

ROSS EX-CHEEF UP

Democrats Not Claiming Cleveland.

SURPRISE SPRUNG ON THEM

Senators Find ex-President Had Negro at Lunch.

FACT BROUGHT OUT AT DEBATE

Lovering, Republican, Creates Another Sensation by Declaring Ship of Business Nears Rocks, While Colleagues Talk "Stand Pat."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—During consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill to the House today, Scott (Kan.) made the declaration that a negro had dined at the White House with President Cleveland during the latter's first administration.

Gilbert observed that he and others never heard of the incident, but the Democrats were not "particularly claiming" Mr. Cleveland, and Cockrell (Dem. Mo.) said it was cumulative evidence that "there is no better Republican in the country than Grover Cleveland."

A discussion of reciprocity by Dalsell (Rep. Pa.) and Williams (Miss.) the minority leader, consumed the greater portion of the day. Another feature of the day was the declaration by Lovering (Mass.) that while the Republican party was talking about "standing pat" thousands of dollars were being lost to manufacturers and "that our boasted prosperity is fast coming to an end" because of the failure of the party to enlarge the drawback system and give the needed relief which he declared were now demanded.

Castor (Rep.), elected to succeed the late Mr. Burke, from the Third Pennsylvania District, was sworn in when the House convened today. The House then went into committee of the whole to consider the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

After McCleary (Minn.), who is in charge of the bill, had explained its provisions, Gilbert (Dem. Ky.) took up the history of the Republican party, proposing to show what the party is for and for what it stands.

Referring to the declaration of a Republican platform for "freedom and equality," Gilbert mentioned the retention of Mrs. Cox as a representative of Indiana, Miss. and to the appointment of Crum as Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C. and he made reference to the dining of Booker T. Washington at the White House, undertaking to describe the seating of the President's family at the table.

Scott (Kan.) asked Gilbert if he would criticize a Democratic President if he should have a negro dine with him as severely as he criticized President Roosevelt.

Impossible to the Democrats. "An impossible assumption," declared Gilbert.

Scott asked him if he did not know that a negro dined at the White House during President Cleveland's first administration, to which Gilbert replied the Democrats were not particularly claiming Mr. Cleveland and that he was not a fraternal Democrat.

Scott then said C. H. J. Taylor, a negro from Kansas, was brought to Washington and was taken to the White House, when Mr. Cleveland invited him to dine with him, which invitation, he said, was accepted. Scott drew a contrast between Booker T. Washington and Taylor, saying the former was a man of recognized ability and had been the guest of distinguished people at home and abroad, including Queen Victoria, and declared the latter had nothing to commend him save that he carried the Democratic negro vote in his pocket. He further said Taylor had been appointed to a position in Washington, "and by Cleveland," suggested a vote on the Republican side.

Continuing, Gilbert said that in the Spanish War there were General Miles, commanding General of the Army, Admiral Dewey at Manila, Admiral Schley, General Lee, Wheeler and Bell, all of whom were Democrats. On the other side, he said, there was a member of the Republican Cabinet accused of sending embalmed beef to the soldiers.

"Then," he said, "there was a Republican horse doctor sent to Cuba, who was accused of befriending the negroes and lawbreakers." He referred to the conviction of Rathbone and Neely, and alluded to General Funston, who, he charged, had violated the rules of military conduct in wearing the uniform of an enemy in the capture of Aguinaldo. He next referred to General Davis, "who," he said, "sold rice and other provisions to starving natives at enormous profits."

Dalsell (Pa.), discussing Canadian reciprocity, said after an exhaustive research he was unable to find a single argument which would justify the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada.

Says Ship of Business Nears Rocks. Lovering (Mass.) aroused the minority to applause when he declared that "while we are talking about standing pat the great ship of business is drifting on the rocks and our boasted prosperity is fast coming to an end."

