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PORTO RICANS ARE NOT SATISFIED

Dissatisfied at Supreme Court's Decision in De Lima Case.

WILL PROCLAIM FREE TRADE

Governor Allen Will Convene the Legislature in Extra Session to Pass Resolution in Accordance With the Foraker Act.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 28.—When the full report of the decision of the United States supreme court in the De Lima case was published there was evidence of a general feeling of disappointment among Porto Rican merchants. The consensus of opinion of the matter seems to be that the Porto Rican legislature should be convened in extra session to declare Porto Rico self-supporting without the collections of customs on exports between Porto Rico and the United States.

The general spirit of complaint that all the supreme court's decisions were against Porto Rico is noticeable by a provision of section three of the Foraker bill, that free trade becomes operative whenever the Porto Rican legislature passes a resolution that an adequate system of insular taxation has been put into operation and President McKinley, upon notification of this resolution, is to proclaim free trade for Porto Rico.

If the plan now in contemplation is carried out, Governor Allen will convene the legislature in extraordinary session solely for the purpose of passing this resolution. It is probable free trade will be declared in October.

BOYCE ON LABOR UNIONS.

Says the Western Federation Now Has 50,000 Members.

DENVER, May 28.—In his annual address today President Boyce, of the Western Federation of Labor, called attention to the fact that twenty-seven new unions had been added to the federation during the year, embracing a total of 8000 men. In all there were 50,000 members of the federation.

In speaking of the Court d'Alene mining trouble, Boyce said that the proprietors were blacklisting men, that the miners now had to get a permit in order to go to work. He declared that this system was an outrage on American liberty, and said that blacklisting the men for labor troubles was worse than a relic of the middle ages. To meet this method on the part of some employers Boyce advocated a more progressive policy in organizing different unions of the body.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Eleventh Annual Reunion Opened at Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 28.—Nearly 2500 members of the United Confederate Veterans, representing 131 camps of the organization, met in Confederate hall this morning for their eleventh annual reunion. General Fitzhugh Lee, General Joseph Wheeler and General John B. Gordon were among those present.

The exercises of today were almost entirely confined to welcoming addresses.

FIRST LIEN BONDS LISTED.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The governors of the stock exchange today listed \$100,000,000 first liens convertible 4 per cent gold bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The income account and balance sheet for the properties comprising the Union Pacific system, made up to the latest practicable date, accompanies the general statement. The total assets amount to \$461,568,514.

READS INSULAR DECISION.

President and Party Spends Much Time Discussing It—The De Lima Case.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 28.—During their journey across Iowa, President McKinley and members of his cabinet spent much time reading and discussing the published reports of the

opinions of the supreme court in the insular cases. The decision in the De Lima case it is also assumed it will, might result in calling an extra session of congress. In the De Lima case, the court decided that duties collected on Porto Rican goods, before congress enacted the Foraker law, were illegal and must be refunded.

Such decision would mean not only the refunding of duties heretofore collected in the Philippines, but would open the ports of the United States to merchandise and goods of every description from the Philippines until congress meets in December.

PRESIDENT SPEEDING EAST.

Trip Entirely Without Incident—Mrs. McKinley Slowly Improving.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 28.—The trip of the presidential train from Omaha eastward today across the state of Iowa was practically without incident. Few stops were made, but the train was stopped at the principal towns and cities and the president appeared on the rear platform.

Mrs. McKinley's condition has continued to show steady but no rapid improvement since she left San Francisco. She is gaining some strength and the president is much encouraged. She has not yet left her couch, however. Dr. Rixey does not desire to have her tax her strength but he permits her to sit up in bed most of the day. The president sits by her side much of the time.

JUDICIARY REPORT ADOPTED.

United Presbyterians Will Exclude Members of Secret Societies.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 28.—By a vote of 90 to 63 this afternoon, the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church adopted the judiciary committee's report with regard to the interpretation of article 15 of the creed. The action of the assembly is in effect to exclude members of secret orders from admission into the church. It is also interpreted by some of the delegates to mean expulsion of members of the church, who now belong to secret societies.

PLEADS FOR HIS RACE.

Booker T. Washington Appeals for Conservative Action—Senator Morgan's Plan.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 28.—Booker T. Washington, in behalf of his race, today presented to the constitutional convention an appeal for conservative action. Senator Morgan has prepared for the consideration of the constitutional convention an address designed to support his suffrage clause. Senator Morgan's plan provides that nobody but a white man shall hold office.

BELIEVED TO BE RAMAGNOLI.

BERLIN, May 28.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports on the authority of the Budapest correspondent that there has just been taken from the river Danube, near that city, a dead body heavily loaded with chains which the Hungarian police firmly believe to be that of Ramagnoli, the anarchist reported to have been sent from America to murder the German emperor. The police of every country in Europe and America have been notified of the discovery.

DIES IN POVERTY.

Former Assistant Secretary of the Confederate Navy.

CINCINNATI, May 28.—Col. James G. Miner, assistant secretary of the Confederate navy during the civil war, died in poverty today at Milford, Ohio, aged 82 years. He was a graduate of Edinburgh University, a native of New England. The civil war swept away his fortune, and since then he has battled unsuccessfully to build up a new fortune.

FIERCE FIGHTING WITH BOXERS

Battle Raging Between Them and Catholic Converts.

FRENCH TAKE WALLED TOWN

Artillery Opened Fire on Being Refused Admittance—One Infantryman Wounded—China Will Pay Certain Amount of Indemnity.

LONDON, May 28.—The Boxers are again active in all the districts where there are no foreign troops, says a dispatch to the Standard from Tien Tsin.

"Yesterday a missionary who was going to Taku on the grand canal was forced to return to Tien Tsin on account of the fierce fighting raging between the Boxers and Catholic converts. There was heavy firing on both sides.

