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## FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

### Senate Will Take Up the Statehood Bill, Which Will Remain the Unfinished Business.

### STRONG OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS

### New Mexico and Arizona May Not Have Smooth Sailing—The Immigration Bill Will Continue to Receive Attention—House Has Mapped Out Programme Beyond the Disposition of the London Dock Charge Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In accordance with the unanimous agreement of last session, the senate will take up the statehood bill next Wednesday, and it is generally believed that it will continue to receive attention until the adjournment for the Christmas holidays at least. Senator Beveridge, as chairman of the committee on territories, will call the bill up Wednesday and probably will make a speech in support of the report in favor of the substitute bill presented by the committee. Other members of the committee who agree with him will follow. All of them will give careful attention to the testimony taken by the subcommittee which recently visited the territories.

The committee's written report has not yet been submitted to the senate, and this probably will be put in on Wednesday. The report will analyze the testimony dealing with the question of soil, mines, education facilities and general fitness of the population of the various territories for statehood. It is generally understood that a strong position will be taken in opposition to the claims of New Mexico and Arizona, considerable stress being laid on the fact that a large percentage of the people of those territories are necessary in the conduct of the business of many courts. Attention also will be given to previous reports on the subject of statehood for those territories, many of which are severely criticized, and the present commission on the ground that they fall entirely to represent the real conditions. The report giving the views of the commission committee will be accompanied by a transcript of the testimony taken by the committee, which will be printed for the information of the senate and the country.

It is expected that the immigration bill will continue to receive attention on Monday or Tuesday, but the proceedings which will refer to this bill will consist largely in the reading of the bill and the consideration of amendments. There will be more or less of legislative business during the week, and in all probability another adjournment from Thursday until the following Monday.

### House Forecast.

The house this week has no mapped out programme beyond the disposition of the London dock charge bill and the report of the election committee on the contested election case of Wagner vs. Butler, from the Twelfth Missouri district, on Wednesday. The London dock bill has been passed by exporting interests and practically the milling interests of the northwest, and is opposed by the Atlantic shipping interests. The withdrawal last week from its advocacy of the Lumber Men's association, which was supporting the measure, will weaken it and its passage is considered doubtful. The Wagner-Butler case is somewhat of a novelty. Mr. Butler was unseated at the last session and his seat was declared vacant. He was re-elected in November to fill the vacancy, having about 6,000 majority on the face of the returns. His opponent, Mr. Wagner, in the last session and his seat was declared vacant. He was re-elected in November to fill the vacancy, having about 6,000 majority on the face of the returns. In order to secure action before the 4th of March, the rules relating to the preliminaries of a contest, which may be strung out for months, must be shortened. The committee recommends that the period for preparing the case, taking testimony, etc., be shortened to forty days. If the executive appropriation bill is completed in time, it probably will be taken up the latter part of the week. If not, the remainder of time may be occupied with minor bills reported by committee.

### 'LOTUS BUDS' RELEASED.

### The Little Cubans Held at Ellis Island Are Now on Their Way.

New York, Dec. 7.—The eleven Cuban children who arrived recently at this city on their way to the Rajah Yoga school at Point Loma, Cal., and were held pending an investigation by the immigration authorities, were released today from Ellis Island. They were taken to Jersey City, where they started on their journey across the continent.

### New Mexico Prosperous.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The annual report of Governor Otero, of New Mexico, to the secretary of the interior, says the territory is unusually prosperous. Irrigation work has taken great strides, new mines are opening up and new towns and cities are springing into life. The net bonded debt of the territory is \$1,044,444. The assessed valuation of property in New Mexico is now \$41,085,745, which the governor says is not one-third of its actual value for taxable purposes, a fair estimate, he says, not falling far short of \$120,000,000.

### TRIBUTE OF GRID N CLUB.

### Session Ends in Sadness the Announcement of Mr. Reed's Death.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—As a dinner of the Gridiron Club was in progress last night, the announcement was made that Mr. Reed was at death's door. He had been an honored guest of the club during all the years of its existence, and every member was his personal friend. President Wynne called upon Major J. M. Carson, one of the oldest correspondents in service, to say a few words. Major Carson told how Mr. Reed had often enlivened the club dinners with his brilliant wit and caustic comment. The entire assembly arose when it was proposed that a silent toast be drunk to Mr. Reed's memory. At this moment Representative Joseph G. Cannon paid a handsome tribute to the man he had known so long and so well. It was midnight, and as Mr. Reed was passing away Mr. Herndon Morsell was singing a song the statesman loved and had often heard, "The Song That Reached My Heart," its touching melody being a refrain from "Home, Sweet Home." The situation was strangely dramatic. Before the gavel fell, Mr. Reed's death became known, and gloom succeeded the mirth and festivity of the banquet hall.

