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CHAIR WAS OVERRULED

On Amendment to Remove Differential on Refined Sugar.

Morgan Controls Steamship Lines. High Food Prices—Steamer Burned. Death of Frank R. Stockton—Governor Goes South—Insurgent General Surrendered—Friars' Lands.

On the question in the house on the adoption of the Cuban reciprocity bill, 17 Republicans voted with the entire Democratic membership to amend the bill by removing the differential from refined sugar. The chair (Mr. Sherman of New York) declared the amendment out of order, but he was overruled by a vote of 130 to 171, and as amended the bill was passed.

An analysis of the vote shows that 124 Republicans and 123 Democrats voted for the amended bill and 42 Republicans and 10 Democrats against it. Mr. Grosvener, was one of those who voted against the bill.

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 United States, to negotiate a reciprocal trade agreement with Cuba by which in return for equivalent concessions the United States shall grant a reduction of 20 per cent from the Dingley rates on goods coming into the United States from Cuba, such agreement to last 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 cents per pound, instead of 1.95 as under the Dingley schedule.

Merger of Steamship Lines.

Clement A. Griscom of Philadelphia, president of the International Navigation company, one of the five transatlantic steamship companies which have been merged under the direction of J. P. Morgan, talked freely concerning the consolidation, its purposes and probable effects. Mr. Griscom said he was unable to speak definitely regarding the financial plan, as that was a matter for the consideration of Mr. Morgan and his partners, which will perhaps be decided on within the next two weeks. In any event, President Griscom said that the consolidated companies would probably be in operation under the new conditions within a few months.

"The consolidation," declared Mr. Griscom, "will result in better transatlantic service, steadier and more uniform rates, a just distribution of traffic over all American and Canadian seaports, increased lines on the Pacific and services to South America as traffic may be found to justify them. Having lines between Great Britain and Australia and New Zealand and intimate connections with the far East, American manufacturers will be able to distribute their products on through bills of lading and avoid the expense of trans-shipments which they now incur."

Investigating Beef Trust.

Attorney General Davies is in New York to conduct an investigation into the charges which have appeared in print of late that a combination of the big beef packers of the country have forced up the price of meats.

Of his investigation Mr. Davies said: "I have received many letters from different sections of the state. All of the writers complain of the present difficulty of supplying meat to their families. They ask me if I can not do something to relieve them.

"Before I left Albany I talked over the meat situation with the governor. He is willing to indorse any step I may take looking to the relief of the citizens of the state. Both the governor and I are interested in the question because of additional cost the rise in prices of meat will bring to the maintenance of the state institutions as well as to private families.

"I am not at liberty to tell the results of my investigations. I can only say that as far as my investigations have gone it looks very much as if the packers had exceeded their legal powers. If any criminality is found the proper authorities shall be instructed to bring proceedings against them."

Higher Prices For Food.

Prices of all kinds, but particularly beef, hog products and butter, have been advanced ostensibly and apparently because of reduced receipts. Cattle and hog prices at Chicago are the highest reached in years and receipts are the smallest.

Nothing like the present activity in building is recalled for at least a decade past, and lumber and kindred materials are very active at most markets.

The strength of raw cotton and recent advances in wages make for strength in cotton goods. The market is dull at New York for immediate business, but a large business has been booked for fall delivery. The unsatisfactory position of the yarn trade lends interest to the talk of a combination of Southern producers.

Wheat, including flour exports for the week, aggregate 4,118,108 bushels, against 3,842,012 bushels last week and 5,306,217 bushels in this week last year.

Business failures for the week number 193, as against 182 last week, 212 in this week last year, 161 in 1900, 187 in 1899 and 224 in 1898.

Loss of Life on Burning Steamer.

The sidewheel steamer City of Pittsburg, from Cincinnati to Memphis, was burned to the water's edge Sunday morning at Turner's landing, 11 miles from Mount City, Ill., and 24 miles from Cairo. The early reports stated that 65 lives were lost and that many were badly burned and otherwise injured, but that the list of casualties is not yet definitely determined, the register having been burned.