WALLED TOWN TAKEN.

French Artillery Enter Small Town Northeast of Ting Chau.

PARIS, May 28.—A dispatch from General Voiron, at Tien Tsin, dated May 25, says a reconnoitering party came upon a walled town, fifteen kilometers northeast of Ting Chau. The town authorities refused to open the gates whereupon the French artillery opened fire. The wall was breached and the town taken.

One French infantryman was severely wounded.

WILL PAY INDEMNITY.

PEKIN, May 28.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have informed ministers of the powers that the court has notified them of its willingness to pay indemnity to the amount of 450,000,000 taels, but the court objects to four per cent interest.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

LONDON, May 28.—The progress of the bubonic plague here, says the Hong Kong correspondent of the Times, is becoming serious. The death rate is over thirty daily.

WALDERSSEE TO BE RECALLED.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The state department today replied to the announcement of the German government that the emperor considered that the time had come for the recall from China of Field Marshal Count Von Walderssee, and expressing the satisfaction of the government of the United States at this announcement.

MEASURE EXPECTED TO COME BEFORE THE CONVENTION YESTERDAY.

NEW YORK, May 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: Courtesy to Gauberto Gomez prevented a vote on the majority report, accepting the Platt amendment at Monday's session of the convention. He had gone to the country to make a political speech and was detained, though he announced last week that he was through with speechmaking in opposition. His associates declined to take advantage of his absence.

The revised and modified report of the majority was discussed and supported by Senator Berriel, rector of Havana University, and by Manuel Sanguily. The phraseology has been improved and appears satisfactory to the majority. Privately some delegates have inquired whether it is satisfactory to the Washington authorities. This is assumed to be the case. Portuondo, the radical from Santiago, has reaffirmed his opposition but the radicals all concede a majority for the amendment.

The delegates are in good humor over the prospect of final action. If no one happens to be ill or away, a vote may be had on Tuesday of this week. The main obstacle is in the municipal campaign, the desire of Candidate Fuen's friends to enable him to avoid committing himself until after he is elected mayor. The National party in Havana has split on this subject. Some delegates are also demanding open sessions, but the first vote will be taken in secret.

RUSSIAN EDUCATION.

Changes in Universities Proposed by the Minister of Education.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27.—General Van Nofsky, minister of education, has not yet announced his scheme of university reorganization. There is an earnest discussion in the press and a dozen projects have been launched. As a rule they are modeled on the university constitution adopted by Emperor Alexander I, which granted a fair degree of autonomy. This was completely abolished under the severe repressive regulations of 1864, under which

THEIR LABORS ARE FINISHED

Presbyterian General Assembly Adjourns at Philadelphia.

REVISION OF FAITH REFERRED

Special Committee to Make Recommendations in Which Creed Should Be Revised and Present Some at Next Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—The one hundred and thirteenth Presbyterian general assembly was dissolved at 6:15 o'clock tonight by Moderator Minton after having been in session nearly two weeks, during which time many matters of the utmost importance to the church were considered.

Chief among these was the question regarding the revision of the confession of faith. After a discussion continuing nearly four days this momentous question was referred to a special committee, who will make recommendations as to the manner in which the creed should be revised and present them to the next general assembly, which will meet in New York.

SENATOR TELLER TALKS.

Explains Statements Imputed to Him Regarding Negro Rights.

DENVER, May 28.—United States Senator Teller, who is living this summer on his farm at Grand Junction, Colo., is quoted by the Denver Post as having said in reply to the strictures placed upon him by Senator McLaurin of South Carolina in a public speech on Saturday last:

"I never said that the negro was as good as the white man. I have said, however, and say now that he is entitled to the same political rights. So far as the Force bill is concerned, I opposed it along with Wolcott and other western senators."

Senator Teller is quoted as predicting an easy victory for Senator Tillman and the elimination of McLaurin from National politics. He promised to issue a detailed statement in reply to Senator McLaurin soon.

FOR LARGER MEMBERSHIP.

CHICAGO, May 28.—The National Association of Railroad Commissioners is to be made an international organization at the coming convention, which will be held in San Francisco beginning June 5. It is proposed to change the name to the International Association of Railway Commissioners and to invite Canada and Mexico to membership. The question was extensively discussed here among members of the commission, representing thirty states, who had gathered here preparatory to starting for California today.

M'LAURIN'S INTENTIONS.

COLUMBUS, S. C., May 28.—Senator McLaurin, in an interview with a correspondent of the State, declares emphatically that he will not enter a summer campaign. His health, he says, will not permit it. He wants to be in a race with Mr. Tillman alone and is confident of success.

WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSIONERS.

DENVER, May 28.—Governor Orman has appointed the following St. Louis World's Fair commissioners: Captain George W. Thatcher, of Aspen, Pitkin county, commissioner in chief; Thomas J. O'Donnell, of Denver; Hon. Van E. Rouse, of Colorado Springs; I. N. Stevens, of Colorado Springs.

CUBAN MORTGAGE LAW.

HAVANA, May 28.—By a decree to be issued tomorrow, mortgages will be tendered four years, debtors paying each year, respectively 10, 15, 15 and 40 per cent of the principal and accrued interest.

THE TWO SHAMROCKS.

GLASGOW, May 28.—Sir Thomas Lippin has decided to send Shamrock I to America with the challenger in order that he may continue the trial races right up to the date of the cup races.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

SPOKANE, May 28.—The Great Northern coal chutes and cages at Hilliard, with five cars of coal, were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$125,000.

E. W. WINTER ILL.

ST. PAUL, May 28.—E. W. Winter, formerly president of the Northern Pacific railroad, is dangerously ill in Chicago.

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