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## CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL AMENDED

### The Beet Sugar Men Take the Bit in Their Teeth and Overrule the Chair.

### RIDE ROUGH SHOD OVER THE LEADERS

**The Amended Bill Is Passed in the House by a Vote of 247 to 52. Provisions of the Measure—Mr. Roberts of Massachusetts Springs One of the Surprises of the Day. Wants to Take Duty Off Hides.**

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—The Democrats and the Republican insurgents rode rough-shod over the house leaders today when the voting began on the Cuban reciprocity bill. They overthrew the ruling of the chair in the committee of the whole on the question of the germaneness of an amendment to remove the differential from refined sugar during the existence of the reciprocity agreement provided for in the bill. The vote to over-rule the decision of the chair, made by Mr. Sherman, of New York, was 171 to 130, Republicans to the number of 37 joining with a solid Democratic vote to accomplish this result. Having won this preliminary victory, the amendment was adopted in committee, 164-111, and later, in the house, by a still larger majority, 199-105. On this vote, 64 Republicans voted with the Democrats for the amendment. The bill then was passed by an overwhelming majority, 247-52.

An analysis of the vote shows that 121 Republicans and 123 Democrats voted for the amended bill and 42 Republicans and ten Democrats against it. Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, was one of those who voted against the bill. The voting on the bill was the culmination of a long struggle, which began almost with the opening of this session of congress, and after two weeks of continuous debate, during which much bitterness was aroused. Today's debate was of an exceedingly lively character, the feature being the echoes of last night's Democratic caucus.

To that caucus the defeat of the Republican leaders, who sought to pass the bill without amendment, is attributable. Previous to the holding of the caucus, the Democrats were very much divided, and the opposition of the Republican beet sugar men showed signs of abating. Today, when it became apparent that the Democrats would act together, the beet sugar men decided at a meeting attended by 32 of them, to take the bit in their teeth and over-ride the chair. As soon as this combination was effected, the Republican leaders realized that they would be defeated, so far as the removal of the differential was concerned, and Mr. Payne, the Republican leader, contented himself with warning his beet sugar colleagues that in removing the differential they were taking off a bit of protection placed in the Dingley bill especially for the benefit of the beet sugar producers. The Democrats attempted to follow up their advantage when the differential amendment was adopted, by offering the Babcock bill and others amendments to reduce the Dingley schedules, but on these amendments the Republicans declined to stand with them, and the Democrats did not press them vigorously. One of the surprises of the session was the attempt of Mr. Roberts, a Massachusetts Republican, to take the duty off hides. He offered two amendments and appealed once from the decision of the chair, but was voted down each time.

The bill, as passed, authorizes the president, as soon as may be after the establishment of an independent government in Cuba, and the enactment by said government of immigration, exclusion and contract labor laws as restrictive as those of the United States, to negotiate a reciprocal trade agreement with Cuba, by which, in return for equivalent concessions, the United States will grant a reduction of twenty per cent. from the Dingley rates on goods coming into the United States from Cuba, such agreement to continue until December 1, 1903. During the existence of such agreement, the duty on refined sugars and all sugars above No. 16, Dutch standard, is to be 1.825 per pound.

No Republican member from Pennsylvania voted with the Democrats for the amendment, nor did any Pennsylvania member vote against the amended bill on its final passage.

#### The Chinese Bill.

In view of the action of the senate last night, in making the Chinese exclusion substitute an amendment to the house bill, it is expected that the action of the senate will be disagreed to, in order to send the bill to conference. By this parliamentary procedure, the California members feel assured that the ultimate measure of exclusion can be no less than that in the senate bill, and they hope to secure the acceptance of some of the house provisions in conference.

#### Sympathy Strike at Schenectady.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 18.—The members of the Moulders' union in the General Electric works left their work today in sympathy with the metal polishers and screw makers, who are on strike. The strikers say that there are now 1,100 men out, but the company insists that only 700 have left their places. Two thousand machinists left the works this afternoon and as they went out hundreds of other employes joined them.

## MAY ESTABLISH REGENCY

### The Illness of Queen Wilhelmina Has Caused Much Anxiety at The Hague.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

The Hague, April 18.—The question of establishing a regency is being earnestly considered by the Netherlands government and it is thought probable, in view of the possibly long illness of the queen, that the state's general (parliament) will be summoned, in joint session, at an early date to take action in the matter.

