Manila, to investigate the newspaper reports of the Waller trial and if they are correct to court-martial General Smith. In his cablegram the secretary says:

"Press dispatches state that upon the trial of Major Waller, of the marine corps, on charges of shooting Filipino prisoners, testimony was given by Waller, and corroborated by other witnesses, that General Jacob H. Smith instructed him to kill and burn; that the more he killed and burned the better pleased General Smith would be; that it was no time to take prisoners, and that when Major Waller asked General Smith to define the age limit for killing, he replied:

"'Everything over ten.' If such testimony was given, and the facts can be established, you will place General Smith on trial by court-martial."

The secretary also cabled General Chaffee that if the facts are established as testified to before the senate Philippine committee, to court-martial the officers who administered the "water cure" to the presidente of Igbarras. These officers are Major Glenn, Lieutenant Conger and Assistant Surgeon Lyon.

DECISION RENDERED IN IGLESIAS CASE

Supreme Court of Porto Rico Gives Opinion Acquitting Santiago Iglesias—Now at Ponce.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Juan, Porto Rico, April 15.—The Supreme court of Porto Rico rendered a decision today in the appeal of Santiago Iglesias, president of the federation of workmen of Porto Rico, who was sentenced last December to three years, four months and eight days' imprisonment, on the charge of conspiring to raise the price of labor in Porto Rico. The court acquitted Iglesias of all the charges against him, thus reversing the decision of the lower court. A fine of $25, however, for contempt of court in not answering a summons was allowed to stand.

Fifteen hundred members of the federation paraded through San Juan this afternoon. They stopped at the palace and saw Governor Hunt, who spoke a few words to them. The paraders were orderly.

Iglesias is now at Ponce, where he has organized several unions of the American Federation of Labor. There was a similar parade at Ponce when the news of Iglesias' acquittal reached there.

Pension Agent at New York.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—The president today nominated Michael Kerwin to be pension agent at New York.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 15.—The Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Scoville, assistant pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, died today in the Presbyterian hospital here. Dr. Scoville was admitted to the hospital March 25, suffering from a complication of diseases. His illness responded to treatment until a few days ago, when he suffered a relapse and late last night his physicians abandoned hope of his recovery. Dr. Scoville was a son-in-law of the late Henry Ward Beecher.

Manila, April 15.—Dr. Meacham, the assistant of Major Maus, the insular health commissioner, died today of heart failure, caused by overwork on the cholera cases.

The Members of the English Cabinet Are Engaged in Important Work.

NO INTELLIGENCE FOR PUBLICATION

British Government to Notify Parliament as Soon as It Has Definite News to Impart—Hopeful Feeling Continues—Chancellor of the Exchequer Admits Slight Differences with Joseph Chamberlain.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 15.—The British cabinet met at noon today. Among other business considered was the reply of the Boer leaders to the government's communication.

The government leader, A. J. Balfour, replying to a question in the house of commons today, announced that the ministers had no information to impart on the subject of the South African peace negotiations, nor, under the circumstances, could any information be imparted at the present stage of the negotiations. The government, Mr. Balfour added, would immediately inform parliament of the fact when it had any news to communicate.

London, April 15.—The following dispatch, dated Pretoria, April 15, has been received at the war office from Lord Kitchener:

"Bruce Hamilton's columns arrived at the Standerton line last night, having taken 145 Boers, including killed and wounded, during the movement from the Middleburg line."

EFFECT OF BRITISH TAX.

News Gave a Slightly Bearish Tone to Prices—Opinions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—The imposition of an import tax on wheat and flour by the British government for war expenses had a slightly bearish effect upon the wheat market here today. May wheat closed at 78¾ last night. It sold down to ⅝ at the opening, then rallied to ⅝, and by noon sold up to ½.

The general opinion among brokers thoroughly familiar with the situation was that the tax would have no effect whatever upon the market here. A representative of McIntyre & Marshall said that the tax was too small to have any effect upon the exports from America. "The consumer will pay the tax," he added, "and the situation will adjust itself naturally. The tax imposed is on all grain and flour imported, so that grain brought in from the colonies will be subject to the same tax as that shipped from America. England uses in round figures 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, about one-half of which is shipped from the United States. They will use just as much in the future as they use today. The price of wheat is so low that the tax will hardly be felt."

Just before the opening of the Produce exchange the following cablegram was received from the Baltic, a London exchange:

"The Baltic resolved that all wheat contracts up to and including August will be made at old terms, i. e., buyers paying duty. Later dates, new terms. Duty paid by seller."

A broker who figured the amount of the tax to the British consumer said that it would amount to about five mills, or one-fifth of a cent, on an English loaf of bread. "It is so small," he added, "that it would hardly be felt. This will simply reduce the size of the loaf a little. The whole thing is quite insignificant, particularly in the light of the French duty, which is 37 cents on a bushel. This tax has been expected for some time, and full preparations were made to meet it. The long wheat was unloaded yesterday."

BASE BALL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

At York—Baltimore (American), 12; Young Men's Christian association, 0.

At Philadelphia — Philadelphia (American), 10; Newark, 5.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia (National), 5; Jersey City, 4.

At New York—New York, 8; Montreal, 3.

At Georgetown, D. C.—Georgetown college, 7; Pennsylvania State college, 4.

At Birmingham—Birmingham, 5; Cleveland, 2.

At Worcester, Mass.—Boston (National), 9; Worcester, 3.

At Waterbury, Conn.—Bolson (National), 18; Waterbury, 7.

Trolley Conductor Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., April 15.—James O'Neil, a trolley conductor of the Trenton Street Railway company, was killed at the Perry street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city today. O'Neil had crossed the tracks in front of his car and boarded the rear platform before the car was entirely across the tracks. The car was struck by freight cars which were being drilled and O'Neil was crushed to death.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for April 15, 1902:

Highest temperature ..... 63 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 30 degrees
Relative humidity—
8 a. m. ..... 60 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 40 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 15.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Wednesday and Thursday; light southwest winds.