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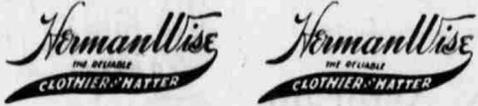
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FOR CHINESE EXCLUSION

Senate Committee Has Agreed on the Mitchell Bill.

EXCLUDED IN PHILIPPINES

Excluded at All Points from American Ships Except in Certain Cases Where Voyage Has Begun.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The senate committee on immigration has agreed to report favorably the Mitchell bill for Chinese exclusion. It is substantially the same as the modified bill submitted by the Pacific coast committee, only a few verbal corrections having been made. The point which occasioned much consideration by the committee was whether or not the Chinese should be excluded from the Philippines or whether the whole proposition should be left to the Philippine commission. The committee agreed to retain the proposition of absolute exclusion, taking the ground that the United States wanted to retain the Philippines for the Filipinos and that the latter was as much opposed to the admission of the Chinese as were Americans. Another section of the bill about which the committee debated at length was that excluding Chinese sailors at all points from the American ship's register. This proposition was retained in the bill but with a proviso to the effect that in case of accident, stress of weather or serious illness the captain of a vessel may ship a Chinese crew for a voyage upon which he may have entered.

Aiding in the escape of Chinese held in detention is made a felony, punishable both by fine and imprisonment. The new provision applies the exclusion provisions of the bill to Chinese who enter as merchants, students and the like and become laborers.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

A Compromise May Be Effected Between Two Elements.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Overtures have been made for a compromise of the conflict over tariff concessions to Cuba and there is evidence that the two elements will come together probably on a proposition to have a 20 per cent reciprocal reduction apply for one year from next December and covering the sugar crop. It is understood that Chairman Payne and Representative Dalsell made overtures toward the agreement. One of the leading members of the opposition said that Payne and Dalsell had made the suggestion to him and had asked for an answer. This was followed by a hasty canvass of the opposition members which developed a wide difference of views. Representative William Smith said no compromise would be accepted until at a meeting where it could be considered deliberately.

Representative Tawney said a limitation of time was immaterial and that no compromise could be effected which affected manufactured products without a similarly affecting manufactured products.

After the overtures of compromise were made leaders of element opposed to the Ways and Means committee called a conference. Some 30 members were present and the discussion lasted about two hours. Sentiment was rather unfavorable to accepting the plan of 20 per cent reduction for the year from next December. But it was urged against this course that so long as overtures for adjustment had been made in good faith, it was only proper to meet the committee representing the Ways and Means, and Payne and his associates therefore were advised that they would be met by a committee from the other side.

It was stated by the Ways and Means committee members that the compromise plan would affect two crops—that of this year and next—allowing 20 per cent off on each.

Full conference of opposition to the Cuban concessions will be held tomorrow prior to meeting the representatives of the Ways and Means committee.

BURIED IN SNOW SLIDE.

One Is Killed and Another Frees Himself After 26 Hours.

SPOKANE, March 12.—A Nelson, B. C., special to the Spokesman-Review says Fred Lowden was killed by a snow-slide Saturday night. He and Chris Sherbert were asleep at the foot of Kokanee range when the slide buried their cabin. After 26 hours of superhuman effort, Sherbert freed himself.

SIoux INDIAN.

Kills His Wife and Two of His Daughters.

DENVER, March 12.—A special to the News from Winslow, Ariz., says a son of Indian Jim, full blooded Sioux, reported that his father had killed his mother and two little sisters, beating them to death with a club.

WILL HOLD CONFERENCE

BUSINESS MEN OF BOSTON WILL DISCUSS STRIKE.

Governor Crane Brought About the Meeting For Today.

BOSTON, March 12.—With twenty thousand men idle, their ranks likely to be greatly swelled by sympathetic volunteers from the Building Trades Council and the Boston Central Labor Council, which will meet tomorrow night, and the entire city beginning to suffer from the effects of congestion of traffic, the only ray of light visible tonight is the hope that the conference of business interests which has been arranged for tomorrow may lead to settlement of the strike.

