

RELIEF BILL PASSED

The Senate Refused to Accept Amendments.

DAY FIXED FOR HEARING QUAY CASE

Consideration Must Not Interfere With Unfinished Business—Private Bills in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—After a debate of two days, the Senate today passed the Puerto Rican relief appropriation bill. As passed, the measure carries \$2,000,000, the President being authorized to use that sum "for public education, public works, sanitary and other governmental and public purposes" in Puerto Rico. Allen offered an amendment to the bill declaring that the Constitution extends over Puerto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the narrow vote of 35 to 17. Jones of Arkansas withdrew a free-trade amendment offered by him, and that proposition, therefore, did not reach a vote. Other efforts to amend the bill were fruitless.

An order was made by the Senate as to consideration of the case of ex-Senator Quay, it being unanimously agreed that it should be taken up two weeks from next Tuesday and discussed until disposed of, the discussion not to interfere with the unfinished business. The Spooner bill authorizing the President to remove the Philippines, until otherwise directed, the appropriation bills or conference reports.

This was the first private bill day in the House under the new rule. About two hours were spent in the discussion of a bill to pay Representative Swanson \$175 for extra expenses incurred by him in his contest in the last Congress, but the bill was ultimately abandoned. Six bills of minor importance were passed.

THE DAY IN DETAIL.

Close of the Debate and Vote in the Senate on Puerto Rican Relief Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—At 10 o'clock today the Senate convened to conclude, if possible, between that hour and noon, the formal reading of the Alaska coal bill. Only two or three minutes were spent during the earlier part of the session. Carter (Rep. Mont.), who reported the bill, was in the chair, and Bate (Dem. Tenn.), who has kept close attention upon the reading of the bill, had taken his seat until the last word of the bill was pronounced. The reading was concluded at noon, 141 pages being read today. Today's session was the fourth special session for the reading of the bill.

Hoar (Rep. Mass.) offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate a letter of Emilio Aguinaldo, dated at Bacoor, July 15, 1898, addressed to the American Congress and forwarded to General Merritt July 7, 1898."

Gallinger (Rep. N. H.) offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that the members of the Cabinet be directed to communicate to the Senate the number of clerks in their departments, giving the number between specified dates, and also those who in whole or in part are permanently incapacitated.

Hoar renewed his request of yesterday that a date be fixed for the taking up of the case relating to the seating of Quay as a Senator from Pennsylvania, and asked that the time be fixed at two weeks from next Tuesday, the consideration of the case not to interfere with appropriation bills, conference reports, unfinished business or the Spooner bill conferring authority upon the President to govern the Philippines.

Gallinger, who had yesterday some hot words with Penrose (Rep. Pa.), said he had been astounded at the charge that Quay was employing parliamentary tactics to obstruct a vote on the case. He pointed out that ever since the case had been brought on, the Senate bills in charge of Senators have been in charge of Senators.

"In no manner," said he, "has a single Senator opposed to the seating of Quay had any objection to the taking up of that case. I'll say now the time is not set for a single minute on my account. I shall not object. I'll vote my convictions by voting against the seating of Quay."

The order proposed by Hoar was agreed to by unanimous consent. On motion of Allison (Rep. Ia.), consideration of the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the relief of the people of Puerto Rico was resumed. The chair having ruled that the committee amendments to the bill had been adopted, other amendments were in order. The committee amendments were in order. The committee amendments were in order.

The first amendment was that of Allen (Rep. Neb.). It provided "that the Constitution was by force of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Kingdom of Spain at the City of Paris, France, April 11, 1898, extended over the Island of Puerto Rico and its inhabitants."

Chilton (Dem. Tex.) said that Puerto Rico was the pivot around which turn one of the gravest questions brought into American politics in 40 years.