Lovering prefaced this by saying that millions of dollars had been lost to manufacturers and thousands of laborers had been deprived of work because the Government had not enlarged the drawback system. The remedy, he said, was easy. The relief demanded he declared could be secured by a simple amendment to the drawback feature of the administrative act of the Dingley law, and this could be done, he said, without interfering with a single schedule or in any wise revising the tariff. He differed, he said, from Dalsell (Pa.) in the matter of a demand for new markets for goods of American manufacture. The manufacturers wanted an outlet for their surplus products, and the demand for the new markets caused them to realize that production had passed beyond domestic consumption. He urged the South to increase the output of cotton, and said immigration was needed greatly in the South. These things, he said, would aid materially in solving the race question. The House adjourned until tomorrow at 4:15 P. M.

SENATE IS HARD ON ARCHITECT

White House Alterations the Subject of General Criticism.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The architectural changes made in the White House supplied the subject of a large share of today's discussion in the Senate, and they were generally criticized as falling far short of the improvements which should have been secured with the \$500,000

appropriated for the purpose. The discussion rose in connection with consideration of the bill providing for the erection of a building for the joint use of the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce and Labor. Consideration of the bill was not completed.

The bill was taken up soon after the Senate convened. During the course of the debate a question arose as to an architect, and Cockrell asked:

"Isn't the architect the same man who built that magnificent office building on the White House grounds?"

"The same man," said Hale.

"There are second-class lawyers' offices all over the country better than that," said Cockrell.

Gallinger referred to the White House changes, saying that work had been in the hands of an architect of great reputation. He said that as a result of his efforts a part of the Executive Mansion had been spoiled, and the office of the President was an eyesore and not fit to accommodate a second-class lawyer or doctor.

Dryden, who contended for liberal allowance to architects, said he agreed that the White House additions are not of seemingly appearance. "But," he added, "it must be borne in mind that architects are often placed at a disadvantage by the dictation of the employers."

Newlands said the architect had to decide whether to preserve the original character of the White House or to alter the character of that building.

Bailey called attention to the necessity for an office building for the use of Senators, saying the Senate annex was so unsafe that Senators were not allowed to carry books to their rooms in that building.

Newlands suggested that an annex to the Senate be constructed like that to the White House.

Without completing consideration of the bill the Senate went into executive session at 5:34 P. M., and at 5:39 P. M. adjourned.

COMMISSION IS NAMED.

Panama Board is Essentially a Body of Engineers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations as Panama Canal Commissioners:

Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, U. S. N., retired, District of Columbia, members of Isthmian Canal Commission, Major-General George W. Davis, U. S. A., retired, District of Columbia; William H. Burr, New York; Benjamin M. Harrell, Louisiana; Carl Edward Grunsky, California; Frank J. Hooker, Michigan, and William Barlow, New York.

The Commission as constituted by the President is essentially a body of engineers, six of the seven members having distinguished themselves in engineering work. The law under which the Commission was created provides that four of the members shall be skilled in the science of engineering. Colonel Hooker is the only man on the Commission who can be classed as distinctly a business man. He is a man of large affairs, and during the Spanish-American War served as chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission. Rear-Admiral Walker has been identified with this Government's investigation of Isthmian Canal routes for many years and is regarded as the best-informed man in the country on that subject.

Arrangements have already been made for an early visit to the Isthmus of Panama by the Commission. It seems probable now that the Commission, as a body, will go to Panama within a month. Preliminary work will begin immediately.

In Interest of American Shipping. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Patterson introduced a bill today providing that a rebate of 5 per cent shall be made on all articles imported into the United States from foreign countries by the vessels of the United States where the specific and ad valorem duties amount to less than 25 per cent of the articles, and a rebate of 10 per cent where such duties amount to more than 25 per cent of the value.

To increase the number of American registered vessels the bill provides that for three years foreign vessels may be admitted to American register on the payment of tonnage tax ranging from \$1 to \$7 per gross ton and measurements.

Pension Bill is Amended. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Senate Committee on Pensions today authorized a favorable report on the pension appropriation bill, with amendments increasing to \$10 a month the pension of veterans and their widows and orphans who served in the Civil War. This amendment will increase the total appropriation under the bill by \$20,000.

Cutter Named for Commander. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The President today sent to the Senate the name of Lieutenant-Commander William G. Cutter for Commander in the Navy.

