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SPOONER AND HALE IN WARM DEBATE

Cuban Frauds Cause Controversy
and Tillman Helps Out.

BLIND CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

General Schwan Says Philippine Insurgents
Are Holding Out for Democratic Success
This Fall—Say Bryan Will Give Them
the Islands if Elected.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—This was
a day of rousing political controversy
and oratory in the senate. With the
controversy those on the democratic
side of the chamber, unanimous as
it may seem, had little to do.

What, by far seeing senators, is re-
garded as likely to be the paramount
issue of the approaching campaign,
was the subject of two notable
speeches, one by Platt (rep.) of Con-
necticut, and the other by Spooner
(rep.) of Wisconsin.

The former, in answer to a speech
delivered a few days ago by Bacon
(dem.) of Georgia, on his resolution,
demanding the extradition of the
financial conditions in Cuba.

Platt favored the adoption of the
resolution, but deprecated what he
called a cheap effort to make political
capital out of the shameful condition
of affairs which the republican party
needed no prodding to induce it to
probe to the bottom.

The speech of Spooner was a contin-
uation of his address of yesterday on
the Philippine question. In its course
he became involved in a heated and
sensational colloquy with Hale (rep.)
of Maine, over the government's con-
duct of affairs in our "insular posses-
sions."

It was a remarkable controversy be-
tween two of the best equipped sena-
tors in the senate. Hale interrupted
Spooner to say that, in view of what
had happened in Cuba, it would have
been better had we abandoned it.
"I think," said Hale, "we would have
been better off if we had not taught
the Cubans the lesson that has been
taught in the last few months."

Spooner—"What lesson?"
Hale—"The lesson of fraud, specula-
tion, cheating, appropriation of reve-
nues, stealing, carnival in every direc-
tion of corruption and fraud."

Spooner, warmly—"It is a little tire-
some for me to be called upon, on this
side of the chamber, to reply to a
democratic speech."

Tillman (dem.) of South Carolina,
declared that our agents on the island
were carpet baggers and the sooner
they got out the better.

"Oh," replied Spooner, "if the senator
from South Carolina finds a carpet
bagger in Heaven when he gets there,
he will prefer to go to the other
place."

"I certainly will," replied Tillman.
The blind chaplain, in his invoca-
tion in the house today, rather startle
of the house today by referring to the
Cuban frauds which, he said, brought
a blush of shame to the cheeks of every
true American.

"We pray," he continued, "that the
culprit will be brought to a speedy
justice, that we may give an object
lesson to the world in dealing with
perfidy and fraud."

The house adopted a resolution to
empower the ways and means commit-
tee to sit during recess to consider
a reduction and revision of the war
revenue taxes.

The senate bill to provide a collector
of customs at Honolulu at a salary of
\$8,000 a year and deputies was passed.
The house today passed the Neely
extradition bill. The democrats ob-
jected to the language of the bill, which
covered "any foreign country or ter-
ritory, or part thereof, occupied by
the United States."

The democrats wanted the bill to ap-
ply specifically to Cuba, contending
that the broader language assumed
the possibilities of further acquisitions
by the United States of a character
similar to that of Cuba.

Mr. Fischer, one of the Boer en-
voys, spoke freely to a representative
of the Associated Press today, of their
general plans for the future. He said
it was their purpose to visit ten or

twelve of the principal cities of the
United States and explain to the peo-
ple whatever they might wish to know
of their cause. He wanted it distinct-
ly understood that he, and his friends,
particularly wished to avoid any par-
tisan demonstration that might be
construed to mean that their sym-
pathy with one political party in the
United States was stronger than with
another. This afternoon they dined
with Secretary Hay.

The war department has received an
interesting report from Brigadier-
General Theodore Schwab, U. S. volun-
teer, dated March 12. General Schwab
states that the sole hope entertained
by the insurgents for a revival of the
insurrection, lies in the supposition
that the United States troops will be
obliged to abandon many of their pre-
sent positions at the opening of the wet
season, and also "the possibility of a
victory for the democratic or anti-re-
publican party in the coming presiden-
tial election." General Schwab says
the insurgents think such a victory will
mean the withdrawing of all the mili-
tary force now in the islands.

The senate committee on appropri-
ations today concluded its work on the
sundry civil bill appropriation bill and
reported the bill to the senate as
amended by the committee. A net in-
crease of \$4,216,655 is made over the
amount carried by the bill as it passed
the house.

An increase of \$25,000 is made on
account of improvements in the Colum-
bia river. The other important ad-
ditions are as follows: Relief light
vessel for the Twelfth and Thirteenth
light-house districts (Pacific coast)
\$20,000; light house and fog signal sta-
tions in Alaskan waters, \$150,000.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Secretary
of the Treasury Gage has sent to the
national bank depositors the follow-
ing letter of instructions as to with-
drawal of deposits:

"You are hereby directed to deposit,
on or before June 5, proximo, with an
assistant treasurer of the United States
to the credit of the treasurer of the
United States, as a transfer of funds
from your bank, the sum of ... dol-
lars."