Among the first bodies recovered were those of Captain Wesley Doss of Cincinnati and Miss Marie Tissim of Cannelton, Ill. There were 70 passengers and 70 all told in the crew. The captain and clerk claimed in all eighty persons have been accounted for, leaving 60 people lost or unaccounted for.

Many passengers clung by finger tips to the burning boat with bodies submerged until overcome by fire or water, they sank to death.

Question of Friars' Lands.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul had a conference with Secretary Root at Washington following a talk he has had with the president respecting the Philippine friars' land question. It was the idea of Archbishop Ireland and Bishop O'Gorman that this complex question should be settled directly at Rome. The government here has come to accept their view as most business-like, and therefore Governor Taft will stop at Rome on his way back to Manila and endeavor to arrange the basis of an agreement for the transfer of the lands to the Philippine government in trust for the Philippine people. Mgr. Sbarretti favored a settlement of the question at Manila. The decision in favor of Rome will involve a change in his plans.

Death of Frank R. Stockton.

Frank R. Stockton, the wellknown novelist, died suddenly in Washington Sunday morning from hemorrhage of the brain.

Mr. Stockton had spent the past winter in New York and had done very little literary work, preferring to rest. After a visit of nearly a month to Atlantic City he came to Washington so that he might attend the banquet of the scientists intending then to go to his home in Charlestown, W. Va.

Mr. Stockton was a Philadelphian by birth; in early life was an engraver and draughtsman, but soon abandoned this occupation for journalism. Many years ago he retired wholly from newspaper work and devoted himself to literature. His reputation as a story writer was world wide.

Governor Starts on His Trip.

Governor Odell started from Newburgh on his southern and western trip Sunday night in the private car "Convoy" which was attached to the 8:48 West Shore train. In the party were Senator Ellsworth, the governor's father, ex-Mayor B. B. Odell; his brother, Postmaster Hiram B. Odell, Captain Joseph M. Pickey and F. N. Bain. The three last named will go only as far as Charleston. Mrs Odell, the governor's wife, and Tellie Odell, his daughter, and his sister, Miss Ophelia, will join the party at Washington. The governor will be gone five weeks and will visit Monterey, San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle, returning on the Canadian Pacific, and visiting Montreal.

Benjamin B. Odell's Leg Broken.

While Governor Odell's young son, Benjamin Bryant Odell, was riding at Newburgh, N. Y., the horse slipped and fell, and the youngster's right leg was broken between the knee and ankle. He was conveyed to the home of his grandfather, where the bone was set by Drs. Gleason and Howell. The governor was there at the time, having come from Albany in the morning. It is not yet known what effect this accident will have upon the governor's projected Southern and Western trip.

Canal to Open on the 24th.

Superintendent of Public Works Charles S. Body stated that all necessary arrangements for the opening of the Erie canal on April 24 have been completed. One of the reasons for this early opening is that there are more than 100 loaded boats in the Erie canal which were frozen in last fall, awaiting opportunity to get to tidewater. The Champlain and Cayuga and Seneca canals are to be opened also on the 24th, but no date has been set for the opening of the Black River and Oswego canals.

Queen Has Typhoid Fever.

Queen Wilhelmina's fever has not abated, but the condition of the royal patient is satisfactory. Her majesty's physicans are said to be less anxious, for it is belived that 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 inquiring about the Queen's progress was one from President Roosevelt.

General Malvar Surrendered.

Insurgent General Malvar has unconditionally surrendered to Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, at Lipa, Batangas province, Luzon, with the entire insurgent force of the provinces of Laguna and Batangas. General Bell says that his (Bell's) influence is sufficient to quell the insurrectionary movements in Tayabas and Cavite provinces and capture all those in the field who have not yet surrendered; but Malvar has ordered the complete surrender of every insurgent to the nearest American force.

State Tax For Fiscal Year.