"The proposition to levy custom duties against Puerto Rico," he said, "marks a step in American history which every patriot should seek to turn back. Notwithstanding the expediency which have been thrown around the bill, it is a step over, this bill is just as much the assertion of a wrong and dangerous principle as the tax on tea which fired the resistance of our forefathers and culminated in the establishment of this Republic. The progress of the American Union has been glorious with annexations. The Democratic party has been from its infancy the party of territorial acquisition, but in all our history there has never been a proposition made to tax productions of our new territories when transported into the boundaries of this Republic."

Chilton said that the bill of that kind is nothing more than the application of the weak by the strong."

Allison moved to lay the amendment of Allen on the table. The motion prevailed, 36 to 17. The detailed vote was as follows:

Ayes. Allen, Clark (Mont.), McLaurin, Bay, Cockrell, Rawlins, Berry, Culberson, Tillman, Butler, Kenney, Tully, Chilton.

Noes. Allison, Clark (Mont.), McLaurin, Bay, Cockrell, Rawlins, Berry, Culberson, Tillman, Butler, Kenney, Tully, Chilton.

Jones (Dem. Ark.) withdrew the amendment he had offered yesterday, saying, in doing so, that a great storm had raged in Puerto Rico, and that likewise a great storm was raging in this country, the cause of the latter being the election of the House on the Puerto Rican question. There was now a strenuous effort on the part of the Republicans to get out of the storm, and the bill proposed was the means they were employing to land safely. He declared that the course of the Government toward the people of the island, and not the hurricane, had paralyzed the industries of Puerto Rico, and

said the remedy was to permit the Puerto Ricans to bring their products here free of duty, and to buy and sell wherever they might please.

"The course we have pursued toward these people," said Jones, "is wrong and indefensible. What the Puerto Ricans want is not charity, but justice."

In answer to a question by Allen, Allison replied that under the military government in Puerto Rico all food products, farm implements and many other useful food necessary articles were admitted free of duty. He said it was proposed to pass a Puerto Rican bill here in the Senate that would be entirely just to Puerto Rico and to the United States.

Allison—Undoubtedly. Allen asked what rates of duty the goods of Puerto Rico were now paying the United States.

"They are now paying the rates fixed by the Dingley act," replied Allison. "The bill we shall pass for Puerto Rico will be liberal and just to all. I take it there is no senator on either side of this chamber who would propose to continue the present commercial conditions between the United States and Puerto Rico for any considerable time. I want the matter hastened in every way possible."

Jones inquired where the money came from that was being expended in Puerto Rico and had been expended heretofore. Foraker (Rep. O.) replied that a large amount had been expended from the war emergency fund, and that some had been expended from customs receipts. The War Department hoped that relief would be afforded by Congress, but the relief had been delayed so long that the present proposition had been brought in.

Remembering that he could not ascertain just what the object of the bill was, Jones said he would content himself with offering the following amendment: "From and after the passage of this act no duty shall be collected on articles coming into Puerto Rico from other parts of the United States, or on goods coming from Puerto Rico into other parts of the United States."

Pettus (Dem. Ala.) declared his opposition to the bill, holding, such appropriations were dangerous as precedents, and ought to be abandoned.

Wolcott (Rep. Colo.) inquired if the appropriations were for the relief of the people of Puerto Rico, or for the relief of the people of Puerto Rico, or for the relief of the people of Puerto Rico.

Pettus replied that this was not true. "We relieved many sufferers by appropriation," he said, "but in every instance a specific appropriation was made for a specific purpose."

In answer to a further inquiry by Wolcott, Pettus explained that the bill was a bill of relief appropriation heretofore made could be used for any purpose that specifically defined in the legislation. "The proposition now before us," he declared, "is a bill of policy, and it is a dangerous policy."

Tillman (Dem. S. C.) said there was evidently so much division among the Republicans that it appeared doubtful to him whether they would be able to enact any Puerto Rican legislation at all. He said it looked as if the Republican party had reached the end of its rope, and that the last hope was now in the hands of Congress without limitation in the Government, or of legislating for acquired territory. Referring to the difference between the Government's treatment of Hawaii and Puerto Rico, as to the admission of their respective products, Tillman said:

"I am sure it is to themselves not to show such discrimination on the one hand and such outrage on the other."