### TO SIGN PROTOCOL IN HAVANA.

### General Bliss Clearing the Way for a Reciprocity Treaty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is learned that the document which General Bliss and the two Cuban commissioners are expected to sign in Havana tomorrow is really a protocol, giving the outlines of a reciprocity treaty which will be acceptable to the governments of the United States and Cuba. This will come to Washington, and Secretary Hay and Minister Quesada will frame and sign a formal treaty giving effect to the projects contained in the protocol.

General Bliss has hit upon a plan whereby the United States can secure a preferential rate in the proposed treaty without encountering the objection that this would be in violation of the favored nations clauses in Cuba's treaties with the other powers, yet to be made by having the protocol be rates of duty from the existing rates of duty as to imports from the United States, and then having the Cuban congress pass another tariff act raising duties from 10 to 20 per cent on imports from countries other than the United States.

### RETURN OF THE PANTHER.

### The United States Steamship Brigs Fever-Stricken Marines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 7.—The United States steamship Panther, commander A. C. Wilson, reached Hampton Roads yesterday, bringing the fever-stricken marines who have been protecting the railroad property on the isthmus for more than a month. Aboard the vessel were 320 men, thirty-four of them, of whom two are officers, were taken to the naval hospital at Portsmouth immediately on the Panther's arrival. These cases are understood to be serious. The other stricken marines are not very ill, and they will be granted short leave until they can recuperate. The Panther had an extremely rough voyage up from San Juan, where she sailed last Monday. The storm delayed her arrival about two days and made the sick marines more miserable.

### BIG TANNERY BURNED.

### The Eagle Valley Plant at Ridgway is Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Ridgway, Pa., Dec. 7.—The Eagle Valley tannery at this place was destroyed by fire, early this morning, caused by an explosion of natural gas in the engine room. The loss on building is estimated at \$75,000, and that on the stock of leather and hides at \$250,000 to \$300,000. The loss is said to be well covered by insurance.

### TO CONSIDER LABOR QUESTIONS

### The Annual Meeting of the National Civic Federation at New York.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the national Civic Federation will be held tomorrow, continuing Tuesday and Wednesday. Special attention will be given to the lessons to be learned from the recent coal strike. The English workmen brought to this country by Alfred Mosely will take part in the deliberation, together with Senator Marcus A. Hanna, former President Grover Cleveland, Bishop Henry C. Potter and President Eliot of Harvard. It is expected that the heads of eleven national labor organizations will attend.

### The Strongs Return.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 7.—Among the passengers who arrived on the Steamer Umbria, from Liverpool were Mr. and Mrs. Putnam Bradlee Strong. Strong returned to say anything about his past or future movements. Mrs. Strong, who comes to see her husband, the Irish member of parliament who has been in Chicago, was also a passenger.

### Disastrous Fire at Leadville.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—A fire that originated in McPhee and McGarry's planing mill early today, destroyed property valued at \$120,000.

### ARCHBISHOP CHAPPELLE'S VISIT TO ROME.

### Has Been Exceedingly Profitable for Settlement of Pending Questions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Archbishop Chappelle, of New Orleans, and papal delegate to Porto Rico and Cuba, has gone to Genoa, where he will take passage on the steamer Leo XIII and sail for New York tomorrow. Before his departure the archbishop said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"My seven weeks' stay in Rome has been profitable for the settlement of the pending questions in accordance with the propositions I submitted to the Vatican. By conferring directly with the highest authorities of the church I succeeded in arriving at solutions which would have required several months' correspondence to reach. I return to resume work, animated with the most sincere desire to contribute to the prosperity of Cuba and Porto Rico, and to the moral, intellectual and social advancement of the people to whose destiny I feel myself entirely devoted."

## TO REGULATE INSURANCE

### Commissioner Durham Has Written an Important Letter on Subject.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—Insurance Commissioner Durham has written a letter to Governor Stone recommending the enactment by the next legislature of such laws as would prevent the organization of mutual insurance companies for purely speculative purposes, while fully protecting the rights and powers of all such companies where properly managed.

Mr. Durham also recommended that a law be enacted providing for the incorporation of societies for beneficial and protective purposes in the same manner as insurance companies are now chartered, with proper restrictions as to the character of business to be undertaken and with complete provision by the insurance department. Such associations being purely mutual, the insurance commissioner believes that they should be prohibited from accepting as members any but those who are legally capable of making a contract. He says that the business of insuring children on the industrial or weekly payment plan has grown to vast proportions, and has been, and will continue to be, of incalculable benefit to a large majority of people.

"While I do not think any radical change in the laws regulating this class of insurance wise," adds Mr. Durham, "I would, nevertheless, recommend the enactment of such laws as would limit the amount of insurance to be paid to a limited benefit only and fix the age under which children could not be accepted. This might properly be fixed at eight years for the reason that, in the natural course, a child of that age would in a few years be of more pecuniary benefit to the parent than the pittance which could be obtained from the insurance company by his death."

