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## CUBAN PROBLEM.

Serious Opposition to the Adoption of Platt Amendment.

Senator Gomez Declares He Would Prefer Sovereignty of Spain to That of United States.

HAVANA, April 10.—The Cuban constitutional convention at today's session took no action regarding the proposal to appoint a commission to go to Washington in reference to the future relations between Cuba and the United States. The whole time was taken up by Senator Juan Guasarta Gomez and General Sangulillo, who made long and impassioned speeches, the former against the Platt amendment and the latter in its favor.

Senator Gomez said in substance that the black blood in his veins made him opposed to the Americans, intimating that their treatment of his race stamped them as unfriendly to the negro.

"I would rather be under the sovereignty of Spain," he exclaimed, "than under that of the United States. The amendment endangers the independence of Cuba. It means the predominance of American influence. I would rather die of grief or leave the country should it be accepted."

He admitted that he was not particularly opposed to sending a commission to the delegates to accept the amendment. He cited the various reasons that would be maintained in favor of such a course and emphasized the fact that the amendment in no way endangered the independence of Cuba, but really provided guarantees that it would be maintained.

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WASHINGTON, April 10.—An information was received at the war department today to the effect that Cuban constitutional convention is contemplating sending a commission to consult with the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba. While it is known that the administration would much prefer to have the commission here, instead of sending such a commission, it would rather the commission should visit this country and discuss the subject than that the Platt legislation should be rejected. His rejection would leave matters in a strained condition.

The commission will visit this country upon its own responsibility. It is invited to come here to discuss the subject upon the part of this government to make concessions. It has been suggested that some of the most radical opponents of United States control the members of the commission, in order that they might ascertain definitely what the situation is in the United States.

There has been some discussion as to what such a commission can accomplish by coming to Washington. It is said, for one thing, that it can obtain definitely from the president and secretary of war a construction of the Platt amendment. The third section relating to intervention is the one which meets with the greatest objection from the Cubans, and it is believed that the administration can convince the delegates that there is nothing but the best of intention on the part of the government toward Cuba. The requirement that the Cubans shall adopt "substantially" the terms of the Platt amendment can be construed also. The delegation will learn, it is said, that the Cubans can hope for no modification of the law by Congress, and that nothing can be accomplished by waiting for another session. It will be made plain that present administration does not wish any modification and that the spirit of the Platt amendment must be accepted. The delegation will be informed that they can tell the members of the convention upon their return that until the conditions of the Platt amendment are complied with, the United States will continue to exercise authority in the islands under its military power.

There is a desire upon the part of the Cubans to have some information as to what may be meant by cooling stations. It is understood that the delegates have been given an intimation that the elections are not likely to be made within any of the cities of Cuba, but at points which the United States regard as convenient for warships. Probably the delegation may desire additional assurances from the president on this point when it comes to the United States.

As to the time for the visit of the commission, there is no definite information. The president leaves here for the west the last of the month and it is expected that he will not see any delegation of this character until after his return.

## WAR ON GAMBLERS.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 11.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson has declared war on gamblers and gambling in this city and has notices served on keepers of gambling houses that they must close them. Similar instructions to the police officials have been issued regarding disorderly saloons. Uniformed officers will be stationed at the entrance to these places, and the names of all visitors taken.

## WILL WELCOME THE DUKE.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, April 11.—The United States cruiser Bugalo just arrived here. The United States armored cruiser New York is expected soon. Elaborate preparations are being made to receive the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on board the Ophir.

## SUPREME COURT.

FREDERICTON, April 10.—After dinner the Lewis case was considered. A. O. Earle, K. C., supporting the rule; King v. A. W. Sharpe et al., assessors of St. John, ex parte the executors and trustees of the Turnbull estate—Mr. Skinner, K. C., showed a cause against a rule nisi to quash the writ. The court considered the writ. Judge Macdonald was engaged all day upon the Lewis case, and the Carleton county election petition was not again taken up.

FREDERICTON, April 11.—In the supreme court this morning King v. The parties Turnbull et al., was concluded. Court considered.

Pack v. Smith, et al.—Dixon moved to enter non-suit for new trial. Not finished at adjournment for lunch. Teed will reply.

York county election petition case is next on the docket, but will not likely be reached today.

## STEVENSON'S FRIENDS.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

TUTUILA, Samoa, March 27.—Via San Francisco, Calif., April 11.—A census of the population of the Samoan group has been taken. The number of Samoans in Upolu and other islands under the German government is 32,000, while the population of the six islands under the United States government is returned at 5,300. The very slight increase during the last thirty years is about the same in proportion all round. The infant mortality is greatest, and this is due in a large measure to the ignorance and carelessness in dealing with the young. It is only since the United States took possession that people have been able to receive medical advice and treatment. With the sanitary laws now in force and the laws concerning the health of the people generally throughout the island, it is hoped that during the next decade there will be a considerable increase of the native population. Governor Billiey returned from New Zealand on March 14. The natives showed their delight at the governor's return by giving a number of feasts in his honor.

## CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

King Otto of Bavaria has again suffered from severe hemorrhages of the kidneys and violent spasms.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, Berlin, today printed a special despatch from Constantinople which says the Turkish government has raised a loan of £200,000 from the Ottoman bank, to settle the claims of the Cramps and the Krups.

The London Morning Post today says it is rumored that an Alexandria firm of cotton brokers has failed with liabilities reported to amount to £250,000, while it is said that the assets show on paper a margin of £80,000.

The cruiser Scorpion with U. S. Minister Loomis, of Venezuela, on board, has arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico. Mr. Loomis will leave for New York on a passenger steamer.

