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CUBANS MAY REPENT

Administration Hopeful That It Will Accept Amendment.

INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO WOOD

The Order for the Establishment of Civil Government in the Philippines Is Being Drawn Up.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Cabinet was in session over two hours today discussing the Cuban and Philippine situations. A communication has been receved from Governor-General Wood in regard to the prospect for the unconditional acceptance of the Platt amendment, but its contents are not made public. It can be stated, however, that there is a hopeful feeling in administrative circles that after the first soreness wears off the convention will see the wisdom of accepting the terms of the amendment. The answer to General Wood to be sent and the language of the communication was under consideration today. Meanwhile the status in Cuba is to be maintained. No action looking to the calling of another convention is contemplated if the present convention should decline to accede to our terms.

The programme looking to the establishment of civil government in the Philippines is being formulated in the shape of an order which is to be promulgated shortly. It is said that there is no definite conclusion as to whether the powers of the civil administration will be exercised under the general war powers of the President or the power vested in him by the Spooner amendment. That, however, is considered a matter of detail. The main point is that the civil administration, which will be confined largely to the municipalities, will be vested in the head of the Taft Commission and such other officials as may be designated, and that they will exercise their functions subject to the direct authority of the Secretary of War, to whom all reports will be made. Civil administration under military supervision, such as is contemplated, is said not to be anomalous, and the civil government in New Mexico and the Southern States during the early stages of the reconstruction period are pointed to as being substantially analogous to what is proposed in the Philippines.

SENATOR PLATT'S LETTER.

Confidential Correspondence That Was Published in Havana.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—During the [illegible] Senator Root and [illegible] the Secretary [illegible] Platt, of Con[illegible] the Platt [illegible] his views relative to intervention as mentioned in the third clause of the amendment. Senator Platt replied and his letter was furnished to the commission, confidentially, by the Secretary of War, and was incorporated into and made a part of the acceptance of the Platt amendment by the constitutional convention. The letter, however, appeared in a Havana paper and today was made public by the War Department. Following is the text of the letter:

"I am in receipt of your letter of this date, in which you say that the members of the commission of the Cuban constitutional convention fear that the provisions relative to intervention in the third clause of the amendment, which has come to bear my name, may have the effect of preventing the independence of Cuba, and in reality establish a protectorate or suzerainty by the United States, and you request that I express my views of the question raised.

"In reply, I beg to state that the amendment was carefully prepared with the object of avoiding any possible idea that by the acceptance thereof the constitutional convention would thereby establish a protectorate or suzerainty or in any manner whatsoever compromise the independence or sovereignty of Cuba, and speaking for myself, it seems impossible that such an interpretation can be given to the clause. I believe that the amendment should be considered as a whole, and it ought to be clear on reading that its well-defined purpose is to secure and safeguard Cuban independence and set forth at once a clear idea of the friendly disposition of the United States towards the Cuban people and the express intention on their part to aid them if necessary in the maintenance of said independence. These are my ideas, and although, as you say, I cannot speak for the entire Congress, my belief is that such a purpose was well understood by that body. Very respectfully yours,

"O. H. PLATT."

List of the Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—A cablegram was received at the War Department today, from General MacArthur, at Manila, announcing that all the volunteers have left the Philippines en route for the United States.

Porto Rican Foreign Trade.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, June 7.—The exports for May totalled $1,176,562 and the duties on imports aggregated $60,628.

WANT CANTEEN ESTABLISHED

Resolution Passed by Medical Association by Unanimous Vote.

ST. PAUL, June 7.—By unanimous vote, although with small attendance, the American Medical Association this afternoon adopted a resolution asking for the re-establishment of the army post canteen.

A gift of $300,000 from John D. Rockefeller, for the furtherance of scientific research along medical and surgical lines, was gratefully acknowledged by the executive committee of the association. The details of the benefaction are not yet known to the executive committee.

The general sessions of the association came to an end today. Tonight at 10 o'clock a special on the Northern Pacific carried 250 of the doctors and their wives on a trip through Yellowstone Park.

Delegates to Teachers' Convention.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 7.—A party of 60, accompanying the Washington, Oregon and Idaho delegation to the National Association at Buffalo, arrived this morning over the Northern Pacific. F. L. Salsbury and the Commercial Club entertainment committee took the party in charge. After breakfast at the club the delegates were taken to Lake Harriet and Minnehaha Falls. The journey eastward was resumed at 3 o'clock.

Railway Porters' Association.

CHICAGO, June 7.—James D. Ross, president of the Railway Porters' Association, issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee in this city June 20, to complete arrangements for the establishment of a private hospital for colored men in the railway service. The question of calling a national convention of the Colored People's National Business Association will also be considered.

THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Report on Its Operation for the Past Six Months.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The summary of the semi-annual reports of the operation of the bankruptcy law for the period ending March 31, 1901, recently submitted to the Attorney-General by E. C. Brandenburg, in charge of bankruptcy matters in the Department of Justice, shows that during this period 9661 voluntary petitions were filed, as against 8000 for the preceding six months, 12,120 for the six months ending March 31, 1900; 10,124 for the six months ending September 30, 1900, and 9052 for the six months ending March 31, 1899, thus showing no appreciable variation from the average number of petitions filed since the law went into operation, though it is over 2800 less than for the corresponding period of last year. For the same period 1673 petitions in involuntary bankruptcy were filed, this being slightly in excess of the average for the past 2½ years.

The report shows that a large percentage of those taking advantage of the voluntary feature of the law are old insolvents, seeking this means of restoring themselves in the business world. During the past six months, of the voluntary cases, 7057 have been closed. In these, the total liabilities, direct and contingent, have been $34,855,697, while the net assets realized for distribution as dividends have been $3,587,447. It appears that 747 who filed petitions were farmers, 2843 wage-earners, 1377 merchants, 123 manufacturers, 143 professional men, and the remainder had occupations of a miscellaneous character. Of the voluntary cases, 325 were closed during the year, in which the total liabilities were $4,626,948, while the total assets realized $8,789,597.

Mr. Brandenburg says that it may be safely said that with one or two exceptions, for which Congress doubtless will make provision at an early date, the law is meeting almost universal approbation. The experience gained by the commercial interests under the present law, he says, has afforded a keener insight into its practical advantages than was expected or could have been anticipated, and while the existence of the present law is no guaranty against fraud, or that the dishonest debtor will not endeavor to use its machinery to his advantage and to the detriment of the creditor whenever possible, yet the opportunities under the various state assignments and insolvency laws were so much greater and the frauds frequently so much more flagrant that the Federal law came to be looked on as one of the most beneficent and advantageous to the business world that has been placed on our statute-books for many years.

The states showing the greatest number of voluntary petitions filed during the last six months are:

Illinois	1318	Iowa	429
New York	1208	Alabama	402
Massachusetts	569		

The lowest numbers are shown in the State of Nevada, where none was filed, Arizona and Hawaii 1 each, Delaware 3, New Mexico 3, Idaho 20. Of the involuntary petitions, the greatest number were filed in the following states:

New York	239	Kentucky	50
Pennsylvania	132	Georgia	48
Illinois	70	Texas	48
Massachusetts	52		

In the States of Kansas and Nevada no petitions were filed, in Hawaii and New Mexico 1 each; in Delaware, Indian Territory, North Dakota and Oregon 2 each.

A PRIVATE DEAL.

Charles M. Schwab Buys the Bethlehem Steel Company.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—The North American tomorrow will say it is authoritatively stated that Charles M. Schwab is the real purchaser of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and that the United States Steel Corporation, of which he is president, has no part in the deal. Mr. Schwab is understood to have bought the property to protect his own interests. The deal was closed Thursday afternoon, when Mr. Schwab, through a representative, bought 80,000 shares of Bethlehem from Joseph Wharton and 60,000 shares from Robert P. Linderman. This, with 20,000 shares bought in the open market, gave him 160,000 out of 300,000 shares, into which the capital stock of the Bethlehem Steel Company is divided. It was agreed that he should take the remaining stock on the same terms upon which he got the Wharton and Linderman holdings. It is known that the price paid is $24 50 a share, but that the sellers get something additional in the shape of a dividend to be divided prior to the transferring of their stock.

Vickers Sons & Maxim, who allowed the Bethlehem Company to slip from their hands because of a difference of 60 cents a share, made an effort Thursday night to buy it from Mr. Schwab. It is said that their representative went to him at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York and offered a price which would have netted him a profit of $2,000,000, but which he declined to accept.

San Jose Scale in New York.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A special to the Times from Newburg, N. Y., says:

Superintendent Weed, of the Downing Park, is removing a large quantity of shrubbery from the park which has been found infested by the San Jose scale. There are over 200 in number that have been condemned by the State Department of Agriculture, which is on a tour through the Hudson Valley. The trees principally affected are the fruits planted for their foliage, etc. The shrubs removed are burned. The Inspector has gone to Cornwall to inspect stock there.

East River Bridge Suit.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Mayor Van Wyck and members of the East River Bridge Commission have been notified of a suit which may tie up work on the main span of the new structure. This suit has for its object the annulment of the contract made with the Pennsylvania Steel Company for constructing the main span. This company was the lowest of three bidders, and got the contract for $1,122,000. The contract has been signed, but has not been certified to by Controller Coler.

Forbidden by the Censor.