"This direction is one of a series,
this day issued, which will operate to
transfer to the sub-treasury \$5,000,000
of the surplus public moneys tempo-
rarily placed with depository banks,
and the action is taken in anticipation
of disbursements from the treasury in
the redemption of the \$25,545,000 out-
standing bonds of the funded loan of
1891, continued at two per cent, which
were called by the department circular
of the 18th instant.

"It being the intention of the depart-
ment to utilize temporary balances, in
depository banks, for the payment of
said bonds, further transfers will be or-
dered from time to time to keep pace,
in a general way, with the demand for
bond redemption. Public notice has
been given to the holders of the bonds
in question, that they may present said
bonds for payment at any time before
August 19th next, at which time the
interest will cease."

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Booker T.
Washington, of Tuskegee, last night
delivered an address on "The Future
of the Negro" at the Metropolitan A.
M. E. church. In part he said: "In
these latter days we hear much of re-
moving from our fundamental law, the
precious magna charta of our citizen-
ship, the fiftieth amendment. Whether
wisely or unwisely, this guarantee of
our rights was placed in the constitu-
tion by the ripest thought of the nation
at the time it was enacted and was
put there, in my mind, at the behest
of the conservative and patriotic opin-
ion of both the north and south. It will
stand."

"What the negro asks, is equality of
opportunity. Close the door against
the negro now and within a few years
the temptation will be to close it
against a class of white men. The
minute you recognize a law which tax-
es a negro for support of government,
and denies him the opportunity to
make his wishes felt at the ballot-box,
that minute you begin to undermine
our whole theory of government and
throw to the winds the principles for
which the revolutionary war was fought."

LABOR COMPROMISE EFFECTED.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The arbitra-
tion committee of the International
Foundrymen's Association of Employers
and the Iron Moulders Union of
North America, have reached a settle-
ment of their wage controversy. It
was announced last night that the
agreement was entirely satisfactory
but the details were withheld.

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TERRIBLE STORM SWEEPS THE RIVER

Four Fishermen Reported to Be
Drowned.

MANY BOATMEN MISSING

Southwest Gale Suddenly Sweeps In From
the Sea and Takes the Boatmen on the
River Unawares—Life Savers
Great Work.

Four men drowned and thirty fish-
ing boats capsized and upturned on
the beach along the river, is the re-
cord up to midnight of yesterday's ter-
rible storm.

That the roll of those drowned will
be increased today is almost certain.
The names of those known to be
drowned are:

Mike Pellomaa,
Albert Johnson,
John Varanzang,
Sakri Korpela.

But two of the four bodies were re-
covered.

The most violent storm that ever
swept across the lower Columbia raged
from sunrise until almost sunset
yesterday and left in its wake death
and disaster, the full extent of which
cannot now be stated.

Tuesday was an ideal day ashore
an ideal day on the river. The sky was
cloudless, the sun shown warm and bright,
and there was just breeze enough to tem-
per the heat. The weather forecast
Tuesday night predicted "light show-
ers" for Astoria.

Man proposes, God disposes, is an
old saying but a true one.

The fishermen finished their midday
catch on Tuesday and again set their
nets for the morning catch of Wed-
nesday, most of the boats being an-
chored close to the spread nets, or
lying inshore, but a short distance
away. As the sun rose the wind fresh-
ened and suddenly, without a second's
warning, there came from the south-
west a gale that was little short of
a typhoon, at times.

The fishermen, and men in boats on
the river, were totally unprepared for
such a storm and a few of the wiser,
or more timid ones, ran at the first
indication of a squall for shelter.
Events proved that, whatever the
cause of their abandoning the river,
those who fled at the approach of the
storm were wise.

From a stiff breeze the wind increas-
ed into a gale and then into a verita-
ble typhoon, blowing at times almost
seventy miles an hour. The fisherman
who had elected to stay by their nets
and weather the storm, now made fran-
tic haste to raise sail and run to the
nearest port. To attempt to row a boat
against a wind would have been the
height of folly. To remain anchored
was equally dangerous, for the wind
drove the water into waves that swept
across the boats, filling them with wa-
ter faster than they could be bailed.
There was but one thing to do, raise
sail and try and run before the wind
to shelter.

Just how many of the boats that
fled from the storm reached shore with
a living crew, is not known. Certain
it is that on the Chinook and other
beaches, over thirty boats had drifted
ashore up to midnight that had drifted
ashore upturned. What became of
their crews is yet to be learned.