This conference, which is due in a large measure to the influence of Governor Crane, was arranged this afternoon at the meeting of representatives of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and Boston Merchants Association with the State Board of Arbitration. Everybody present realized the seriousness of the situation and after the interchange of opinions it was decided the best way of getting at the public opinion would be to call a conference of the business men of the city.

During the day Governor Crane had a long talk with the committee of the Allied Transportation Council, having the strike in charge, but at its conclusion he announced that he could see no way at present of solving the problem. Later, he sent for Mayor Collins, and the two executives were in conference for some time. A little later the mayor made the statement that he had no power to act.

Freight business at various railroads, wharves and docks has been almost at a standstill today and the moving of accumulated merchandise is becoming a serious matter to merchants.

The strike of the coal teamsters was one of the most aggregating features of the day and its effect was quickly felt at the hotels and restaurants.

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ATGELD HAS PASSED AWAY

The Great Erratic Leader Dies Suddenly from Apoplexy.

HE DIED IN THE HARNESS

Stricken at the Close of a Great Speech Appealing for Aid for Boer Women and Children.

JOLIETT, Ill., March 12.—Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld was stricken with apoplexy late last night and died at 7:09 this morning at the Hotel Monroe. He was unconscious at 4 o'clock this morning and four physicians who had been summoned in consultation had diagnosed the case as apoplexy. It was the opinion that he probably could not live until daylight.

Mr. Altgeld was in one of the rooms on the top floor of the hotel and strict orders were given that no one other than the doctors attending him be allowed in the suite.

Judge Altgeld was stricken at the close of an address delivered at the opera house in behalf of the Boer women and children in the concentration camps of South Africa.

While Rev. J. A. J. Whipple was addressing the crowd Mr. Altgeld arose from his seat on the stage and walked hurriedly to the wings. Reaching there he fell in a dead faint to the floor and did not recover consciousness until nearly 1 o'clock after he had been removed to the Monroe Hotel across the street.

At midnight, Mr. Altgeld had lost consciousness again and as late as 4 o'clock this morning there was not the slightest indication of his improvement.

Though Mr. Altgeld was not in view of the assemblage when he fell to the floor, the incident created great excitement in the theater. As he walked across the stage his sudden fall attracted attention and immediately afterward Rev. Mr. Whipple's address was interrupted while a request for physicians in the audience to come forward was made. As none of the local physicians was in the audience, owing to a banquet of the Joliet Medical Society, it was several minutes before medical attention could be secured.

In his speech Mr. Altgeld made a forcible plea for the Boer women and children in the concentration camps in South Africa. In his introductory remarks he declared that all friends of humanity owed a debt of gratitude to Governor Yates for issuing a proclamation soliciting assistance for the Boer women and children in the concentration camps which the British are maintaining in South Africa.

The speaker said that the people of America had raised a large sum of money with which to relieve the distress of the Boer women and children, but were unable to send it to them because Lord Paunceforte, British ambassador at Washington, objected to it. He further charged that Lord Paunceforte had for years meddled in American affairs.

There were eighteen counts and specific charges in Governor Altgeld's indictment. He said in substance:

Just before the beginning of the Spanish war, Lord Paunceforte representing the aristocracy, meddled in our affairs and tried to unite the governments of Europe in making a joint protest against America's interference in behalf of Cuba. But when the American people asserted themselves our government was compelled to go to the rescue of Cuba. England issued a strong neutrality proclamation, forbidding all of her subjects everywhere from furnishing us any aid or doing anything that would in any way be a violation of the strictest neutrality.

The meeting was arranged under the auspices of the Chicago branch of the American Transvaal League. The German, Swiss, Italian and Irish so-

cieties were well represented and the people generally purchased tickets liberally.

MISSISSIPPI CYCLONE.