NO TAX ON PHILIPPINE BONDS

Purpose of Bill Authorizing Issue for Improvements. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, introduced a bill today amending in several ways the act providing a civil form of government for the Philippines. The bill was prepared by Secretary Taft. Its first provision is that all bonds issued by the government of the Philippines shall be exempt from taxation either by the Government of the United States or the government of the Philippines. Fifty per cent bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 are authorized for public improvements in the Philippines. These bonds are to be approved by the President and Secretary of War, and are to be used for the purpose of building roads, bridges, provincial and municipal schools, Courthouses and penal institutions. Five per cent municipal bonds are also authorized to carry on municipal improvements of the kind mentioned, and any one municipality not to exceed 10 per centum of the assessed valuation of property in such municipality.

The bill provides that the immigration laws of the United States in force in the islands shall be administered by the officers of the Philippine government. The land measurements which, in the original act, were in acres, were changed to the metric system which, prior to that time, prevailed in the islands.

A provision guaranteeing earnings on railroad capital to be invested in the islands, which is regarded as an important step toward advancing the civil conditions in the islands, is contained in the bill as follows:

"That the government of the Philippines is hereby authorized to aid in the construction of the United States and other railroads in the Philippines, either by guaranteeing a certain number of bonds to be issued for the purpose of raising funds to be invested in the construction and equipment of the said railroads, under proper restriction to be enacted by the Philippine Commission or any succeeding Legislature of the islands, to secure the actual use in said construction of the money to be raised from said bonds, or by a legislative guarantee of said government of the Philippine islands that the capital actually invested in the construction and equipment of said railroads shall yield a net income not to exceed 5 per centum per annum; provided that the amount of capital to which said guarantee shall apply shall be fixed and set forth in the act of guarantee; and that the same act shall apply sufficient rules and governmental supervision for ascertaining clearly the capital actually invested in such railroads and the income actually received on the capital so invested; provided further, that the annual pecuniary liability of the government of the Philippine islands under this section, whether in bonds or any guarantee of investment



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shall never exceed \$1,000,000 in United States money and provided further that said guarantee in bond or investments shall not be valid unless approved by the President of the United States and the Secretary of War.

Secretary Taft was impelled to ask Congress for authority to issue bonds by reason of the fact that the current receipts of the island have been falling off lately, the loss last month being \$200,000, and other important improvements must cease, or some part of their cost be placed upon posterity. Extensive work of internal improvements has been going on in the islands for the past four years. All these works, building of breakwaters and docks, construction of roads, erection of schoolhouses and bridges, in fact all sorts of necessary work to develop the islands permanently, have been paid for by the Philippine government out of the cash receipts. Not one cent of indebtedness has been incurred.

This issue, if authorized, will have nothing to do with the proposition to authorize the Philippine government to guarantee 4 per cent on railroad investments in the islands.

Pray for Reduction of Tariff. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Taft today transmitted to the House the petition of the Tobacco Workers' Guild of the Philippine Islands, praying for a reduction in the tariff on tobacco. The guild is declared to represent 9000 tobacco workers. The petition states that these workers received twice the wages under Spanish rule; that they do now, the daily wage at that time being 50 cents. Prices of the necessities of life, it is said, have increased three-fold under American rule.

Alleged Anarchist Out on Bail. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the Supreme Court of the United States today an order was issued for the release of John Turner, on bail, and setting the hearing of his case by the court for April 4.

Turner is a British subject who was taken in custody upon arrival in New York last October on the charge of being an anarchist, and his deportation ordered. He was detained at Ellis Island and instituted habeas corpus proceedings in the Circuit Court. His petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and he brought the case to the Supreme Court.

He is alleged in behalf of Turner that he is only a theoretical anarchist. He came to the United States to engage in lecturing and writing. The application for release at bail was partly for the purpose of permitting Turner to fill lecture engagements in other countries.

