

ILLINOIS leads all the states in the increase of votes since 1892. Its gain was 216,179, Pennsylvania's 191,726, New York's 179,163, and Ohio's 164,726.

ONE of the Pittsburg papers says that from 14,000 to 15,000 employees of the Carnegie Steel Company were given a surprising present Christmas eve in a notice from the company. The notice of September 30, 1896, directing a termination of the present wage scale at the different works was withdrawn and notice given that the wages of 1895-6 will be continued until further notice. The intimation is given that if the anticipated increase in the iron and steel trades is realized the wages may be further increased next spring.

The editor of the Troy Press tells this story about M. A. Hanna: Last summer, during the progress of the campaign, when Hanna was abnormally active, he was informed that one of his corps of bookkeepers was about to be married. Hanna at once sent for him, and asked him where he intended to go on his wedding tour. As the young man was poor, he timidly replied that he did not expect to make much of a trip. "How would you like to go through the Great Lakes and return on one of my boats?" pursued the mandate kindly. "Very much," the bookkeeper replied, brightening up, "if I could be spared so long." "I will give you a vacation and a pass," said Hanna, as he sent the young lover away rejoicing. Hanna went to the captain of one of the finest boats, told him to give the bride couple the best quarters and every attention without charge. "After you are well out from shore," continued Hanna, "hand the bridegroom this envelope, with my compliments, and tell him to have a good time." The envelope contained \$200.

I HAVE the honor respectfully to renew the recommendation made in 1895 for the complete abolition of customs duties on all materials for shipbuilding. If our merchant marine is to compete with that of other nations, it must receive the same privileges which foreign nations freely extend to their shipping. A bill to accomplish this purpose (S. 184 and H. R. 2668) was introduced at the last session of Congress, and is now awaiting consideration by the Senate Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.—Annual Report of the Commissioner of Navigation.

Just let the bill wait where it is. We can do better than this. We have had too much of Free Trade in lumber and wool, and don't want to try the experiment "on all materials for shipbuilding," thus injuring those in this country who are able to supply such materials provided they are afforded protection against the cheap labor of foreign countries. We can do better than reduce the value of American labor or turn it idle upon our streets. We can pass the discriminating duties bill of Senator Elkins, maintain our wages, buy "all materials for shipbuilding" at home, and send the Stars and Stripes scudding across the ocean to successfully compete with the ships of other nations.

ONE of the novel measures introduced at the beginning of this session of Congress is that of Representative Barrett, of Massachusetts, proposing a new plan for giving the members of the Cabinet seats in Congress. His bill provides that the President shall select the Secretary of State from the Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury from the House and other members of the Cabinet from the House or Senate, at his discretion; that the Cabinet officers so chosen shall retain their membership in the house to which they shall have been elected; shall receive the pay only of Cabinet officers and shall cease to be in the Cabinet if they shall at any time in their term cease to be a member of either house. There would be advantages in this close association of the Cabinet with Congress when the Administration is supported by a majority of each branch of Congress. Legislation desired by the Government would be facilitated by this arrangement, as the Cabinet Ministers would be the natural leaders and controllers of legislation in each branch. When the party which elected the President fails to carry Congress also the Cabinet Ministers would have no special advantage in a hostile House or Senate, and their presence there under the circumstances would be more embarrassing than beneficial. We doubt, therefore, if Mr. Barrett has solved the problem of bringing the Cabinet into Congress.—Philo. Press.

Cuba Won't Submit to Spain.

It is worse than idle to discuss the question of intervention by the United States to the end of the Cuban rebellion on any basis that involves the continued rule of Spain on that ill-fated island. It is no longer possible for Cuba to have peace as a province of Spain. It has been tried for generations and it has failed. Insurrection has followed insurrection, heretofore resulting in promises of reform from the Spanish government, but in every instance the promise has been broken and the people of Cuba have had increased oppression instead of relief from the terrible exactions of the past.

Had Spain Carried out on a generous basis, or even in fairly good faith, the promises made at the close of the ten years' rebellion, its authority over Cuba might have continued for years to come. But not a single material promise given for the relief of the Cuban people was fulfilled by the Spanish government. Increased taxation and oppression in every possible form followed the surrender of the insurgents at the close of the former rebellion, as is clearly demonstrated by the nearly united action of the Cuban people, of all conditions and races, in the present desperate effort to overthrow the Spanish power on the island.