Killed Seven Persons and Destroyed Improvements.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 12.—A cyclone swept through the southern section of Copiah and the northern section of Lincoln counties this morning, killing at least seven persons and leveled buildings and fences.

WILLIAMSON FOR CONGRESS.

Carries Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

PORTLAND, March 12.—Umatilla county Republican convention today declared for J. N. Williamson, of Crook county, for congressman from the Second district, and the delegates elected, while not receiving specific instructions, are expected to vote for him in the congressional convention. In Morrow county today primaries were held and Williamson secured a majority of the delegates to the county convention.

TO SAVE LITIGATION

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PAYS LARGE CLAIMS.

Over \$73,000 Paid on Account of the Late Wreck in Texas.

EL PASO, Tex., March 12.—M. L. Riddle, the father who lost three children in the recent wreck on the Southern Pacific, left for Redlands, California, in company with his wife and only child, aged 5 years, after accepting a check for \$10,000 from the railroad company as payment in full for damages. He signed a contract with the railroad authority obligating himself to institute no legal proceedings whatever against them.

The amount of money paid out by the Southern Pacific in settlement of claims arising from the wreck has thus far exceeded \$73,000. Next to the wreck itself the promptness in the settlement of the claims has attracted most attention.

In addition to the four claim agents who were here immediately after the wreck and have since remained, the general claim agent arrived last night. One of these stated that their work had been practically concluded.

FUNSTON STILL BUSY.

Friends Get Him Up Early and Keep Him Up Late.

CHICAGO, March 12.—General Frederick Funston was a busy man today. Entertainers had him routed up at 9:30 in the morning and it was midnight before he regained his hotel.

FIRE IN WASHINGTON MINE.

Destroys \$20,000 Worth of Property, Mostly Machinery.

CONCONNALLY, via Patros, Wn., March 12.—Fire at Mineral Hill mine one and a half miles from here this morning destroyed property valued at \$20,000. Of this amount \$15,000 is on machinery.

TWENTY-ONE LIVES LOST

Mississippi River Steamer Capsized in a Squall near Vicksburg.

VESSEL A TOTAL WRECK

Crew and Passengers Were Asleep and Had No Warning of Their Danger.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 12.—The steamer Providence, plying between this port and Lake Palmyra, was overturned at 2 o'clock this morning by sudden squall at Lone Landing, and 21 of her passengers and crew were drowned.

The dead are: CAPTAIN WILLIAM CASSIDY, of Vicksburg, master.

CHARLES ROUOP, Vicksburg, chief engineer.

CLYDE SCOTT, Vicksburg, cottonseed buyer.

DR. N. A. LANCASTER, prominent physician and planter of Palmyra.

Sixteen colored roustabouts and deck passengers, whose names have not been reported. The ill-fated boat left here at noon yesterday on her regular trip, carrying a large cargo of freight and a number of passengers. At 2 o'clock this morning, just as the steamer was entering Lake Palmyra, a sudden wind and rain storm of cyclonic proportions came out of the west, catching the Providence broadside on. The little vessel was lifted almost entirely out of the water, her upper works were blown away and her hull turned bottom up, in 40 feet of water. Most of the crew and passengers were asleep at the time, and had absolutely no chance of escape. Only nine of the boat's entire company were saved.

GOVERNOR HUNT VISITS PONCE.

Was Royally Received by Thousands of People.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 12.—Governor Hunt, the heads of departments and the wives of these officials, Colonel Buchanan, the chief army officer of Porto Rico, and others, totaling about 15 persons, are visiting the coast towns on the steamer San Juan. The tour will last five days. When the party arrived at Ponce enthusiastic crowds lined the two miles of road from the port to the city and the visitors were royally received. The governor made a speech from the balcony of the city hall and reviewed two companies of the Eleventh regiment and 3000 school children. There was a banquet and a ball at the Casino in the evening. This was the governor's first visit to Ponce.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, March 12.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 65@65½; Blue-stem, 66@66½.

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