Governor Benjamin B. Odell has signed the bill fixing the state tax rate for the next fiscal year at thirteen one-hundredths of a mill. There would be no direct tax but for the constitutional provision which requires a levy to be made to pay a part of the canal debt

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Commission Amends Rules to Conform With New Code.

By the Ellsworth Law Veterans Cannot Be Removed Except Upon Charges — Where a Veteran's Position Is Abolished His Name Must Be Entered as "Suspended Employe."

Albany, April 22.—The state civil service commission has amended its rules to conform with the changes in the law made by the Ellsworth veterans' preference law, and also to make them conform with recent rulings of the courts, particularly in the section defining a laborer's position The supreme court has ruled that in determining whether or not a position shall be classified as a laborer's, the work done, rather than the title given or the compensation paid, is the vital point. The decision, however, intimates that the compensation paid "may be indicative of the fact." The commission has modified its rules to provide that "no persons are to be rated laborers, exempt from competition, unless proven by heads of departments to be unskilled laborers who receive more than $2 a day or $60 a month. The board claims that there has been great evasion of the civil service rules by reason of the appointment of persons as laborers, so called, to positions actually in the competitive class.

The amendment caused by the Ellsworth law exempts veterans from the rule as to probation by appointments. The removal of a veteran is also prohibited except upon charges of incompetency or misconduct.

Where a veteran's position is abolished or becomes unnecessary it is made mandatory that where another place cannot be provided the veteran's name shall be entered on a list of "suspended employes" for the purpose of certification to a similar position in any branch of the state or municipal service.

The state commission has exempted from competition the following positions: Cashier in office of register, New York county; one notorial clerk in the office of the county clerk of New York county, confidential stenographer to the deputy state comptroller, three keepers of the Erie county morgue.

QUEEN'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.

Extraordinary Cabinet Council Held. Grief of Queen's Mother.

The Hague, April 22.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina is unchanged. Her physicians say it is impossible to predict the date of the crisis in her illness.

An extraordinary cabinet council was held Monday. The meeting engendered numerous rumors concerning a decision in the matter of the regency but it is said upon good authority that this matter was not discussed at the council.

It is reported that a lady's maid of Queen Wilhelmina's household has been attacked with typhoid fever.

The queen's mother burst into tears when she was first told her daughter had typhoid fever. She seldom leaves the sick chamber.

Says Reports Are Too Sanguine

London, April 22.—In a despatch from Castle Loo, the correspondent of the Daily Mail declares the information vouchsafed to the general public minimizes the gravity of Queen Wilhelmina's condition and magnifies her chances for recovery. The grief-stricken nation, which loves the queen to the point of idolatry, the correspondent continues, is in a state of terrible suspense, while the politicians are aghast at the possibilities of a fatal termination of her illness.

New Party Incorporated.

Albany, April 22.—The Liberal Democratic party, with headquarters in New York city, was incorporated with the secretary of state. Its certificate says it is organized to establish a political party to teach, promulgate and carry out the principles of Democracy and of Democratic government and to promote social intercourse among its members. The directors are Dr. G. W. Thompson, James R. Brown, Robert Stewart, Melvin G. Palliser and H. C. S. Stimpson, all of New York.

Fitzsimmons Posts Forfeit.

New York, April 22.—Bob Fitzsimmons has posted $2,500 to bind a match with Champion James J. Jeffries. He sent a telegram to Jeffries in which he said: "Please post me as to bid and which you prefer, as soon as possible. What do you think of National Sporting club bid, $15,000 purse and $1,000 each expenses? Leave it all with you. Go ahead and get best bids. When will you post forfeit?"

Court's Holiday Cut Short.

Pekin, April 22.—The prevalent popular uneasiness has cut short the outing of the Chinese court at the Hunting park. The court arrived at the park, which is five miles from Pekin, and intended to remain there one week. But officials hurried after them and begged them to return immediately to Pekin in order to allay the uneasiness of the masses, among whom all sorts of rumors are circulating.

Strike of Masons.

