

SENATE TAKES IT UP

Discussion Begun on the Puerto Rican Tariff.

PETTUS SPEECH IN OPPOSITION

Foraker Defended the Provisions of the Bill—Remarks by Hoar and Tillman.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Formal discussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the Senate today, and continued uninterruptedly for six hours. The bill, introduced by Foraker, in charge of the measure, and Pettus, but at various times during the debate lively colloquies occurred, in which other Senators took part.

Foraker discussed the probability that this Government would be asked by other powers for an open door in the Philippines and declared that it was a contingent of which account would have to be taken. We wanted trade in the Orient, and after we demanded an entrance to China we must grant one to the Philippines.

Foraker asked why the President originally recommended free trade with Puerto Rico and the House had brought in a bill to that end, and only changing its course of policy after hearing from Mr. Oxnard, the foreign minister. Replying, Foraker referred Tillman to his colleague (Hanna). "I am not the keeper of the President's confidence. I have no doubt, however, that the President speaks from his highest conviction and best sentiment. No doubt he would prefer free trade with Puerto Rico, as I should, but he probably knows more than he knew when he promulgated the measure, and, knowing more, it is his duty, as a man and as an official, to change his recommendation."

Hoar said the thing to do now was to make a bill giving an American register to the steamer Windward, presented by a British citizen to Robert E. Peary, United States Navy, the Arctic explorer, was passed.

Pettus (Dem. Ala.) then addressed the Senate on the Puerto Rican bill. He congratulated the President on the position he had taken in his annual message, favoring free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico.

"No arid politician's fingers had been put in the ink of that message," he said. "The President's policy was to favor free trade when he distinctly advised free trade between the United States and the island of Puerto Rico. The public press is now trying to make it appear that the author of War is the author of the pending bill, and that the President has acceded to the provisions of the measure. For one, I refuse to believe this charge against the President. Those who are in a position to know, he was a brave soldier, and is an able and generous man. For him it is not everything in life to be re-elected to the Presidency by the people. He has done for the common good of all the people. If he approves your bill, then I may believe any vile story against any good man."

Pettus called attention to the amendment proposed by Davis (Rep. Minn.), which, he said, was a most interesting specimen of the products of inventive genius.

"The Senator proposes," said Pettus, "to send over to the Puerto Ricans the Constitution in installments—a little now and a little then, until they have secured the common good of all the people. If he approves your bill, then I may believe any vile story against any good man."

Morgan (Dem. Ala.) gave notice of his intention to move to lay the entire substitute of the Senate committee for the House bill on the table.

Foraker (Rep. O.) in charge of the pending bill, replied to Pettus. Adverting to the criticism aroused by the bill, both in the newspapers and among the people, Foraker said that so far as he had been informed, no intelligent and appreciative man in Puerto Rico had dissented from the propositions of the measure. There may have been some criticism, but generally it was accredited as an excellent bill.

Lindsay (Dem. Ky.) inquired if Governor-General Taft had not recommended free trade with Puerto Rico.

"Yes," replied Foraker, "he did make such a recommendation, but the committee, after full consideration, decided against his proposal. We are to legislate for the whole United States, and we were forced to consider the question from all points of view. The tariff provision was conceived by the President, the Puerto Ricans, and in its generosity it is without precedent in the territorial legislation of the United States."

Foraker explained the provisions of the bill, showing that all the internal revenue taxes and the customs duties, instead of being paid into the United States treasury, as has been the case in every other territory, are to be paid into the treasury of the island and be solely for the benefit of the Puerto Ricans. In round figures, the revenues would aggregate \$2,000,000, about \$400,000 in customs and \$600,000 from internal revenues.

Gallinger (Rep. N. H.) interjected the remark that it was proposed to expend \$2,000,000 for schoolhouses on the island, and a like sum for the construction of roads.

"Yes," continued Foraker, "we propose to do that, and we propose, in that connection, to provide for the island with remunerative labor and employment."

A DEMOCRAT UNSEALED

THE HOUSE GAVE ROBBINS' PLACE TO ALDRICH.

Vote Was Strictly a Party One—Two Days Each Week Set Apart for Pension Legislation.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The House unsealed Gaston A. Robbins, a Democrat, from the Fourth district of Alabama, and seated in his stead William F. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a contestant from the same district on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a Republican House. The vote was strictly a party one. This case out of the way, a new rule was brought in to set aside the day sessions on the second and fourth Fridays of each month for pension legislation. The rule limited debate on each bill to 15 minutes on a side, but this provision was withdrawn upon the assurance of Richardson, the minority leader, that his side of the House would not indulge in filibustering.

At the opening session of the House Overstreet (Rep. Ind.), in charge of the conference report on the financial bill, gave notice that he would call up the report next Tuesday. By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the vote on the report should be taken at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Debate on the contested election case of Aldrich-Robbins was then resumed, under agreement that a vote should be taken today. Hamilton (Rep. Mich.) addressed the House in support of Robbins. Elliott (Dem. Ga.) closed for the sitting member, Robbins, and Mann (Rep. Ill.) for the contestant.