The suddenness of the storm, and es-
pecially at this time of the year, when
the least expected, was what caused
the terrible disaster to the fishing
fleet, for the man who works a fish-
ing boat is a sailor capable of weath-
ering an ordinary storm, and the boats
they sail are the staunchest and best
made.

No small boat could live in the open
water in such a storm as that of yester-
day and but few boats could run
before the wind and keep aloft.

The highest praise must be given the
life-saving crews at Fort Stevens,
Sage Disappointment and Point
Adams. But for their brave and
prompt assistance the death roll would
be doubled now. The crews launched
their life boats in the midst of the
storm and went to the rescue of men
they could see clinging to upturned
boats.

Not only did they rescue the living
but, when possible, recovered, recov-
ered the bodies of the dead. Time and
again they changed their course to
cross the river to boats in distress.
The life savers did magnificent work
and deserve unstinted praise.

life-saving crew could reach the point,
and it was then only after hard pull-
ing through a treacherous sea. John
Peterson, the boat-puller, was found
hanging to the upturned boat. In a
half-drowned condition, and was im-
mediately picked up. Albert Johnson,
captain of the boat, could not be found,
and it is believed that his body has
drifted out to sea. Immediately after
the rescue of Peterson, the canny ten-
der Helen Scott, a frail little launch,
went to the assistance of the crew and
towed the boat to town. The members
of the life-saving crew have nothing
but the highest praise for the captain
and crew of the Helen Scott. One of
them said last night:

"Had it not been for the plucky lit-
tle Helen Scott it is doubtful if we
could have reached shore. We never
could have pulled to town with ours.
The water was so rough that, at times,
it was impossible to see more than 100
yards away. There were a number of
logs and launches in the neighborhood
at the time but the Helen Scott was
the only one to take the risk in order
to save the lives of those who were be-
ing tossed about on the waves. Peter-
son had been in the water for fully
two hours when we reached him and
he was growing black in the face. He
was more dead than alive when we
lifted him into the boat and it was
only through the hard work of mem-
bers of the crew that he was resuscitated
before we reached the Elmore cannery,
where he was landed and taken to his home."

The members of this crew were Cap-
tain Stewart, Lyman Nutter, Neils Ad-
ams, Alf Robertson, Alf Anderson,
Charles Thompson, Lawrence Ellison,
Charles Eide, Myron McGuire and
Corporal Larson, of Fort Canby.

Mike Pellomaa was another of the
unfortunates who lost his life in the
storm. Pellomaa and his companion
had cast their net in the lower end
of the bay and were about to take it
up when the gale broke out in its
greatest fury. They had decided to
abandon the net and get to the shore,
but no sooner had the sail been spread
than the boat capsized. The boat-
puller, whose name could not be learn-
ed, saved himself by clinging to the
stern of the boat. Shortly after the
accident the Fort Stevens life-saving
crew, which had been notified by the
lookout, arrived on the spot and the
struggling boat-puller was rescued. A
search was made for the captain of the
boat and upon suggestion of the re-
scued boat-puller a search was made in
the vicinity of the net. It was soon
discovered that Pellomaa had become
entangled in the net and was drowned
while struggling in the meshes.

Immediately after the crew had ar-
rived in this city with the unfortunate
boat-puller and his dead comrade, a
couple of fishermen were seen clinging
to a boat in the middle of the stream.
The party at once went to the rescue,
bringing the men ashore little worse
for their experience.

The third victim reported was John
Varanzang, and no report of his body
having been recovered was received
before the hour of going to press.
Varanzang's companion was rescued.
The missing man had been fishing on
the lower Columbia for the past ten
years. He was an active member of
the local lodge of Knights of Pythias
and the United Workmen. He was
about 35 years of age and leaves a wife
and several children.

Late last night it was reported that
Sakri Korpela and his boat-puller,
whose name is not known, had been
drowned during the storm. No fur-
ther particulars were reported.

TRYING TO STOP INJUNCTIONS.

Members of Labor Unions Are Making
A Strong Fight to Overturn
Decisions.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The matter
of the injunctions that have recently
been issued against the Cigarmakers'
Union, forbidding it to picket the fac-
tories of manufacturers whose em-
ployees have struck, and forbidding it,
also, to pay strike benefits to the
strikers, has been taken up by the
Social Reform Club, which last even-
ing listened to a report made by its
committee on injunctions.

The report contained the following
recommendations:

"That an attempt be made to ob-
tain concerted action throughout the
country in favor of urging upon the
national and state legislatures the pas-
sage of acts providing that injunc-
tions shall not be issued against any
but parties to the action, their agents
or servants and attorneys.

That when an injunction, however
valid in part, prohibits the lawful use
of the highway, or the right of free
speech, or lawful combination to ad-
vance joint interests, it shall be void
in toto.