LONDON, June 7.—The English censor of plays has forbidden the production of "The First Visit," an English version of the younger Dumas' "Une Visite Une de Nocos," in which the American actress, Beverly Sitgreaves, was to have played the leading role, beginning at the Garrick Theater Wednesday next.

Chief Justice Fuller in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, arrived in Chicago today from Washington. He declined to discuss for publication any of the National affairs occupying public attention.

LAWSON IS BARRED

Independence Will Not Compete in Trial Races.

REPLY TO BOSTON YACHTSMAN

Challenge Committee of the New York Yacht Club Refuses to Accept His Terms and Drops the Subject.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Thomas W. Lawson's yacht, the Independence, will not be allowed to compete in the trial races preliminary to the races for the America's cup unless she shall be chartered by some member of the New York Yacht Club who will enter her for such events as she may be qualified to take part in. After a meeting of the challenge committee today it was decided to return Mr. Lawson his proposition to charter the Independence to a number of New York Yacht Club gentlemen who comprise the challenge committee. The correspondence was given out tonight by Secretary Oddie.

May 23 Mr. Lawson wrote to Commodore Lewis Cass Ledyard, saying he would at once charter an interest in the Independence to such person or persons as might be agreeable to the New York committee, and would give such person or persons full management of her during the match. Mr. Ledyard replied May 28, saying:

"Any member or members of this club to whom you may elect to charter your yacht by a charter which will vest in him, or them, during its term, the full control and management noted in your letter, would be a person or persons agreeable to this committee. If you will refer to my letter of May 10, you will find that this matter has been already fully explained to you."

Mr. Lawson, writing May 29, said he had instructed his counsel to draw up a form of charter which he will submit to Mr. Ledyard, who replied, under date of June 3, that it would not be necessary to submit the form of charter.

Mr. Lawson, writing June 5, submitted a charter, "which," he said, "while it allows you to maintain your position that the vessel defending the cup is the representative of your club, also allows me to maintain the position which I have held from the start, viz., that any American owning the best American boat may defend the cup without giving any man the boat. My captain, officers and crew are in every way able and competent; the designer, Mr. Crowninshield, will be with the boat, and as I will personally manage the boat through the season, I will be only too pleased to give the charterers all the assistance desired."

The record of the charter which Mr. Lawson inclosed with his letter states that he charters certain interests in the Independence to Lewis Cass Ledyard, R. Nicholson Kane, August Belmont, C. L. F. Robinson, L. V. S. Oddie, E. D. Morgan, E. M Brown, J. Pierpont Morgan and C. Oliver Iselin, members of the New York Yacht Club. A proviso declares that the "charterers shall not have the right to use the said yacht for any other purpose than that heretofore specified, or what may be incident thereto, and it is distinctly understood and made a part of this instrument that said Lawson shall continue to be the sole owner of the Independence at all times until said match shall have been completed."

The reply to the last communication from Mr. Lawson was sent to Boston tonight, and was in part as follows:

"Throughout the entire correspondence this committee has been anxious to believe that you had no other object than to avail yourself of such reasonable regulations as might be necessary to qualify the Independence to compete for the honor of defending the cup, and they have, therefore, in spite of many things in your letters to which exception might have been taken, treated you with uniform courtesy.

"Your letter, however, with the inclosures, indicates a settled purpose on your part to misunderstand the position of the committee, which has been again and again stated to you in terms too plain to be open to any but willful misconstruction. It is evident that further discussion can serve no useful purpose, and the committee, therefore, must decline to pursue the subject further with you.

"If a member of this club notifies the secretary that he has chartered the Independence, or that he has accepted a transfer of her, it will be for such member to enter her for such events as she may be qualified to enter."

Lawson Says Nothing.

BOSTON, Mass., June 7.—Mr. Lawson was seen at his home tonight, and he simply said he would have nothing to say until the letter of the New York Yacht Club committee should reach him.

AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION

Metal-Workers' Wage Scale Committee Completes Its Labors.

MILWAUKEE, June 7.—The committee of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers adjourned sine die tonight, after selecting the following officers: President, T. J. Shaefer, Pittsburg; secretary-treasurer, John Williams, Pittsburg; manager of Amalgamated Journal, Ben L. Davis, Pittsburg; trustees, J. H. Morgan, Cambridge, O.; Elias Jenkins, Youngstown, O.; John E. Taylor, Pittsburg.

The most important work of the convention is considered to be the adoption of the so-called continuous scale plan. It is really not a continuous scale, but a continuation of the present method of annual wage settlement, with some amendments. The most important of these provides for the continuous operation of the mills while the scale is being considered in conference and an extension of the time within which an agreement must be arrived at. There is no provision for the continuance from year to year of such portions of the scale as may be satisfactory to both the association and the companies at the time of the annual wage adjustment. Neither is there any provision for dating back any increase in wages. No reference is made to compulsory arbitration, but a conciliatory is provided for.