He was going to vote for the pending bill, he said, because the enactment of the measure into law was the only way to restore to the people of Puerto Rico taken from them wrongfully and unjustly.

Tillman declared that the government established now in Puerto Rico was worse than that forced upon the people by Spain, particularly as to the island's fiscal affairs, as under Spanish rule the Puerto Ricans had at least a free market in Spain for their goods.

This assertion Gallinger disputed, calling Tillman's attention to the fact that Spain levied a duty upon Puerto Rican products, especially coffee, which constituted four-fifths of the export product of the island.

Tillman referred to what he said would be the monumental salaries of the officials in the insular possessions, particularly noting the members of the Philippine commission. Foraker informed Tillman that the salaries of the Philippine commission were \$10,000 a year.

At Tillman's suggestion, Jones withdrew his amendment in order to facilitate a vote on the bill, but Pettus insisted upon a vote on his amendments, which in effect were the making of a direct appropriation for the relief of the Puerto Ricans, without any reference to the tariff or customs duties collected. They were defeated.

The bill as reported by the Senate committee was passed without division, only a few scattering nays being heard against it.

The following bills were passed: Relating to the accounts of United States Marshals and Clerks of the District Courts for the Territory of Utah; to amend the Revised Statutes relating to the signing of bills of exceptions.

Mason (Rep. Ill.) then introduced a motion that the foreign relations committee be discharged from further consideration of its resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers. Under the rule, the motion went over.

After an executive session, at 4:40 P. M. the Senate adjourned until Monday.

In the House today March 16 was set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Epps, of Virginia.

After agreeing to Senate amendments to a number of pension bills, the House in pursuance of the recently adopted rule setting aside alternate Fridays for the consideration of claims, went into committee on the accounts of the late Representative Epps, of Virginia.

The first bill called up proposed to pay Representative Claude Swanson, of Virginia, \$175, the amount of expense incurred by him in connection with his contest in excess of the \$2000 allowed by law. So much opposition developed to extending the limit of expense allowance made for these contests that the bill was withdrawn.

Hills were passed to pay J. W. Worsen extra services in the construction of the Mount City National Cemetery; to refer the claim of Joshua Blahney for services as commander, United States Navy, to the court of claims; and for the relief of several other individuals.

QUESTIONS RULED OUT

WARNER INVESTIGATION IS NOT PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

Committee is Determined to Keep Lenta's Campaign Speeches Out of the Record.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The taking of testimony in the Cœur d'Alene investigation, before the House military committee, was suspended this morning in order to allow the committee to hold an executive session to determine how far the official record of the proceedings should include the speeches and personal representatives which have occurred of late.

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During the discussion, considerable feeling was manifested, and intimations were made by some members that they would withdraw from the investigation because of the proposed limitation of the record. No such action was taken, however. The open session went over until 2 P. M.

The cross-examination of Senator Foraker was continued at the afternoon session. He said no doubt some impressioned men were innocent, and they were released as soon as the facts could be learned, but the testimony was voluminous and action was necessarily slow. He believed there was a prima facie case against all those held.

The committee made slow progress, as many of Lenta's questions were ruled out, causing animated controversies. The questions were directed to showing that the Idaho Constitution contained the declaration of rights and civil liberty. Foraker said the present condition in the Cœur d'Alene district required the continued presence of the military forces, although peace and quiet were being rapidly restored. There had been no actual violence for some months.

The witness said he had seen Governor Steiensen in and about the "bull pen" twice, about half an hour at a time, during his investigation. He said the Governor's action was not reviewable by the courts, except in case of gross abuse of power. He said that with General Merriam and found him well versed in rights and wrongs under martial law. The General told him, he said, that he was there to aid the state authorities, but not to supplant them.

SENDING MONEY BY MAIL. A New and Inexpensive Method Proposed.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senator McMillan, in the Senate, and Representative Lenta, in the House, today introduced bills designed to afford an easy and inexpensive means of transmitting money by mail.

