

# TELEGRAPH NEWS

## Hill Opposes Them

WASHINGTON, March 12.—After an hour consumed in clearing away routine matters the Cuban resolutions were laid before the senate and Hill was recognized.

He pointed out that this being a conference report the resolutions could not be amended. He would therefore vote against the report, in order that at some subsequent time the amendments might be made. The senator particularly objected to the third clause of the resolutions, stating that the United States had not intervened in the struggles between any European governments and their colonies, but owing to the proximity of Cuba the United States should be prepared to intervene. This he declared ambiguous. We had intervened and recognized countries which had been colonies of Spain. What the resolution sought to convey was a threat to intervene. To this extent the resolution was unnecessary. It was subject to doubtful construction and a mischief breeder, liable to compromise the United States. The phrase United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of our citizens by intervention, sounded like a threat, but it was unbecome.

"If this resolution means we should increase our army, let us say so frankly and frame a bill for that purpose," said Hill. "If it means we should increase our navy, let us state it frankly and fearlessly and frame a bill to that end. Let us not indulge in idle boasts and threats and doubtful phrases as to being prepared to protect legitimate interests by intervention."

At 2 o'clock there was a contest for precedence between the Cuban resolutions and the Dupont election case, which was finally settled by laying aside the Dupont case, while Sherman addressed the senate in support of the Cuban resolutions.

Sherman discussed at length the character of the insurrection and the conditions existing in Cuba. It was not best, he said, to send a joint resolution to the president, as that would compel him to act in ten days, and this was not judicious. He had confidence in the president. There were political differences between them but, he added, "No one doubts his courage; no one doubts his fidelity to the flag of our country."

Sherman referred to General Weyler as a butcher, and said the conditions in Cuba were flagrant. If war does not exist in Cuba, he asked, where on earth does it exist?

Speaking of the demand for facts, he said Senator Lodge had obtained from Secretary Olney ample facts to justify the resolutions, but for obvious reasons those could not be made public.

At the conclusion of his speech the Dupont case was taken up, and Pritchard addressed the senate in favor of seating Dupont.

## Story Of An Insurgent.

New York, March 12.—Colonel Frederico Perez, chief of the staff of Maceo, is here on a secret mission. He will return to Cuba in a few days. In an interview last night he said:

"When I left Cuba, Gomez and Maceo were very well satisfied with the conditions existing and hoped to be able to do something more decisive in the near future. The raid through the central provinces brought good results. The Cubans gained arms, ammunition and men. Many Spanish volunteers have taken the field with them. In the eastern part of the island over 1000 Spanish soldiers have deserted to the Cubans."

"Since then there has been a reorganization and Maceo and Gomez were about to unite their forces again. They now have an army of about 25,000 men in the central provinces. The Cubans have throughout the island about 60,000 armed men and about 40,000 partially armed. Of the armed men about one-third are cavalry, who have plenty of good horses. The Spanish mounted infantry are no match for them. Many of the Spaniards are not able to ride, and when they charge, they cling with both hands to the pommels of their saddles and do not control their horses."

"Since General Weyler took control, the Spaniards have done nothing. They have a great many flying columns in the field, but they are always at the rear guard, following along, and never by any chance coming in contact with the vanguard. That is the reason that Maceo was able to pass from the province of Pinar del Rio to the province of Havana without firing a shot, though the Spanish army marched through the region. I was in the 10 years' war, and saw the Spaniards fight like demons. Now there is a change. They seem to have no heart for their work. They fight weakly, and do not seem to care how the battle may go."

"The Spaniards appear very much demoralized, both an account of the movements of the Cubans and the action of the American congress. The resolutions passed by the house and senate have given much joy to the Cuban leaders."

"I had no trouble in getting away from Cuba. In fact, there were many facilities. I left the island at a point not far from Havana. The whole interior of the island, with the exception of a few harbors held by the Spaniards, is practically under the control of the insurgents."

Colonel Perez was wounded in January at Garro, where the Spaniards engaged the troops of General Maceo, and killed four men. Colonel Perez was shot in the neck and was in the hospital several weeks. He left the island a week ago.

## Sugar Refineries.

New York, March 12.—It is reported that the sugar refineries in this vicinity will probably shut down in a few days. John A. Searles, treasurer, said that some of the refineries might be closed, but that there was no special significance

in this. Times were dull and it is said the price may be reduced again.