The minority resolutions declaring Robbins entitled to retain his seat were defeated by a strictly party vote, 134 to 138, and then by 142 to 136 Aldrich, the contestant, was declared entitled to his seat. Aldrich was sworn in at once. The House then adjourned until Friday night session.

Richardson (Dem. Tenn.) criticized the rule and questioned the necessity for it. He declared that the other side, if it lived up to its professions of friendship for the old soldier, could bring a quorum to the House Friday evenings.

Mahon (Rep. Pa.) attacked Talbot (Dem. S. C.) who had introduced pension legislation Friday nights by demanding the presence of a quorum. Mahon's attack led to hot words between him and Talbot, the former expressing a wish that he could have an opportunity to oust Talbot from Congress, and the latter denouncing a member who would express the hope that some one, Populist or Republican, should contest his seat in order that he could vote to throw him out without reason or justice, as the gentleman from Alabama had been thrown out a few minutes ago. (Democratic applause.)

Proceeding, Talbot denounced the Republicans as hypocrites and pretended friends of the old soldiers, and reiterated his intention of insisting upon the presence of a quorum for the consideration of pension bills, whether the sessions were held at night or in the day. The rule was adopted without division.

At 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

France Will Be Asked to Extend the Time for Its Consideration.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Several conferences were held with the President today on the pending reciprocity treaty with France, with the result that it is thought that the French Government will be communicated with on a proposition to extend the time for its ratification or rejection. By the terms of the treaty, action must be taken thereon before the 24th of the present month, and it is the opinion of many prominent members of Congress that, if pushed to a vote at this session, the treaty will fall. Hence an effort is being made to secure postponement until the terms of the treaty can be more fully considered.

Efforts to Secure Ratification.

NEW YORK, March 8.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "Friend of the France reciprocity treaty in the Senate are going to make an effort to bring about the ratification of the treaty the coming week. If necessary, it will be made the subject of caucus action. As the matter now stands, the treaty was practically deadlocked by a motion to refer it to the Finance committee. It has already been favorably reported from a committee on foreign relations and was briefly considered in executive session. The opponents of the treaty include the entire New England delegation, which has the best parliamentary tacticians in the Senate. If a vote could be reached, it is asserted that the treaty could easily muster the two-thirds to insure its ratification. Appeals from all parts of the country are daily made to Senators in behalf of the prompt ratification of the treaty, but by sharp practice the opposition has thus far been able to prevent decisive action. So bitter is the contest over this treaty that the steering committee has been unable thus far to bring about an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. At a meeting of the committee this subject was under consideration, and it is understood that the case will be referred to the Republican caucus, which is to be held in a few days for the purpose of trying to untangle the snarls into which the Republican party in the Senate has been drawn by recent events."

Grip and Pneumonia.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Dr. Tracey, registrar of vital statistics of the Health Department, says that there has been a large increase in the number of deaths from grip and pneumonia in the last week compared with the same week of 1899. During this period the deaths from both diseases were 248, as compared with 189 in the corresponding week of 1899. Grip, Borough of Manhattan, 1899, 11; 1900, 25. The five boroughs: 1899, 13; 1900, 52. Pneumonia—Manhattan: 1899, 141; 1900, 226. The five boroughs: 1899, 109; 1900, 420.

Flying Fox Sold.

LONDON, March 8.—At the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses today, Flying Fox, the winner in 1898 of the St. James's Stakes, was sold for £25,000 to the Duke of Devonshire. He is the son of the founder of Monte Carlo and brother-in-law of Roland Donaparte.