The bills provide that all United States and national bank notes, silver certificates and Treasury notes of \$1, \$2 and \$5 denomination shall be replaced by new notes, to be known as "United States post-check notes." Fifty million of United States notes of denominations above \$10 shall be replaced with a like amount, and fractional post-check notes shall be issued from 10 cents to the face and back of the notes and to the face and back of the notes named below, "Payable to bearer on demand," and the face of the notes shall have a blank space for inserting the name of a payee, with space for a receipt and stamp. The holder of any such post-check by inserting the name of a payee and fixing a postage stamp may forward the note by mail, as under Spanish rule, it is redeemable at the postoffice named. The checks are then to be canceled and new checks issued.

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company of the Santa Fe system, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company, is to absorb them. Connection between Bakerfield and the Santa Fe Pacific is to be made over the Tehachapi division of the Southern Pacific.

Under a 20-year lease, the Santa Fe is to jointly operate that division with the Southern Pacific. The connection will do away with three separate sets of executive officers and otherwise reduce expenses.

RUSSIA IN ASIA MINOR.

Her Plans May Be Upset by England and Germany.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Berlin says: The Constantinople correspondent of the Tagblatt telegraphs the following, which he claims to have acquired from a very good source:

"During the last five months 100,000 soldiers have been thrown into different departments of Russia, both on this side and across the Caspian. Merv, Tashkend and Samarkand are veritable war camps and only the impossibility at the present season of the year of building new barracks or harboring men in tents, has delayed the advance of further troops. A decisive manifestation against England may be expected before long."

The correspondent adds, under reserve, that Russia has actually acquired a harbor on the Persian Gulf, outside the Straits of Ormuz. Statements still more sensational are published by the Munich Neuste Nachrichten, one of the best informed and most conservative papers in Germany, which affirms, among other things, that Great Britain has assented to co-operate with Germany for the purpose of upsetting Russian plans in Asia Minor.

The semi-official organs of the German press seize the opportunity afforded by these announcements to proclaim that the Bagdad Railway is an international undertaking, that Asia Minor is unsuited to German colonization, and that Germany intends to maintain the strictest reserve in regard to questions pending between Russia and Turkey.

Turkish agents are assured that Great Britain, if appealed to on the basis of the Cyprus agreement, will not stand idly by in protecting the Asiatic portion of Turkey from Russia, and Germany does not intend to snatch chestnuts out of the fire for England.

Webster Davis at Naples.

NAPLES, March 16.—Webster Davis, United States Assistant Secretary of the Interior, has arrived here from Pretoria on his way to America.

APPLIED FOR BANK CHARTERS

Two Hundred Applications Received by Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The officials of the Treasury are overrun with work, as a result of the passage of the new financial bill, which involves the funding of the old long-term bonds into new gold bonds bearing 2 per cent interest. The result of the exchange of old bonds for the new up to the time of the department today amounted to about \$7,000,000, all but about \$2,000,000 coming from National banks.

The force in the office of the Controller of the Currency is busy examining applications for authority to establish National banks under the new law. The number of applications has increased since the law was passed, and the number of them, a considerable number of state banks have applied for authority to convert themselves into National banks.

PLenty of Small Change.

Twenty Millions More of Subsidiary Coinage Under the New Law.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The mints of the United States will be kept busy for some time to come in undertaking to carry out the provisions of the act that has just become a law and that permits the Secretary of the Treasury to issue subsidiary silver coin. The authority to issue subsidiary silver coin has been obtained specifically from time to time, but has been restricted to small amounts. The new law authorizes the issue of subsidiary silver coin to the amount of \$20,000,000.

Director of the Mint Roberts, in talking about the objects and purposes of the new act, as relating to subsidiary silver coinage, said:

"The new monetary act, approved March 16, authorizes an increase of about \$20,000,000 in the stock of subsidiary silver coin. The last authority for the issue of subsidiary silver coin was given by a joint resolution, approved July 22, 1896, in preparation for the resumption of specie payments. It authorized the issue of an amount which, together with the fractional paper currency outstanding, should amount to \$100,000,000."