The gates of Castle Loo have been placarded with a notification reading: "Typhoid fever within." This was in compliance with the Dutch law requiring every house in which a case of contagious disease exists to post a notice to that effect outside.

It has not yet been discovered where her majesty contracted the disease. It is declared that, while the water supplied to the castle is good, the queen has been in the habit of drinking sterilized milk.

Het Loo, Holland, April 18.—7 p. m. Queen Wilhelmina's fever has not abated, but the condition of the royal patient is said to be satisfactory. Her majesty's phsicians are said to be less anxious, it is believed the malady will not assume the ordinary malignant character. Queen Wilhelmina is visited by her doctors three times a day. She is supposed to have contracted her illness as the result of a chill.

Among the cable messages received at the palace today inquiring about the queen's progress was one from President Roosevelt.

## VAN WORMER BOYS ARE SENTENCED

### They Must Pay the Penalty for the Murder of Peter A. Hallenbeck on Christmas Eve.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hudson, N. Y., April 18.—Burton, Willis and Fred Van Wormer were found guilty of murder in the first degree this morning for the shooting of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, at Greenport on Christmas eve.

Within fifteen minutes after the report of the jury Justice Chester sentenced the brothers to die in the electric chair at Clinton prison, Dannemora, during the week of May 30, 1902. The prisoners received their sentence coolly, answering the questions put to them in a loud clear voice. As they were taken out of the court room Fred remarked to Chief of Police Lane: "Pretty tough luck isn't it."

Peter A. Hallenbeck was shot in his house at Greendale, N. Y., where he lived with his aged wife. The story, as brought out on the stand by the prisoners themselves and their cousin, Harvey Bruce, who, while he was with them at the time of the murder, was not on trial, was that the Van Wormers bought face masks at the store of one Imond Venner in Kinderhook, where they lived, on the day before Christmas and then hired a one-horse team at a livery stable and drove nearly twenty miles to their uncle's house. They first peered into the church windows at that place to make sure that Charles Hallenbeck, the old man's son, and his wife were not with their father. Then they proceeded to the house, rang the bell and as soon as the door opened began firing with revolvers at the aged man. When he was dead they went back to their team, which they had hitched in the yard, drove a distance down the road, removed their masks, turned their coats rightside out and reached Kinderbrook again late that night. The motive for the murder was declared by the prosecution to be due to a family feud.

#### TRIAL OF LIEUTENANT DAY.

### Says Filipinos Were Shot at Order of Major Glenn.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, April 18.—Lieut. John H. A. Day, of the marine corps, testified today at his trial by court martial on the charge of executing natives of Samar without trial, that the presidente of Basey, Samar and his fellow plotters were shot, as he believed, by the orders of Major Glenn.

The trial was adjourned until April 12.

Lieut. Cook of the scouts, is to be tried by court martial on charges similar to those brought against Major Waller and Lieut. Day.

#### LAND TO BE CONDEMNED IN GETTYSBURG.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 18.—The Gettysburg Battlefield National Park commission has started land condemnation proceedings to acquire for park purposes four tracts of land now owned by Mrs. F. G. Pfeffer. The first of over four acres is situated to the left of Hancock avenue, two small tracts to the right of the same and a fourth of over four acres along the Emmitsburg road. The whole aggregates ten and one-half acres. A couple of the tracts contain valuable clay deposits which are now used in the manufacture of bricks.

#### Increase for the Moulders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 18.—The moulders and first-class mechanics of the Vulcan Iron works were today given a voluntary increase of 15 cents a day, making their wages now $2.65 a day. This morning the employes of the Kingston works demanded a minimum rate of $2.50 a day.

#### Hamilton Captures Boers.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, April 18.—General Ian Hamilton, in a further drive, has captured sixty-four Boers.

#### FIRST DEFENDERS MEET.

### Less Than 120 Survive the 480 Who Passed Through Baltimore.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pottsville, Pa., April 18.—The National First Defenders Association of Pennsylvania celebrated its annual reunion here, being the guests of the Pottsville fire department. Forty-one years ago the five companies of first defenders, unarmed, passed through a mob in Baltimore on their way to Washington.