Emperor William at noon today unveiled the Equestrian statue erected at Potsdam in honor of Emperor William I.

The well known Danish actor Emil Goulsen is arranging to tour the United States during the coming summer. He proposes to read his most notable plays in New York, San Francisco and other large cities.

The United Steamship Company will start a new steamship service between Copenhagen and the Danish West Indies by way of Holland, England and the United States. This service will be inaugurated when the Danish West Indies are sold off.

The plant of the Schenectady N. Y. Bridge Company was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The damage done amounts to \$35,000, which is partially covered.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

BERLIN, April 11.—A despatch from Pekin says Captain Bartsche of the second infantry (German) was found dead in the neighborhood of Pekin yesterday. An inquiry has been opened. The information so far obtained tends to show that the officer met with an accident. On the other hand, a despatch from Pekin to the Lokal Anzeiger says Capt. Bartsche was shot while riding near the summer palace and that his horse disappeared.

## VESSELS NOT LIABLE.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Vessels cannot be held liable for the loss of life on account of negligence, according to the decision of the United States court of appeals in the Mary D. Ayer-Onoka case, there being no lien against the vessel itself. Numerous suits are pending around the lakes, and under the court's ruling it is expected that they will be dropped.

## THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, April 11.—Fresh to strong northerly winds, cloudy to fair; Friday, fresh northerly winds, fair, stationary or little higher temperature.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight and Friday; fresh northeast winds. Western New York—Fair tonight and Friday, fresh northeast winds.

## THE CUNARD LINE.

LONDON, April 11.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Cunard Line Steamship Company, today, was marked by an unusual incident. A shareholder demanded that a committee of important shareholders be appointed to inquire into the policy and position of the company, declaring that the profits were made solely from transport work and that another war and more butchering would be required to assure future dividends. The motion was not adopted, but the report recommending a five per cent dividend and a three per cent bonus was adopted.

## IN ENGLAND.

The Question of Tariff and Taxation Excites Attention.

The Mail Advocates Protection and the Times Denounces the Present System.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The attention of the English press is directed once more to the reform systems of taxation which the chancellor of the exchequer may find it expedient to recommend in the budget speech, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. Two journals have been cautiously coaching him for this.

The Daily Mail has been advocating a tariff virtually of the protective order for several months, and its proposals against unlimited direct taxation have been even more strongly accentuated since the return of Alfred Harmsworth from America.

The Times' bombardment of the existing system of taxation is more destructive. The anonymous correspondent writes like another Sir Robert Gifford in his mastery of financial controversy and the sciences of economics. Every shot is deliberately aimed at graduated income taxes and progressive death duties as the sole resources of the treasury in an imperial crisis. The alliance of these two journals for what dissatisfied Tories describe as tariff reform, fills the liberals with joy. Already they are forecasting a general revival of the liberal party, if the free trade system be assailed. Nothing more than sugar duties can be expected from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Far sighted men in English politics are convinced that sweeping changes in the tariff can be justified only by a deliberate effort to take up the business side of the federal federation for the benefit of the colonies, and that Mr. Chamberlain is the only statesman capable of making so tremendous a fight.

## IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

A Noted Counterfeiter Arrested in New York—Wanted in Chicago and Sweden.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Upon receiving news of the capture in New York of J. Skoog, who is pronounced by officials of the United States secret service one of the most expert counterfeiters, Capt. Skoog of the United States secret service located in this city, at once made arrangements to have him return to Chicago for trial. Judge Kohlsaat issued a bench warrant for the prisoner, and a copy of the indictment, which was voted several years ago, was mailed to the authorities in the east. The arrest was considered of so much importance that a cablegram was sent to the authorities in Sweden, who have been waiting to take possession of Skoog as soon as the United States government got through with him. Skoog was arrested in this city on January 28, 1897, for passing a \$20 counterfeit bill. Officers searched his house and secured a complete outfit for making the bogus bills. Besides, they found \$7,320 bills and over \$3,000 worth of the bogus Swedish kroner notes. Pending a hearing of his case before the federal court Skoog was confined in the county jail at Joliet, while the Cook county jail was being reconstructed. Early in the morning of March 22 he made his escape with two other alleged counterfeiters, James Foley and Jacob Johnson. The latter two saved the window bars of the jail while Skoog smothered the sounds by playing an accordion. Skoog is said to have re-engaged in counterfeiting the same bills since his escape.

## J. J. HILL'S SCHEMES.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Pioneer Press says:—Word has escaped from an authoritative source that J. J. Hill has intimated to prevent the sale of the Northern Pacific lines in Manitoba, and that he has, under the new order of things other plans for these lines. Just what these plans are, is not disclosed. It is said that all parties concerned are awaiting the outcome of the Hill-Morgan-Burlington deal, orders having been issued by those in control of Northern Pacific to let proceedings rest for the present.

## TARTE DOWNS BLAIR.

OTTAWA, April 11.—The Crow's Nest Coal company's bill came up this morning, and Tarte and Blair had a stand off. The former wanted the bill amended to meet with the Canadian Pacific views, while Blair wanted the operators at Blair. It is hoped a settlement of the question will be reached by that time.

## TEMPORARY STRIKE.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 11.—Work in the block coal districts of Indiana, where over 2,000 union miners are employed, is at a complete standstill, owing to the disagreement over the powder question. Monday the executive board of the United Mine Workers will bring the miners into joint session with the operators at Blair. It is hoped a settlement of the question will be reached by that time.

## A BLOOD-THIRSTY QUEEN.

AUBURN, N. Y., April 11.—John Roma, who was fatally stabbed by a woman known as Queen Jappa in the Italian colony at Port Byron last night, died at the city hospital here this morning. The woman has not yet been apprehended.

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