"June 8, 1873, the act providing for the redemption of subsidiary silver in lawful money was passed, and forthwith our old quarters, dimes and halves, which had been driven to the West Indies and America by our paper money, began to return. They were presented for redemption until the Treasury held over \$20,000,000 of the old quarters, dimes and halves. It was then decided to issue subsidiary silver coin, and the Treasury began to issue it. The present stock in the country thus reached about \$20,000,000. Under the new law, it may be \$100,000,000, and bullion purchased under the Sherman act may be coined into subsidiary silver coin, and will be issued in the form of the growing needs of the country more than five or six years."

Food for Puerto Ricans.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Five hundred tons of rice, coffee and bacon were shipped on a transport to Puerto Rico today by the War Department to relieve the suffering. The shipment is made in response to an appeal from the War Department to General George Davis, military governor of Puerto Rico, to Acting Secretary of State Meikelo for aid for starving Puerto Ricans.

General Davis' letter depicts an awful situation on the island. He explained that he intended to discontinue the distribution of food the first of this month, but owing to the distress asked or the new law, he also says that it is imperative that a further shipment of 500 tons of the same article be made on the next transport following this shipment.

Truth's Western Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Francis Truth, the self-styled "divine healer," now under arrest in Boston, came to this city from Oakland about a year ago and opened "healing parlors" on Geary street. It was not long before Truth's business had developed to such an extent that his patients were numbered by thousands. His mail was estimated to be larger than that delivered to any other single individual in the city. The postal authorities investigated the matter, but decided that he had kept within the provisions of the law.

Last May, after his methods had been exposed by the local press, Truth quietly packed his effects and took his departure for East, leaving behind him a score of dupes who had paid him in advance for his "divine healing."

Senator Clark's Daughter Engaged.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Katherine Stauffer Clark, the youngest daughter of United States Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, to Dr. L. R. Morris, of this city.

Wood's Great Peppermint Cure

Is prepared from the best known vegetable remedies, by a combination, proportion and process peculiar to itself. Thus it possesses peculiar curative power and effects marvelous results where all others totally fail. It is the perfect blood purifier, stomach tonic and nerve strengthener—the best Spring Medicine that money can buy. Get a bottle TODAY.

ments for the approaching National convention. Everything is waiting for Rickard and Croker's instructions."

Bryan on the Tariff Bill.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 16.—Colonel J. Bryan broadcast here on radio to Nebraska today. Commenting on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, Mr. Bryan said: "It is frequently true that an object lesson is needed, and it is fortunate for the country that one has been given prior to the election. No one can doubt that the Administration's so-called expansion policy really means imperialism."

Cancelled Its Risk.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The Chronicle says that the Nippon Marine Insurance Company, Limited, of Osaka, Japan, has canceled and repudiated all its claims in this city since January 1st, aggregating about \$50,000. Such is the information which came in the last mail from Japan to the company's agents in this city. H. M. Newhall & Co., who are aggregating about \$50,000, are at a loss to account for and bitterly resent the unwarranted action of the Japanese company.

Mrs. Adams Refused to Testify.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—Mrs. Charles Adams, charged with the murder of her husband at their home in Race street last night, was in the Police Court today, but the hearing was postponed. At the coroner's inquest, upon the advice of her attorney, she refused to testify. In conversation today, Mrs. Adams related most shocking stories of the brutality and public and declaring himself dictator until after the threatened invasion on the part of Morra occurs or has been abandoned.

Archbishop Hennessey's Successor.

DUBUQUE, Ia., March 16.—The Council of the Catholic Archdiocese has selected Archbishop Keane, of Washington, Bishop Cosgrove, of Davenport, and Bishop Linehan, of Cheyenne, Wyo., as candidates to succeed the late Archbishop Hennessey, of Dubuque.

To Protect the Big Trees.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has recommended to the Secretary of the Interior that the mammoth tree grove and

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