There were 480 soldiers in this band of first defenders, but today there are less than 120 survivors. The reunion today was held in Centennial hall, and upon its conclusion a banquet was given to the defenders and firemen.

The association elected the following officers:

President, Charles Slingluff, Norristown; vice-presidents, Bernard Reilly, Philadelphia; William Fix, Reading; Elias Eisenbise, Chester; Ignatz Grosser, Allentown, and Henry Yerger, Palo Alto; secretary, F. B. Bannan, Pottsville; treasurer, H. A. Eisenbise, Chester.

A committee was appointed to arrange the details for the perpetuation of the First Defenders' association by electing their sons and daughters members.

## COLOMBIAN PROTOCOL

### Canal Document Which Was Recalled Is Again Delivered to State Department.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—The Colombian canal protocol, which was delivered at the state department on April 1 and afterward recalled by Minister Concha for modifications, was again presented to Secretary Hay today.

The proposal as to price is set out as follows:

One year after the exchange of ratifications of a treaty, the United States shall pay Colombia the lump sum of $7,000,000. This figure will represent fourteen years' rental at $500,000 a year. At the end of the fourteen years' period the price which the United States shall pay each year is to be fixed by mutual consent of the two countries. In case the parties cannot agree upon a sum, it will be left to an arbitrator selected between the two governments. The protocol provides for the appointment of a joint commission representing Colombia and the United States, which will arrange and provide for all matters pertaining to the administration of affairs within the proposed canal belt, including the membership of the mixed tribunals for the administration of justice and other steps necessary to the joint occupation of the belt. It is realized that the building of a Panama canal would bring great numbers of persons of all sorts and conditions to the isthmus and for this reason it has been provided that the policing of the strip shall be performed by both American and Colombian constables, neither of these nationalities, it is held, being efficient without the aid of the other.

It is stated positively in an authoritative quarter that the modifications for which the protocol was recalled were in no sense a retraction of any of the proposals embodied in it at its former presentation, but were in the nature of explanations which make certain points clearer, but do not change their effect.

The retention of Colombian sovereignty over the canal land is a point which has been consistently adhered to all through the protocol and none of its provisions relinquish this sovereignty in any degree, it is stated. The protocol consists of twenty-seven articles and represents an exhaustive study of more than a year. Viewed as a study and as a comprehensive presentation, it is regarded very favorably at the state department.

## HERMANN GANSWINDT IN DURANCE VILE

### The "Flying Dutchman" Committed to Jail on Charge of Forging Royal Names.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, April 18.—Hermann Ganswindt, whose so-called flying machine has attracted wide attention here and abroad, was arrested today for protracted deception, forgery and gullying the public into subscribing for shares of an aeroplane company. He obtained money in small sums from hundred of persons. Ganswindt recently flooded the papers here with immense advertisements of flying machines containing the endorsement of clergymen and other persons inexperienced in business, from all parts of Germany. It transpires that some of the names were forged, including the name of Duke Ernst Guenther, of Schlewswig-Holstein, Emperor William's brother-in-law. The police had long suspected Ganswindt, and detectives had been working on the case five months. He recently offered to the war minister, for 20,000,000 marks, a flying machine which, he said, would reach the planet Mars. The prisoner also claimed to have invented a motor having multiplying power, resulting in a sort of perpetual motion.

Ganswindt, who was originally a lawyer and then a farmer, had been experimenting for ten years with various visionary inventions, none of which practically realized his expectations.

#### Hanged, According to Law.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Donaldsonville, La., April 18.—Ellis Washington and Phil Wallace, negroes were hanged here today for the murder of Lee Geismar, a wealthy storekeeper on the night of January 12. A disturbance had occurred in a saloon adjoining Geismar's store and several negroes went outside. Geismar sent out word to cease the noice. "Tell Geismar to come out himself," he shouted, in reply. When Geismer appeared he was shot dead. A number of negroes were captured and wholesale lynchings were prevented with difficulty. Washington and Wallace were convicted

## REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT

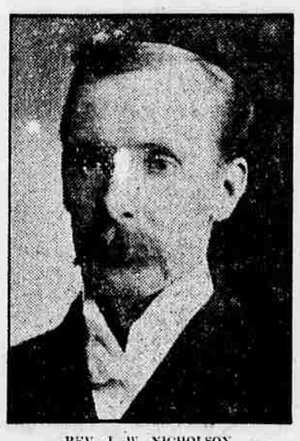
### Was Presented to the Conference by the Presiding Elder, Dr. Austin Griffin.

### WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR

**None of the Districts of the Conference Had a More Satisfactory Showing to Make Than the Wyoming—Work of the Conference Is Proceeding Slowly and It Is Probable the Appointments Will Not Be Announced Until Next Tuesday Afternoon—Afternoon Devoted to the Women's Home Missionary Society.**

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Waverly, April 18.—This is the slowest conference that Wyoming has recorded. The third day finds the business at the same point usually reached on the first forenoon. Bishop Merrill has not seemed to be in a hurry, and as a consequence everything is delayed. At the present rate of speed we shall not hear the appointments before next Tuesday afternoon.



REV. J. W. NICHOLSON,
Pastor of the Methodist Church at Waverly, N. Y.

Dean Wright gave the second of his lectures in the morning on "A Trinitarian view of the Divine Unit." It was an exposition of the divinity of Christ and was heard with interest.

Dean MacChesney, of Syracuse university, made an appeal for his work. John Archbold has paid $300,000 of the $400,000 given conditionally, and every cent of indebtedness has been met. However, more funds are needed to keep up expenses.

Dr. Thirkield made an appeal for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society, and a collection was taken for the John H. Race memorial room.

The following were passed in their studies and advanced to the second year: J. R. Austin, H. B. Burns, W. M. Bouton, W. D. Lathrope, T. Livingstone, C. H. Seward, W. MacAlpine, L. D. Tyler, A. E. Potter.

Harry Harned was discontinued, as he had taken work in the Troy conference. W. R. McDermott was continued in studies of the first year to attend school.

#### Fourth Year Men.

The following were advanced to studies of the fourth year: E. A. Martin, J. N. Meaker, G. A. Warburton, David Evans. The class of the fourth year were elected to elders' orders as follows: W. S. Adams, E. Colwell, D. H. Gridley, Frank James, W. W. Watrous and David Evans.

Rev. Dr. L. C. Floyd gave the presiding elder's report of the Binghamton district. It is his final year in this office, and the report was detailed and interesting. There are 76 churches, valued at $340,000 in the district, with 8,000 members and 8,000 children in Sunday schools. Dr. Floyd has preached 175 sermons and traveled 14,000 miles. Debts have been paid to the amount of $11,000, with $46,000 on improvements.

Rev. J. B. Cook, in the happiest possible way, made a presentation speech in which two handsome photogravures, the Hoffman "Christ and the Doctors" and "Christ and the Ruler" were given to the retiring presiding elder by his district. Mr. Cook paid a high tribute to the faithful beautiful work accomplished by Dr. Floyd. It was with the deepest emotion that the recipient acknowledged the valuable gift.

Presiding Elder C. H. Hayes gave the report of the Chenango district.

After singing "I'm the Child of a King," led by J. B. Sumner, the report of Honesdale district was read by J. F. Warner, presiding elder. It was most interesting. In part it appears below:

#### Honesdale District Report.

The district embraces territory in six counties in Pennsylvania and two in New York, is largely rural, and in some portions very rugged. Of the ninety-six regular appointments composing the charges, thirty-four can be reached by rail. The remaining sixty-two are from two to ten miles from the nearest railroad station. The rural population is constantly lessening and the depletion of the country is but barely met by the growth of the towns. The minutes of ten years ago showed 5,051 members in full connection. Last year there were but 5,623 or an advance of 572 in ten years. The aggregate of collections in 1892 was $4,022. Last year is was $5,574. An advance of $1,542. The increase of membership has been but ten per cent. in ten years, but the increase for benevolence has been more than thirty-eight per cent. Meagre as this is, it still shows a clearer recognition of the Divine claim upon our material substance.

Most of the charges have added some material

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#### PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED.