Quebec, Q., April 21.—All the masons and bricklayers in this city to the number of four hundred are out on strike. They have been getting twelve and a half cents an hour for ten hours and they demand fifteen cents an hour

TOO MANY OLD MINISTERS.

Bishop Merrill Says Wyoming Conference Is Crowded.

Waverly, N. Y., April 22.—The morning session of the Wyoming conference of the M. E. church was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. L. Race, Dr. Tuckley, who took a vacation last year and went abroad because of poor health, was restored to effective relationship. No changes were made in the superannuated list.

The Rev. G. H. Davis lost $100 in the recent flood, a large part of which consisted of benevolences. By order the conference excused him from paying the amount.

Bishop Merrill said that this conference is no exception to many others in that it is crowded. "I cannot understand," said he, "what the Lord wants of so many Methodist ministers. Perhaps He wants all the people to have a Methodist training. Some times one of our young preachers goes to another denomination and the newspapers herald it as an evidence that we are unable to hold our young men. I am thankful that I belong to a church that can raise up young men enough for its own pulpits and give a few to other churches. It becomes difficult to provide places for the old men, the churches demanding young men. We have room for a few young men and only a few unless some of the good old brothers die and make room. We have a number of charges that pay too small salaries. This makes it impossible to give all young men the appointments they desire. This should be remembered and remedied in admitting men into the conference."

The following were admitted on trial: C. E. Waldron, J. W. Coleman and A. A. Callender. On motion of Dr. Sprague a resolution was adopted changing the charter of Wyoming seminary providing for a large board of trustees.

By a vote of 109 to 34 the conference decided to reduce the number of presiding elder districts in the conference from 6 to 5, to take effect next year. A commission was appointed to fix the new district boundaries and to report at the next conference.

RESERVE CLAUSE BINDING.

Court's Decision Will Bring Back Many Players Who Jumped to the American League.

Chicago, April 22.—President Ban Johnson of the American league refused to talk about the Pennsylvania supreme court decision that the National league reserve clause was binding and could be enforced.

President Hart of the Chicago National League club, who is a member of the National league governing committee, said: "This decision brings back to the National league over two dozen players who jumped to the American league. I cannot see it in any other light than a fatal blow to the rival league. Undoubtedly the Philadelphia club will ask for an order of injunction in the LaJoie case immediately and 'Larry' will not play with the American league team unless he wants to go to jail. Every other player who under circumstances similar to LaJoie deserted the old league will be included in the injunction."

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, April 21.

WHEAT — No. 2 red, 88⅝c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 84⅝c f.o.b. afloat.

CORN — No. 2 corn, 69⅝c f.o.b. afloat.

OATS — No. 2, 48½c; No. 2 white, 52½c; track mixed western, 48@49c; track white, 51@55c.

PORK—Mess, $16.75@17.75; family, $19.00@19.50.

HAY—Shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 85@90c.

BUTTER — Creamery, extras, 28c; factory, 26c; imitation creamery, western fancy, 26½27c.

CHEESE—Fancy large white, 12@12¼c; small white, 13@13¼c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 18½@19c.

POTATOES—New York, sack, $2.20@2.30.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, April 21.

WHEAT — No. 1 northern, 79½c; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 85½c.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 67½@67¾c; No. 3 corn, 67¼c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 49½c; No. 3 mixed, 46½c.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; low grades, $2.25@2.75.

BUTTER—Creamery, western, extra tubs, 31@32c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 29@30c; dairy, fair to good, 27@28c.

CHEESE — Fancy full cream, 13c; good to choice, 12@12½c; common to fair, 9@11c.

EGGS—State fresh, 17c.