The Cuban controversy in congress is giving the sugar trust some concern, for if the lethargy of the insurgents is recognized the trust may be cut off from receiving supplies from that source for an indefinite period; whereas, if the debate on the resolution is postponed the shipment of sugar from Cuba will continue for a while longer.

## Desperate Situation.

ERIK, Colo., March 13.—If the coal war has been a boom to consumers, it has been death to the miners, bringing a reduction of income, and bare subsistence in all cases, and destitution in not a few. It may result in actual distress in many families. The winter has not been a favorable one for coal miners. The weather has been mild and the demand correspondingly light. Hence the miners earned small wages, not to exceed \$25 per month. Many have earned nearer \$10 or \$12 a month.

Close upon this condition of affairs came the coal war, with the gradual drop in price from \$4 a ton down by degrees to \$2 40. Now the mines have practically all shut down. Some of the large companies are owing their men from one to two months' pay. The merchants are not able to carry the burden, and already some have been forced to the wall. The outlook here is anything but bright, and while there is as yet no starvation, it is only a matter of a short time when there will be hungry men, women and children unless a speedy turn in affairs is taken for the better.

## A Secret Agent.

New York, March 13.—A Herald special from Washington says:

A rumor is current here that President Cleveland has sent an army officer to Cuba as a secret agent of the government to supplement the reports of the consular officers by professional reports on the military operations in the island, and the condition of the insurgents, as viewed from a military point. It is said that reports from this officer have already arrived; that more are to follow, and that the president will make use of the information they contain in deciding upon the course to be followed by the administration, or in framing any message he may send to congress. No official confirmation of this report could be secured in either the state department or the war department, but for obvious reasons, if any army officer had been detailed for this duty, the administration would wish to keep the fact secret.

## Passenger Train Wrecked.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 13.—The passenger train on the Center Point branch of the Vandalia line was wrecked at Center Point, south of here, this morning. The engine and the miners' car, containing about 100 miners, had gone to the side track to make a running switch, when the other sections, composed of the caboose and passenger car, got beyond control of the trainmen, and shooting down a heavy grade collided with the first section. In their efforts to escape they trampled one another frightfully.

The following is a list of the injured: William May, right ankle, broken, other injuries; Mitchell Gumm, a miner, taken out unconscious; William Lucas, hip crushed; Sheriff John R. Payne, seriously injured, one ear torn from head; Conductor William Kennedy, feet mangled; Harley Henderson, baggage master, face torn; Isaac, injured about the legs and back. Nearly every miner sustained more or less serious injuries.

## Will Report Favorably.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—At a full meeting of the committee on privileges and elections today Senator Mitchell, chairman, was authorized to report his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. The vote was 5 to 4 in favor of an amendment, three republicans and two democrats voting in the affirmative, and two republicans and two democrats against it.

## Kansas Populists.

TOPEKA, March 13.—Much interest centers in the action of the populist state convention at Hutchinson next Tuesday, when 96 delegates will be chosen to the national convention at St. Louis. This will be the largest delegation from any state in the Union. The leaders say there will be no instructions for president, although Senator Peffer, it is said, will be the Kansas candidate. They want to pursue a policy that will insure the co-operation of all the silver elements, together with the silver republicans and democrats. The Kansas delegation will, it is stated, join the other silver elements in the formation of a new party with a new name if that is deemed wise.

## Died.

Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston quietly passed away this morning at 10:40, of congestive chills, at the ripe age of 81 years, 1 month and 8 days. Mrs. Livingston was born near Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 6, 1815. She came across the plains to Oregon in 1851, and settled with her husband in the Willamette valley, where they resided two years. From there they came to Douglas county, 1853, and settled on Deer creek east of this city. Mrs. Livingston was the mother of thirteen children, ten of whom and her husband she lived to see buried. Mrs. Livingston lived to witness great changes in Douglas county, having resided in it 42 years. Her remains will be laid beside her husband in the cemetery in French Settlement next Tuesday, it being her request that she should not be buried till three days after her death, as she had a dread of being buried alive, and hence this unusual delay in giving sepulture.

## BRIEF MENTION.

From Friday's Daily.