### Six Persons Are Injured on the P., V. & C. Near Charleroi.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Monongahela, Pa., April 18.—Passenger train No. 10, on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railroad, was derailed near Charleroi, Pa., this morning, and a number of passengers injured, none fatally. Those most seriously hurt were:

ELIJAH HAZELBACKER, California, Pa., right leg crushed and head badly lacerated.
J. E. MASTERS, Coal Center, Pa., left leg crushed and cut about face and hands.
WILLIAM PHILLIPS, baggagemaster, Pittsburg; left leg broken, hands mangled and bruised about body.
LEE VAN FREEMAN, Charleroi, Pa., cut about face and hands.
JAMES STITGEL, Homestead, Pa., back hurt and cut about face and hands.
F. A. ETHERMAN, residence unknown, cut about hands and face.

The accident, it is thought, was caused by the brakeshoe catching on the rail and tearing the front truck off the tender.

Traffic was suspended for several hours.

## CHICAGO'S ENTERPRISE

### Olympian Games Among the Features Promised in Future.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, April 18.—Genuine surprise and enthusiasm greeted the announcement tonight of the plans for the coming international Olympian games in this city.

Before two hundred distinguished guests at a banquet of the Press club, the announcements were made in a series of addresses of Olympian games officials and other notables in whose honor the banquet was held. A cablegram received from Sir Thomas Lipton during the banquet was read, touching upon the participation by himself and his new challenger, Shamrock III, in the international yachting feature of the games. The principal speaker of the evening was President Henry J. Furber, of the international Olympian games commission. Among others who spoke were Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press; President Edmund J. James, of Northwestern university; Mayor Carter H. Harrison; President Edwin A. Munger, of the Hamilton club, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Samuel D. Fallows.

The plans outlined include a structure of steel and concrete exceeding in size the great Flavian amphitheatre of Rome, and having a seating capacity ten times that of the Madison Square Garden, New York. President Furber, in the course of his remarks, said:

"The games of 1904 will undoubtedly consume a large portion of September and October, and the efforts will be principally directed along six general lines:

First—The world's champion contests will be organized in standard sports, including field and track athletics, equestrianism, yachting, rowing, billiards, turning and all other games international in character.

Second—Exhibitions will be given of the sports peculiar to various countries of the world. Under this head properly will fall base ball, Japanese wrestling, French savate, or boxing with the feet, German schlaeger contests, boomerang throwing, the navigation of different types of water craft, etc.

My experience as minister to Siam convinces me that the Asiatic features of the games will be one of the greatest attractions you can offer. The sports of our great west, including contests with the lasso and the wild horse race will naturally be important features of the programme.

Third—The purely athletic exhibitions will be varied by historical displays, spectacular in nature. Evening representations will be given of the games of ancient Greece and Rome and of the tourneys of mediaeval Europe, with appropriate costumes, pageantry and settings, the brilliancy of those scenes to be greatly heightened by means of the illuminations and the pyrotechnical effects which modern science has placed at our command.

Fourth—As the highest development of physical activity, the military exercises will be rendered particularly prominent. Prizes will be given in all branches, the competitions for the awards being of a nature to test the proficiency of the participants, not only in parade ground drill, but more especially in those qualities which tend to render them effective combatants. All departments of the service will be represented; and it is hoped that the games may so stimulate interest in military affairs as to be no mean factor in the reorganization of the national guard along the lines recommended by President Roosevelt to the federal congress.

Fifth—The organization of a comprehensive exhibition of sporting apparatus and equipment, including not only weapons, the implements employed in different games and other inanimate objects, but also horses, hunting dogs, carrier pigeons and field and forest game.

Sixth—There will be a department called the Olympic congress, in which it is intended that all other features of the games shall culminate. In an auditorium provided for the purpose, organizations devoted to sportsmanship, athletics and military matters will be invited to hold their general conventions, the scope of the congress being to extend beyond the purely technical phase of athletics. It is intended to invite the presence of physicians, physiologists, psychologists, representatives of the pulpit, military experts and other scientists, in order to deduce and formulate, for purpose of publication, some conclusions as may be gathered from the scientific study of the contests and the participants therein.