FLOODED AREA GROWS. Sacramento Spreads Over 60,000 Acres of Rich Farm Land.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 28.—The east bank of the Sacramento River broke at Bush Quinn's place, 15 miles north of New Hope, at 3 o'clock this morning. A flood of water swept across the entire Mokelumne Basin, and the Snodgrass Slough country, and emptied into the Mokelumne River, raising that stream until it burst its banks on the south side and flooded the entire New Hope country. The flood water reached within eight inches of Stockton.

Sixty thousand acres of rich grain, orchards and grazing land in Mokelumne Basin were inundated by this morning's break, beside 700 acres of the richest land in the New Hope district. It is the most disastrous flood to the northwestern end of this county since 1881, when the Sacramento River covered all the country from Sacramento to Stockton. Ryer and Dead Horse Islands and Hearson District, New Hope district, Hurn, Thompson, Gemshooper and Housken districts are among those flooded by the new break. No loss of life is reported. It is said that many head of horses and cattle were drowned in the Snodgrass Slough country.

Stockton is absolutely safe, as the San Joaquin River is not rising above here.

Whole Town Under Water. REDDING, Cal., Feb. 28.—Word has just been received in Redding that the town of Adin, in Modoc County, is under water, the Pit River having overflowed its banks above the town. At the store of Knight & Co. the water is over one foot deep on the floor.

People of the town were alarmed at the unusual amount of water. It is higher than ever before known. Another storm has begun in Redding. Rain fell during the night and more is looked for. Snow is falling in the mountains and low foothills.

Will Manage Mexican Railways. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—W. W. Whelaney, who was for a time superintendent of the trolley system of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and until recently general manager of the Public Service Corporation, controlling the trolley lines of Northern New Jersey, has gone to the City of Mexico, where he will assume charge of the electric railways. The latter is controlled by London capitalists.

Wagonmakers Accept Peace Terms. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Fifteen hundred locked-out carriage and wagonworkers today accepted a proposal made them by employers. The men were granted an increase of 4 per cent, an "open shop," and arbitration of all differences. One hundred and seventeen shops affected will reopen tomorrow.

Mrs. Clara M. Hanford, of Seattle. SPOKANE, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Clara M. Hanford, wife of United States District Judge C. H. Hanford, died at the Deaconess Home today. She had been an invalid for years. Mrs. Hanford was born in Olympia 47 years ago. There are six living children. The remains will be taken tomorrow night to Seattle for interment.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner.

Advertisement for 'The Latch is Off' featuring gate swings and ribbons. Includes text: 'The Weather Bureau has done its duty and done it well. The injunction, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," has been literally obeyed. February was of Winter—Winterish, and Winter weather was dealt out in large chunks, not only in Oregon, but in less favored parts of Uncle Sam's domain. Isn't it better so? Now look for the balmy days and bright sunshine that comes with Spring. Prepare for it today. Thirty-three days more—then EASTER. None too much time for preparation—eh? This store is here to help you. LEAN ON IT—'tis an all-year-round, RELIABLE support. Read how we help you.'

Advertisement for 'New Type Dress' by Knabe. Text: 'Newness pervades the entire store—it has even reached the "PUBLICITY SHOP" and our daily tidings to the public of PORTLAND'S BEST STORE. This week our SPRING announcements appear with a new dress and trimmings. Nothing but the newest would do, so we chose the beautiful "Florentine" type and trimmed it fancifully and attractively with the most charming of edgings known to the type-founder—the "Abbott" border. How do you like our new Spring dress?'

Advertisement for 'NEW LACE CURTAINS' by Knabe. Text: 'It's simple—here it is: Pour money, brains, large orders, good taste and common sense into the hands of the makers and it all comes out wonderfully handsome Lace Curtains at exceptionally low prices. Fall to put in any of these and while the pot may simmer along, the stuff that comes out won't be right and it'll lack the steam of quick selling. Inferior quality or too high price will spoil it to the taste of the Spring buyers. Here's a sort o' bill o' fare of the Fourth Floor spread: RUFFLED NET CURTAINS At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 up to \$5.00 pair. NEW BRUSSELS CURTAINS at \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 up to \$90.00 pair. NEW ARABIAN at \$4.50, \$5.00 up to \$100.00 pair. NEW RENAISSANCE at \$8.00, \$9.00, \$11.00, \$15.00 to \$45.00 pair. NEW IRISH POINT at \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50 up to \$22.00 pair.'