E. C. Davis of Cleveland was in the city today.

Frank Plotner of Glendale is at the McClallen.

W. A. Williams of Yoncalla is at the Van Houten.

A. W. Urbank of Chicago is a guest at the McClallen.

P. Higgins of Portland is registered at the McClallen.

R. A. Booth of Grants Pass is registered at the McClallen.

Geo. Frater of Riddle came down today to visit his parents here.

C. H. Medley of Oakland is a guest at the Van Houten.

H. D. Colwell of Yoncalla is registered at the Van Houten.

A. T. Ambrose of Yoncalla is registered at the Van Houten.

In the matter of the estate of Maria Allen, R. A. Fellows, administrator, was granted permission to sell personal property at private sale.

Messrs. Flint and Rice returned Thursday bringing some rich specimens of ore with them. They are much elated over the prospect.

Steven Minard and son Lee, who have been at San Francisco for the father's health, returned on the overland last night. Mr. Minard's health, we are sorry to say is not much improved.

H. B. Gillett, who has retired from the grocery business, has decided to engage in salmon fishing. He will build two fish wheels and place them in the river below town. We may expect now to be supplied with fresh fish hereafter, as Mr. Gillett will devote his attention to this business and furnish us fish in due season.

J. W. Frater, who has been at Riddle for a couple of weeks, returned yesterday. Mr. Frater reports that there is considerable of a stir at Riddle. Mr. Day, a Baptist minister, has just closed a season of revivals and now a Mr. Gillett, a Methodist has commenced a series of revival meetings. Also the political pot begins to boil, so, between religion and politics there are lively times in Riddle.

Dr. J. D. West and wife of Hopedale, O., a brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. W. A. Frater of this city, arrived last night on the overland from California, where they spent the winter. They are on an extended tour, and will visit every place of importance on this coast ere they return to Ohio. They will visit with their relatives here for a while with W. A. Frater's family. We wish the Dr. and Mrs. West a happy visit here.

From Saturday's Daily.

John Agee of Dillard is in town.

Sam Miller of Dillard is in the city.

C. E. Bogue of Riddle is in the city today.

F. Leonard of Dillard is in the city today.

A. Bosnick of Portland is at the Van Houten.

R. Scott of Milwaukee is a guest at the McClallen.

L. G. Matthews of Deer Creek is in the city today.

Frank S. Reed of St. Louis is at the McClallen.

Perry Duncan of Oak Creek is in the city today.

C. P. Barnard of Deer Creek is in town today.

A. Callahan of West Fork was in the city yesterday.

Wm Schmidt of Union Creek was in town yesterday.

F. M. and J. W. Conn of Melrose are in the city today.

N. Agee and wife of Dillard are guests at the McClallen.

Edw. Onell of Lebanon is a guest at the Van Houten.

John Price of Oak Creek is in the city today on business.

Wallace Fryer of Kellogg is stopping at the Van Houten.

Miss Cora Brown of Portland is stopping at the McClallen.

W. Kramer of Myrtle Creek is doing business in town today.

Geo. W. A. Miller of Portland is registered at the Van Houten.

Oranges, lemons, apples, potatoes onions, Early Rose potatoes, Eastern hams 11 cents, at H. Easton's.

B. Grimes of Looking Glass came over from that lively town today. The farmers are progressing finely this fine weather.

James Dillard of Dillard came down on the freight today. Mr. Dillard reports everything lively in his burg and the goose hangs high.

There is a wedding on the tapis. The time depends upon the celerity with which a carpenter and painter ply their trades—possibly upon whether that comet does or does not impinge against mother earth today or tomorrow.

Miss Fern Orcutt, who has been teaching at Gravel Ford, Coos county, returned home Friday, having finished her term there. Miss Orcutt is not in love with Coos county. She would rather have, she said, a house and lot in Roseburg or Fruitvale than all Coos county.

Messrs. Burnett, French & Co. have been busy as nailers this week, putting up new wires and removing and putting in new telegraph poles on our principal streets, getting ready for the expected rush of business when Spain or England declares war on the United States.

The difference between republicanism and democracy as to the finances of the country is this: Under Harrison's last year as president he paid off \$137,000,000 of the national debt; while Cleveland has run the government in debt to the amount of \$263,000,000 borrowed money and a deficit of at least \$100,000,000.

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