Next to the religion of the country and its form of government nothing perhaps exerts a more potent influence upon national character than the games and recreations of the people. The physical training of the Greeks, exhibited in the Olympian games of olden times, secured for that nation its military supremacy and undoubtedly was a factor in developing that sense of beauty which found expression both in a school of plastic art, and in literature which never has been equalled.

A stadium capable of seating at least 50,000 people will be especially constructed on the borders of Lake Michigan and ample provision will be made for the diversion of the public while games are not in progress. Music of the best quality, cafes and garden restaurants will be provided, the grounds at night being effectively illuminated.

No effort will be spared to render the games in 1904, in attractiveness, in dignity and in point of installation equal to any exhibition of art and science which have ever been organized. Eminent officials and prominent men from all parts of the world will be invited to attend, while the presence of numerous European potentates and other dignitaries both at the games of Athens and of Paris justifies the expectation that America will be similarly honored.

## THE BOERS MAY VOTE ON PEACE

### Important Statement Made by A. J. Balfour in the House of Commons.

### THE BURGHERS WILL ELECT DELEGATES

**Every Commando in the Field to Send a Representative — Lord Kitchener Refused to Grant an Armistice—Proceedings Expected to Occupy Three Weeks—The Boer Leaders Did Not Go to Pretoria at Suggestion of British Authorities.**

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 18.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the house of commons today made the following statement:

After two conferences between Lord Milner, the British hign commissioner of South Africa, and Lord Kitchener and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice on military grounds, has agreed to give facilities for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commandos to consider the position. The Boer leaders have, therefore, left Pretoria to carry out that plan.

Mr. Balfour added that it was not expected that communication between the British authorities and the Boer leaders could be resumed in less than three weeks' time.

The government statement made a generally favorable impression. It was argued that the action of the Boer leaders demonstrates that, at any rate, a majority of the delegates favor the acceptance of the suggested British peace terms. The submission of the question to a plebiscite of the burghers is according to Boer law, which requires the leaders of the armed forces in the field to take the opinion of their followers before the concluding peace.

#### Boers' Action Spontaneous.

It is officially asserted that the continental statements to the effect that the Boer leaders went to Pretoria at the suggestion of the British authorities are absolutely unfounded. The action of the Boers was entirely spontaneous, and it is regarded here as the best evidence of a genuine desire to bring about a settlement by peaceful negotiations, and as being indicative of the character of the advice which will be given to the burghers by the leaders, who are now returning to their various commands.

#### FEDERATION'S WORK.

### President Gompers Directed to Go to Cincinnati.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—The American Federation of Labor executive council was in session today from 9 o'clock a. m. until nearly midnight. President Gompers was directed to either go himself to Cincinnati or to appoint another member of the council to go, to aid in carrying out the decision reached in the brewery engineers and firemen controversy.

The local situation in Denver was taken up, and Organizer J. D. Pierce was directed to bring about unity among the labor forces of that city and vicinity.

A resolution was passed providing for the appointment of a committee of three by President Gompers to visit Denver the latter part of May, with a view of conferring with the western federation of miners and other organizations, looking toward consolidation.

It was decided to send a representative of the executive council to Baltimore and to Philadelphia to adjust the dispute between certain firms and the United Garment Workers of America.

It was resolved to aid the paper makers of the country in the introduction and general enforcement of the eight hour work day.

The action of President Gompers in notifying the Philadelphia labor league that its charter would be withdrawn unless it complied with the decision of the Scranton convention admitting the hatters local union affiliated to the National Union of Hatters of America was endorsed.

Reports were made regarding the alleged flagrant use and abuse of writs of injunction, particularly in West Virginia and Virginia in the mining districts. The executive council will endeavor to arouse public sentiment to demand from the hands of congress an effective bill to prevent the liberal issuance of injunctions.

#### Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—Pensions granted: Nathaniel Mead, Duryea, $10; John B. Evans (dead), Plymouth, $12; Mary Evans (widow), Plymouth, $8; Rhoda Marcy (widow), Dunmore, $8.

#### YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for April 18, 1902:
Highest temperature ..... 63 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 36 degrees
Relative humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 73 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 38 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 18.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh winds becoming east.

## DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

### Weather Conditions Potent for Good During the Past Week—Retail Distribution Accelerated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Weather conditions have been potent during the past week. Retail distribution was greatly accelerated, which in turn enlarged jobbing trade and brought more pressure on manufacturers for prompt shipment; agricultural work was facilitated and building operations made rapid progress. Some labor controversies were settled and others were averted. Complaints are still heard regarding tardy deliveries, but freight is less congested.

Quotations of iron and steel cannot yet be considered inflated, but the market is following a natural course, despite the efforts of leading interests to maintain a conservative position. Supply and demand must in the long run govern prices, and, in this industry, needs are greater than available stocks, although the productive capacity has largely expanded. Machinery and hardware lines share in the exceptional activity and doing a brisk export business in spite of high prices.

Cotton goods have not followed the fluctuations in the raw material, although its strength has contributed to the steadiness of the finished product. Woolen goods are in less urgent demand.

Grain and meals have continued very strong. There was some logical explanation of the advance in corn, interior receipts falling to 857,500 bushels for the week, while Atlantic exports rose to 384,803 bushels, an unusually large total for recent times, although small by comparison with the corresponding week in preceding years. Wheat was sustained by exports from all ports of 4,485,552 bushels, flour included, against 4,613,891 a year ago.

Failures for the week numbered 261 in the United States against 206 last year, and 24 in Canada against 21 a year go.

## PROTEST FROM CHINA.

### Communication Sent Through Mr. Conger Regarding Exclusion from Philippines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—The secretary of state today transmitted to the senate a communication from United States Minister Conger, enclosing a protest from the Chinese government against the exclusion of Chinese from the Philippine islands.

The communication is signed by Prince Ching, president of the Chinese board of foreign affairs.

#### MERGER SUIT WITHDRAWN.

### Judge Otis Signs Order—Will Have to Be Tried in Federal Court.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 18.—Judge Otis, in the county court today, signed an order removing the action brought by the state of Minnesota against the so-called railroad merger, to the United States court. The suit, therefore, will have to be tried in the federal court, unless the latter shall see fit to remand it to the state court.

Shortly after the state began its case in the district court by serving the summons and complaint on the Great Northern Railway company, the Northern Pacific Railway company, the Northern Securities company and James J. Hill individually, the attorneys for the securities company served notice on the attorney general of a motion to set aside the service of the summons upon that company, which was made upon Mr. Hill as president, on the ground that Mr. Hill was not present in the state as president of the Northern Securities company.

Today, however, the attorneys for the securities company decided to withdraw this motion and waive the question of service, and petitioned the district court for the removal of the case to the federal court. The grounds for this motion were allegations that the suit involves a construction of the federal statutes and of the constitution of the United States. This motion Judge Otis granted.

#### Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 18.—Arrived: Campania, Liverpool and Queenstown. Cleared: Anchoria, Glasgow; Statendam, Rotterdam via Plymouth and Boulogne; Aller, Genoa and Naples, Hamburg—Arrived: Patricia, New York, Cherbourg—Arrived: Auguste Victoria, New York, Havre—Arrived: L'Aquitaine, New York, Queenstown—Arrived: Lucania, New York for Liverpool (and proceed), Naples—Sailed: Phoenicia, New York, Boulogne—Sailed: Ryndam (from Rotterdam), New York, Genoa—Arrived: Lahn, New York via Gibraltar and Naples.

#### Engineers and Pumpmen Rebel.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 18.—None of the engineers and pumpmen at the Woodward, Pettebone and Avondale collieries of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company went on strike today. They were ordered to do so by the United Mine Workers under pain of dismissal from the union if they refused. They will now, it is said, be ejected from the union.

#### Four New Charters.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 18.—Charters were issued at the state department this morning as follows: The Latrobe Supply company, Latrobe; capital, $1,000. The Nesshannock Stone company, Pittsburg; capital, $1,000. Dunkirk Coal company, Pittsburg; capital, $100,000. The McAuley Automatic Trap company, Pittsburg; capital, $5,000.

#### DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Toledo, O., April 18.—George Grossart, a member of the Toledo American association team, died at his home in Homestead, Pa., after a short illness. He was an outfielder and a very promising player. He reported here for practice and was sent home two days later. Consumption of the stomach was the cause of death.