There can now be no peace in Cuba except upon one of two theories. Either Cuba must be entirely free from the bondage of Spain and be permitted to establish a republic of her own, or the war must continue until the insurgents are entirely annihilated and Cuba made one vast field of desolation from the eastern to the western end of the island. One of these two results is inevitable. Already many thousands of lives have been barbarously sacrificed by the Spanish government, and it has logically provoked a like fiendish retribution on the part of the insurgents. The fairest fields on the island have been devastated, the torch of vandalism has destroyed the homes and the sugar mills throughout three-fourths of Cuba, and there is now nothing left for Spain to fight for but a barren island that would require scores of millions to restore to fruitfulness.

Cuba has entirely ceased to be a source of revenue to Spain, thus losing to that government an annual income of thirty millions. And even if the war were to end to-day by the willing submission of Cuba, it would be many years before Spain could realize any considerable revenue from the island. The uncertainty of the government would prevent investment of outside capital, and neither the Cubans nor Spain have the means to rehabilitate the desolated sugar, coffee and tobacco estates.

There is nothing, therefore, for Spain in Cuba as a matter of revenue for many years to come, even under the most favorable conditions which could possibly result to the Spanish government. Never in the whole history of Cuba have the native Cubans of all races been so intensified in their hostility to the parent government. There is not only no sympathy between them, but there is most implacable hostility; a hostility that repeats the history of Hannibal, who was sworn to the destruction of Rome.

There can be no peace between such peoples, and Spain must decide for herself the question whether Cuba shall be released now, or her release be delayed until what little property remaining in Cuba shall be destroyed and tens of thousands of additional lives sacrificed. The United States can have no part in making peace between Spain and Cuba as a Spanish province, for the reason that it would impose upon this government the illogical and unwarranted duty of suppressing rebellion on the island when we can have no interest whatever in aiding Spain to continue her oppression of the Cuban people.

Spain is on the verge of bankruptcy. She cannot continue the war for another year; and if her pride compels her to persist in a war that is utterly hopeless, and that can make her conspicuous in history only for the fiendish atrocities practiced by her soldiery, she must be permitted to do so until the neutrality laws respected by the world shall compel intervention by other civilized powers. If Spain shall thus retract the strife, the inevitable end must be the freedom of Cuba when there may be but few people and little property to profit by free government and the utter overthrow of the Spanish throne.—Philadelphia Times.

THE passage of the pension appropriation bill by both houses, without amendment or debate, at this early stage of the session is a refreshing example of the right kind of legislative service, and it ought to be imitated in a general way.

In making New Year's resolutions resolve to keep them.

Protective Tariff Legislation.

The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have taken hold of the tariff issue with a promptness and vigor that promise excellent results at an early day. As was predicted immediately after election, they decided to press consideration of a tariff during such part of the present session as would be required to formulate a complete and equitable protective tariff bill correcting the unjust and unequal provisions of the Wilson-Gorman bill.

In the preparation of the new measure an effort will be made to guard against the possibility of advantage being taken of the present low rates before the protective bill could become a law. This clause will provide that goods in storage in bonded warehouses, when the new law goes into effect, shall pay the rates of that law, and not those of the law now in operation. That this provision will be made is given out authoritatively by Chairman Dingley of the committee.

A member of the committee in speaking of the plan outlined said that the purpose now is to prepare a bill that shall be not only protective in all its features, but also certain to raise the desired amount of revenue. The hearings on the different schedules will bring to the committee a vast amount of valuable information touching the operations of the existing tariff, and will thereby enable the committee to outline a plan for tariff revision. Some of the Republican members of the committee believe that every schedule in the existing law will require modification in order to perfect and harmonize it as a protective revenue producing measure. The subject of reciprocity will also be given careful consideration.

Many of the Republican members of the committee are in favor of completing the preparation of the proposed bill early in February, having it reported to the House and printed for circulation so that it can be examined during the time between the closing of the present Congress and the opening of the expected special session of the next Congress. The vicious ad valorem system of the existing law will be torn up root and branch, and specific duties instituted wherever possible. Consideration will also be given to the Administrative Customs law, which has been pending before Congress throughout the past year, and which has already passed the House of Representatives. The object of that bill, it will be remembered, is to guard against undervaluations, and thereby further protect the revenues of the government.

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