Arbitration of Machinists' Strike.

TORONTO, Ont., June 7.—The International Association of Machinists today directed the striking machinists of the New York Central Railroad, at Depew, N. Y., to return to work, pending arbitration of the grievances.

Bernhardt and Maude Adams.

LONDON, June 7.—Sara Bernhardt will play Romeo for 100 nights in America to Maude Adams' Juliet. This important theatrical event was arranged last evening at supper given by Sara Bernhardt to Charles Frohman, at which Maurice Grau, her manager, was also present. Mme. Bernhardt will play in English, and, after the American tour the two actresses will appear here and on the Continent.

Mme. Bernhardt has taken Mr. Frohman's prompt copy in manuscript, and will study the role in English during the Summer. It is the desire of both managers to have Mme. Bernhardt appear as Romeo, following her coming production of "Theodora" at the Sara Bernhardt Theater in Paris.

Before Miss Adams' return to America she will meet Mme. Bernhardt in Paris and go over the scenes of the first act.

Death From Chloroform.

BUTTE, Mont., June 7.—Mrs. Mabel Cammack, aged 23, was found dead in bed today with a handkerchief saturated with chloroform over her face. She was a daughter of William Morris, of 3602 North Twenty-eighth avenue, Omaha, and was divorced from her husband. She had been here three months looking for work. Her friends do not believe it is a case of suicide, but think she used the chloroform to induce sleep.

Governor Samford's Condition.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., June 7.—Governor Samford, who was taken ill here four days ago, is tonight pronounced better. All the members of his family are with him.

GRANT'S CONTEMPT FOR AGUINALDO.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL FRED D. GRANT.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Frederick Dent Grant was given a reception tonight by the U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R. In a brief address, General Grant said:

"Aguinaldo was not as much of a capture in the Philippines as he seems to have been here. To tell the truth, he had lost about all his influence. We don't treat him as if we considered him of some importance. We cannot kill him, of course, but we want to make him feel that he stands on the same footing with any other Filipino. If we should fine him $10 and send him to jail for 30 days, and set him to breaking rocks, it would be better for him and for ourselves. If, when he comes over here, we treat him with contempt, he will be treated with contempt by the natives when he goes home. But, if over there they get the idea that we have a high idea of Aguinaldo's importance, when he gets back he will have a following which may make us trouble."

General Grant said that the friars were much hated and were very corrupt. The Philippine Commission, he said, desired to treat the Filipinos the same as any other persons, with no more consideration, and with no less.

MELLEN LEAVES N. P.

Hill's Control Is More Than He Could Stand.

HE RESIGNED FOUR WEEKS AGO

Said to Have Withdrawn Resignation Once and to Have Presented It Again Upon Confirmation of President Hill's Success.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 7.—It is believed here that President Mellen has resigned. It is known that he handed in his resignation four weeks ago, when he thought Hill had control. When this looked doubtful, it is said he withdrew it.

It is no secret that Presidents Hill and Mellen do not agree personally or in business methods. Ever since Mellen came to the presidency of the Northern Pacific his course has been marked more or less by hostility to Mr. Hill's plans and achievements and the success of the latter in harmonizing the control of the Northern transcontinentals means that Mellen will go. It is deemed only a question of time when this situation will develop and the probability is strong that the matter has already come to a head. It is said that Mr. Mellen has done well financially since he has been at the head of the Northern Pacific and that he will retire with a large fortune.

DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS

Opinions of 1100 Prominent Men Received by Civic Federation.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Replies of approximately 1100 prominent men to the questions of electing United States Senators by direct vote and making a President ineligible for a second term have been put in form by an expert and will be submitted to the subcommittee of the advisory committee of the National Civic Federation. Seven men comprise the subcommittee. Their names have not been made public in order that their actions might not be watched when considering a report to the advisory committee. This latter committee has 500 members. While great secrecy has been maintained concerning the answers received, it is believed that they are about evenly divided, and that the subcommittee will turn the replies over to the advisory committee without recommendations as to a report. In connection with the question of making the President ineligible for a second term, opinions of the length of the single term were requested. It is believed a term of six or eight years is favored.

Conger Carries a County.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 7.—The Republican primaries in Madison County resulted in a victory for Minister E. H. Conger over A. B. Cummins. This is the first county carried by Conger.

Tornado in Alabama.

OPELUSAS, Ala., June 7.—A tornado passed across the Northwestern corner of this town today and almost completely demolished the extensive buildings of the St. Landry cotton oil mill, killed a white boy, aged 14, and seriously injured John Zoder, a young white man, both of whom were employed in the mill. A number of residences were completely demolished.

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