That all persons who are charged
with disobedience of an injunction, in
respect to the matter which might be
the subject of an indictment, shall
have the right to demand a trial by
jury upon issues of fact to be prop-
erly framed.

In regard to the injunction of Jus-
tice Freedman against the Cigarmak-
ers Union, the committee was of the
opinion that the justice had not care-
fully read the papers in the case and
believed that it would be set aside.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

SPOKANE, May 23.—A freight train
on the Northern Pacific collided with
a handcar on a high trestle, three miles
east of Cheney, and Fred Mohr, a sec-
tion hand, was thrown nearly 150 feet
to the bottom of the deep gulch and
killed. The other men on the hand
car escaped by hanging to the cross
timbers of the trestle.

SIEGE OF PRETORIA IS DRAWING NEAR

Roberts Forcing His Army For-
ward Many Miles Each Day.

BOER FORCE RETREATS

Reports From Various Sections of the Brit-
ish Army Show a Succession of Victo-
ries—Free Staters Surrendering—
Arms and Horses Captured.

LONDON, May 24.—The war office
late last evening published the follow-
ing from Lord Roberts:

"South Bank of Rhenoster River,
May 23, 1:30 p. m.—We found on arrival
this morning that the enemy had
fled during the night.

"They had occupied a strong posi-
tion on the north bank of the river
which had been carefully entrenched,
but they did not think it advisable
to defend it when they heard that Ian
Hamilton's force was at Hellbron, and
that our cavalry, which had crossed
the Rhenoster some miles lower down
stream, were threatening their right
and rear.

"The bridge over the Rhenoster, sev-
eral culverts and some miles of rail-
way were destroyed. Ian Hamilton's
force drove the Boers, under Ret Dew-
et, before them from Lindley to Hell-
bron. The passage of the Rhenoster
was strongly disputed. Our loss might
have been heavy but for a well con-
ceived plan which brought Smith-Dor-
rien's brigade on the enemy's flank just
at the right moment.

"The officer commanding at Boshof
reports that upward of 250 Free Staters
have surrendered during the last few
days and that they have given up
500 rifles, 190 horses and a large amount
of ammunition.

"Kelly-Kenny reports that three
companies of Yeomanry, who were
sent to repair the telegraph line and to
clear the country between Bloemfont-
ein and Boshof, have returned to
Bloemfontein having performed the
duty exceedingly well."

Lord Roberts is drawing near to the
frontier of the Transvaal. His infantry
masses are 23 miles north of
Kroonstad, at Rhenoster river. Some
thousands of cavalry are already
across the river. The Boers are re-
tiring towards the Vaal, with their
heavy baggage. They are reported
from Pretoria as already across that
river. Twelve thousand men and four
guns compose the retreating army.
Trains continue to run from Verre-
ning, at the Vaal to Pretoria. Foreign
engineers assert that Pretoria is
able to stand a year's siege. Accord-
ing to advices from Lourenco Marques,
Pretoria fortifications are described as
complete, but Johannesburg has not
yet been placed entirely in a state of
defense. The Transvaal government
papers and war chest have been re-
moved to Lidenburg. Foreigners con-
tinue to leave the republic.

The Dutch cruiser Friesland is at
Delagoa bay, and it is reported, to fur-
nish an asylum to fleeing Hollanders
and a passage to Europe. The Boer
forces continue to dwindle. Some of
the correspondents assert that proba-
bly only about 2,000 of the fiercest
fighters yet remain, although there are
detached parties in various parts of
the Transvaal.

SULTAN MUST SETTLE.

United States Makes a Second De-
mand on Turkey's Ruler for Im-
mediate Settlement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23.—The
United States legation, having vainly
waited four weeks for a reply to the
note of April 24 regarding the Ameri-
can indemnity claims, Mr. Lloyd P.
Griscom, United States charge d'aff-
aires, yesterday handed to Tewfik Pas-
ha, minister of foreign affairs, a new
note couched in more precise terms,
and insisting upon a prompt settle-
ment.

The note produced a great impres-
sion, as the Porte thought the matter
postponed, if not abandoned. It is be-
lieved that the United States will not
wait so long this time for an answer,
America's indulgence thus far not hav-
ing made a satisfactory impression upon
the Porte.

MINERS ELECT OFFICERS.

DENVER, May 23.—The Western
Federation of Miners today elected the
following officers: President, Edward
Boyce, Wallace, Idaho; vice-president,
Daniel McDonald, Virginia City, Nev-
ada; secretary-treasurer, James Ma-
her, Butte, Montana. Members execu-
tive committee: John G. Williams,
Grass Valley, California; William D.
Haywood, Silver City, Idaho.

IRISH PEER PROMOTED.

LONDON, May 23.—Lord Morris,
one of the Irish recipients of the
queen's birthday honors, who was cre-
ated a life peer in 1889, was yesterday
made a hereditary peer.