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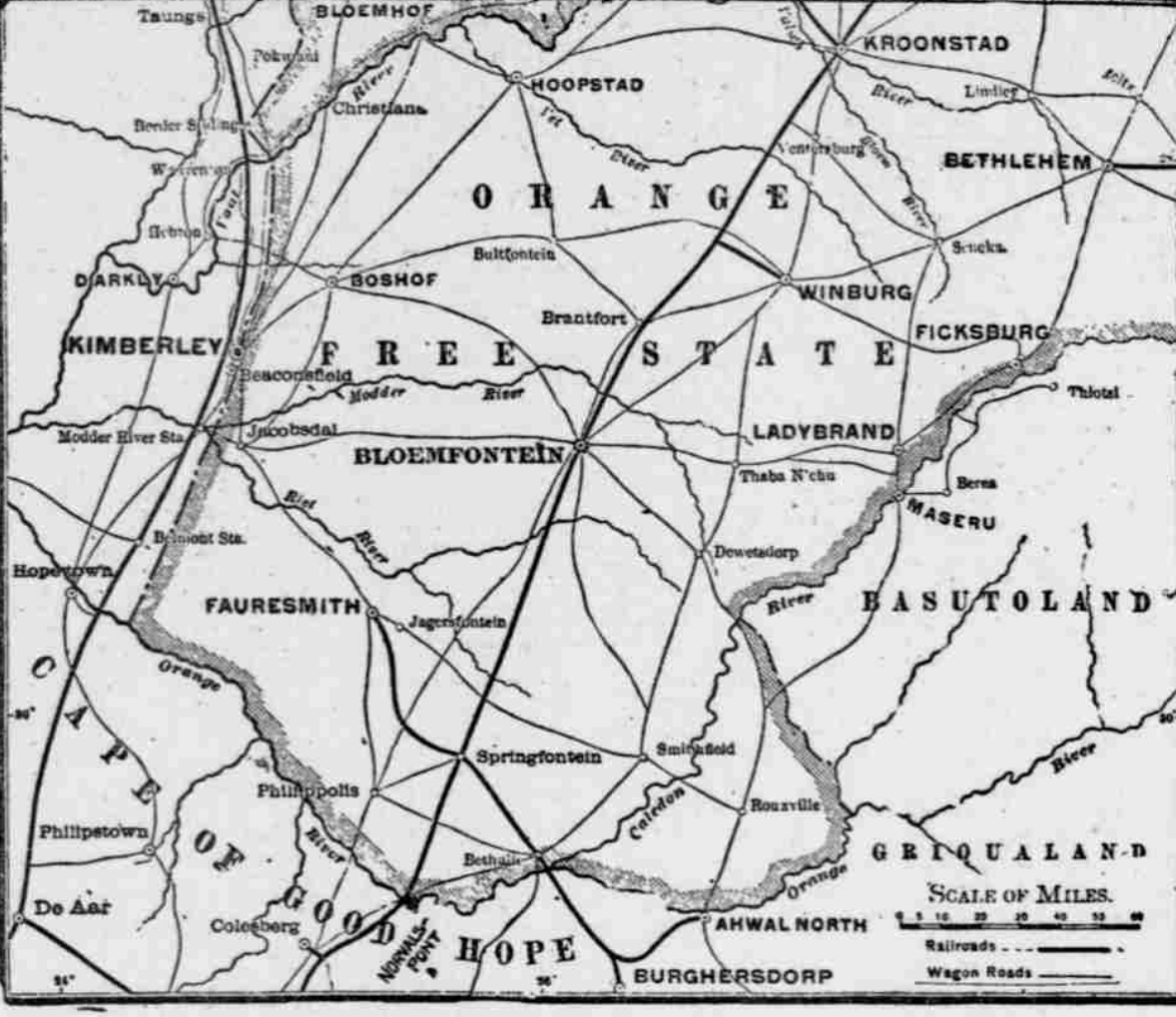
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MAP OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE, THE SCENE OF LORD ROBERTS' INVASION.

DEFENSE AGAINST INFLATION

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THEATER FRANCAIS BURNS

DESTRUCTION OF A FAMOUS PARIS PLAYHOUSE.

Charred Remains of an Actress Found in the Ruins—A National Institution.

PARIS, March 8.—The famous Theatre Francaise has been destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about noon, but was not discovered immediately, and the theater was burning furiously before the fire brigade got to work. Even then the appliances were quite inadequate to cope with the conflagration, and by 1:30 P. M. the dense column of smoke rising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris. The Theatre Francaise being regarded as a national institution, the theater, which is the home of the Comedie Francaise, was only reopened a fortnight ago, after having been renovated for the Exposition things expected to visit Paris during the year.

A rehearsal of a comedy which was billed for the matinee had just concluded when the fire broke out. Indeed, two actresses, Madame Daudy and Madeleine Henriot, were still on the stage when an electric wire fused, and a spark catching the scenery, the whole stage was soon in flames. Madame Daudy had to be rescued in costume and let down from a window. M. Sardou, the playwright, arrived on the scene at about 1 o'clock, and burst into tears when he saw the building was doomed. A part of the dome collapsed at 2:30 P. M.

The Theatre Francaise, or Comedie Francaise, was situated on the Place de la Theatre, near the Palais Royal, and occupied the highest rank among the theaters of France.

During the day the charred corpse of a young actress, Marie Henriot, was identified as that of Madeleine Henriot, who was a promising young actress. After examination, the belief is expressed that the fire was of incendiary origin. The magnificent ceiling, bearing the allegorical painting by Mazerolle, the ceiling painting by De Beuf, the younger, of "Truth Enlightening the World," and other mural tableaux and works of art, together with a portion of the invaluable library of manuscript, perished in the flames. M. Sardou, the sculptor, however, was saved and removed to the Ministry of Finance, which faces the site of the theater on the Rue de Rivoli. The priceless statue of Voltaire, by Houdon, and several other beautiful objects of art, were saved by being enveloped in a pile of mattresses.

DISSOLUTION OF THE REICHTAG.

Rumors to That Effect Circulating in Berlin.

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Comparisons Equally Offensive.

NEW YORK Times. The opposition to this measure within the Republican party in the House is as nothing compared to the opposition, without regard to party, in the Senate. The American people do not like measures, they do not like perfidy, they do not like cruelty. And with these base qualities in the bill the House has passed is branded.

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