POTATOES — Fancy, per bushel 82@87c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, $7.10 good to choice shipping steers, $6.00@6.40; coarse, rough but fat steers, $5.25@6.00; choice to smooth, fat heifers, $5.75@6.00; common to fair heifers, $4.00@4.80; good butcher bulls, $4.15@4.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Handy lambs, choice to fancy, $7.25@7.35; common to good, $5.50@6.60; choice to handy wethers, $6.60@6.75.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, $7.25@7.30; medium hogs, $7.30@7.35; choice 250lbs and upwards, $7.40@7.45.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY — Timothy, loose, No. 1 per ton, $13.00; timothy, prime, loose baled, $13.50@14.00; timothy No. 1 tight baled, $13.00@13.50.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put In Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard For the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

J. Sterling Morton, formerly secretary of agriculture, is seriously ill at Chicago.

Major L. W. T. Waller has been acquitted by a court martial in Manila of killing natives of Samar without a trial.

Since he became president Mr. Roosevelt has become one of the most heavily insured men in the United States.

A general strike has commenced in the coal mines, glass works and factories of the central districts of Belgium.

United States District Attorney Warner, in Kansas City, has been instructed to institute proceedings against the heads of the beef trust.

Thursday.

Governor Odell has signed the bill abolishing the office of coroner in Erie county.

Harvey Bruce, in court at Hudson, told the story of the killing of Peter Hallenbeck on Christmas eve.

A registration duty on grain imports was the chief new proposal of the British chancellor of the exchequer.

Emil Colton, butcher, and Jules Kunz, chef, fought with knives in kitchen of Union League club, Chicago. Both will probably die.

Rockland county is filled with armed men looking for the escaped convicts, Frank Martin and Frank Wyman, stimulated by the offer of $1,000 reward.

Two lieutenants and nine bluejackets were killed by the bursting of a 12-inch gun on the British battleship Mars during gun practice off Berehaven.

Friday.

Attorney General Knox is examining complaints against exaction of the beef trust.

Insurgent leader Malvar surrendered unconditionally to Brigadier General Bell in Luzon.

The number of strikers in the chief industrial centers of Belgium is estimated at 150,000.

M. Sipiaguine, the Russian minister of the interior, was shot and killed by a Kieff student out of revenge.

Chinese imperialist troops sent against the rebels were ambushed in a narrow defile and 2,000 were killed or captured.

Mr. Lodge's amendment to the Chinese exclusion bill striking out the clause prohibiting Chinese sailors on American ships was carried in the senate.

Saturday.

Secretary Root has gone to Cuba on the Ward line steamer Esperanza.

Three sections of the crimes act have been put in force in several counties of Ireland.

The corn merchants of Liverpool, Eng., have called a meeting to protest against the new duties on grain.

Transvaal and Free State leaders are divided on the question of accepting British terms, the Free Staters holding out.

Secretary Root has made arrangements to continue a light in the statue of Liberty on Bedloe's island in New York harbor.

For the second time in a month James Ryan escaped from the jail at Poughkeepsie. He was accompanied by three other convicts.

Monday.

Diplomatic relations have been resumed between France and Venezuela.

The World's Columbian Exposition company is prepared to pay 45 cents dividend on each $10 share of the stock.

The Boer leaders have left Pretoria to lay the matter of peace proposals before representatives of the various commandoes.

Nearly 20,000 miners have quit work along the West Penn railroad in obedience to the order of the district meeting at Leechburg.

The chamber of representatives by 84 to 64 votes, rejected the proposal to revise the Belgian constitution so as to provide for universal suffrage.

Burton, Willis and Frederick Van Wormer were found guilty of murdering their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, at Hudson last Christmas eve, and were sentenced to be electrocuted the week of May 30.

Tuesday.

The winter's output of gold in the Klondike is estimated to be $30,000,000.

The president has nominated Captain Joseph B. Coghlan and Captain James H. Sands to be rear admirals.

Frank R. Stockton, the wellknown novelist, died in Washington from hemorrhage of the brain.

The steamer City of Pittsburg was burned on the Ohio river near Cairo, and 75 persons were burned to death or drowned.

Five of the principal Transatlantic Steamship companies have been merged under the direction of J. P. Morgan & Co.

A court martial has been ordered for the trial of General Jacob S. Smith, who was in command of United States troops on the island of Samar.