Mr. Durham also recommends the enactment of a law to regulate the business of fraternal medical associations, and providing proper supervision, and an amendment to the act of 1889 so as to enable the insurance commissioner to value all policies issued January 1, 1902, and thereafter, according to the American experience table of mortality, with interest at not more than 3 1/2 per cent per annum.

### SENATOR HILL ENGAGED.

### Will Be Attorney for the Schenectady Painter's Union in Potter Case.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Douglas H. Pratt, recording secretary of the painters' union, said tonight that the union has engaged Senator D. B. Hill to fight the action brought against it by William Potter, the expelled guardsman, who has procured an injunction restraining the union from considering him as not a member. Pratt said that a committee had requested Mr. Hill to take their case and that he had agreed to do so. The union has not as yet complied with the court's order and re-instated Potter to membership and the officers state that no such action will be taken.

## THE DEATH OF THOMAS REED

### Ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives Passes Peacefully Away at Washington.

### THE END IS QUIET AND PAINLESS

### Mr. Reed's Wife and Daughter at His Beside During the Last Hours—Uraemia the Immediate Cause of Death—Many Sympathetic Callers at the Arlington Hotel During the Day—The Remains of Mr. Reed Now En Route for Portland, Maine, Where the Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives and for many years prominent in public life, died here at 12:10 o'clock this (Sunday) morning in his apartments in the Arlington hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early yesterday morning. At 9:30 a. m. he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion, in order to stimulate his kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper functions. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon saline solution again was administered, about three quarts of fluid being used. The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient retained consciousness until 10 o'clock last night, when a complete coma came on, and he died when he died were Mrs. Reed and Miss Catherine Reed, Mrs. Gardner, McDonald, Bishop and Goodnow and the nurses. Dr. Goodnow, who had been in consultation with the local physicians Thursday, was again summoned from Philadelphia yesterday afternoon and arrived here at 9:30 p. m. Mr. Reed's mind was in such a state during the day that he did not realize the seriousness of his condition. He was cheerful and conversed with those about his bedside. When it became apparent that he would not survive his illness, the wife and daughter were notified, and they remained constantly at the bedside until the distinguished patient breathed his last. With only a faint hope of saving his life, oxygen was administered continuously throughout the day.

It was stated that Mr. Reed had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time, which reached the acute stage yesterday, and which furnished an additional cause for alarm. Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain. The remains of Mr. Reed left here this afternoon for Portland, Maine, his former home, where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon. They were placed aboard a special train leaving Washington at 4:50 o'clock and reaching Portland at 10 o'clock. The funeral will be held at the Arlington hotel, where the body of Mr. Reed lay awaiting removal to the railway station. They included President and Mrs. Roosevelt, members of the cabinet and of the Senate and House of Representatives, and of the diplomatic corps. Many persons of private life also called. Neither Mrs. Reed nor her daughter saw any of the visitors, who simply left their cards. It was not generally known that the body of the deceased would be taken from the city today and President Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. Clara, her daughter to be his guests at the White House pending its removal, which invitation they were compelled to decline. The body was enclosed in a casket with heavy oxidized extension handles, and on the top was a solid silver plate on which had been engraved the following simple inscription:

### Remains En Route for Portland.

"THOMAS BRACKETT REED, "October 18, 1829—December 7, 1902." The casket remained at the hotel until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it was brought down stairs and lifted into the hearse, the undertakers' assistants and the employees of the hotel acting as bearers. Then without ceremony or display of any kind, it was removed to the railway station. On the casket rested two floral offerings, one of them from the widow and the other, enclosed in a long postpaid box from Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Reed's offering was a large wreath of violets, American Beauty roses and orchids, sprinkled with lilies of the valley, while in the box which came from the white house were an assortment of white and pink roses with maiden-hair ferns loosely thrown together for use on the casket when the interment is made. Soon after the body left the hotel, Mrs. Reed and her daughter, Mr. Payne, Mr. Allen and Mr. Hibbs, who accompanied the body to Portland, were driven to the president train in waiting. Among those at the railway station when the train departed were Senator

and Mrs. Lodge; Justice McKenna, of the Supreme court; General Draper, of Massachusetts, and Representative Furlough, who is there already, also is expected to be present. The arrangements for the obsequies at Portland have been left in the hands of Hon. Joseph W. Symonds and John C. Spaul, an old neighbor of Mr. Reed. As far as possible, the funeral party was made up of the composite car, the sleeper Harvard and a day coach. Mr. Littlefield expects to go to Portland to attend the funeral, and Representative Furlough, who is there already, also is expected to be present. The arrangements for the obsequies at Portland have been left in the hands of Hon. Joseph W. Symonds and John C. Spaul, an old neighbor of Mr. Reed. As far as possible, the funeral party was made up of the composite car, the sleeper Harvard and a day coach. Mr. Littlefield expects to go to Portland to attend the funeral, and Representative Furlough, who is there already, also is expected to be present. 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