Advertisement for 'New Baby Go-Carts' by Knabe. Text: '45 styles to choose from—all the latest attachments, polished anti-friction wheel fastener, automobile gear. Prices \$3.50 to \$55.00.'

Advertisement for 'Big News for Men Who'll Buy \$5 Shoes for \$2.75' by Olds, Wortman & King. Text: 'No—now hold on—we stretched that a point—so far as this store is concerned. These are NOT OUR \$5 Shoes, but they ARE the equal of any we have seen shown this season, outside of this store, in style, stock, make and appearance at a \$5 price. WE SELL THEM AT \$3.50 REGULAR. They are a new make, of a new firm, in that old shoe town down near Cape Cod, in Massachusetts, known all over the world for its big annual Fair—Brocton. They are "opportunities" at the price we quote them at for a few days only. They are made on our own lasts and in our own way by a rising young firm of manufacturers who have their fame to make and are making it with THE BEST \$3.50 SHOE ON EARTH! Twice a year when manufacturers would be sitting round waiting for orders and paying engineers and others for doing nothing, they come to us and say "give us work enough to keep our hands employed for the next four or five weeks till orders come in again and we will manufacture for you at bare cost of material and labor."

Advertisement for 'Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills'. Text: 'Radically and permanently cure it—strengthen and tone the stomach and other digestive organs for the natural performance of their functions. Accept no substitute for Hood's. I had dyspepsia twenty-five years and took different medicines but got to help until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Have taken four bottles of this medicine and can now eat almost anything, sleep well, have no cramps in my stomach, no burning and no distress.' MRS. WILLIAM G. BARRETT, 14 Olney St., Providence, R. I. Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.'

Advertisement for 'GREAT RIBBON SALE' by Knabe. Text: 'We're in our element once more. The pleasure of presenting daily some new and ultra reasonable merchandise at prices away under the normal is ours again. It's our privilege to offer you today the advantages of buying bright, new, fresh and dainty Spring Ribbons MINUS ABOUT HALF THE PRICE. We open this morning a great sale of the newest Ribbons, all first quality, pure silk, satin and gros grain, in all wanted colors, in widths of 1 1/2 inch, regular 1 1/2 inch, and 2 inch, regular 2 3/4 value—special at, yard. 12c. And a regular 2 3/4 and 3 3/4 value in widths of 2 1/2 and 3 inches—special at, per yard. 15c.'

Advertisement for 'Embroideries and Insertions' by Knabe. Text: 'No Better Time to Buy Embroideries and Insertions Than Now—Half-Price Sale Starts This Morning. We've been talking about "OPPORTUNITIES" LATELY. Here's one that pops out unexpectedly this morning like a Jack-in-the-box. You may buy these charming Embroideries and Insertions now for half price—or you can wait until these are gone and then pay full prices again. But embroideries and insertions you must have, and quantities of them, if you're going to be prepared for the Springtime. Here's an example of how you may save by coming to this sale. Starting this morning, we start the Spring Sales with these wonderful values. 10,000 yards, including all widths and grades, embracing Nainsook, Gambrie and Swisses and thousands of yards of every good sort and wanted kinds of INSERTIONS—ALL AT HALF PRICE. \$1.25 values at, yard. 67c. 50c values at, yard. 25c. \$1.00 values at, yard. 50c. 60c values at, yard. 30c. 75c values at, yard. 37c. 35c values at, yard. 17c. 30c values at, yard. 15c.'

Advertisement for 'New York Dental Parlor'. Text: 'Fourth and Morrison Sts. Portland, Oregon. NO PLATES REQUIRED. Gold crowns, \$5; full set teeth, \$5; bridgework, \$5; gold fillings, \$1 up; silver fillings, 50c. Hours: 8:30 to 6. Sundays, 8:30 to 2. Our practice is the largest. Our prices the lowest. Our facilities not equaled in Portland. Free examinations. Oregon Optical Co., 173 Fourth Street, V. M. C. A. Bldg.'