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HUME VOTES FOR HARRIS

Fulton Does Not Get Support of Representative as It Was Believed He Would.

OTHERWISE ALL THE SAME

Number of Minor Bills Passed by Senate—Governor Chamberlain Signs Bill Incorporating Coquille.

Salem, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Representative Hume was present at today's session and cast his initial vote for United States senator. But he did not cast it for C. W. Fulton, as it was generally expected he would. L. T. Harris, speaker of the house, and one of the very strong Fulton supporters was the recipient of the honor. Speaker Harris has not yet begun to make arrangements to move to Washington and probably will not.

There was no other development in the contest and the vote stands the same, which is as follows:

Fulton	34
Geer	16
Wood	17
Mills	12
Scattering	9
Absent	2

Bills were called up and passed as follows:

By Croisan—A local measure to regulate mutual insurance companies.

By Sweek—To regulate Sunday closing.

Hayden's Home bill, to authorize the building of flumes on public roads and highways, also was passed, as was also Banks' bill, relating to the execution of deeds.

Bills were introduced by Mays, by request, to require county clerks to make entries of payments on judgments.

By Mays—To require judges to render decisions in cases within 90 days.

By Mulkey—To regulate the sale of liquors in incorporated cities.

By Pierce—To amend the code relative to assessment and taxation.

By Smith of Multnomah—To prohibit the sale of explosives to children.

Salem, Feb. 4.—The house was called to order at 10 o'clock by Speaker Harris. The first business of the session was the swearing in office by Secretary of State Dunbar of Representative Humes of Coos and Curry counties, who made his appearance for the first time this morning.

Senate bills were given first and second readings and referred to committees.

Committee reports were then read, recommending the passage of certain bills. The Multnomah delegation, as a special committee, reported favorably on house bills to provide for the purchase of county supplies in case of an emergency, relating to the port of Portland, regarding the salary of county superintendent in Multnomah county, and to provide for the appropriation of all claims by the county auditor.

A message was received from the governor stating that he had signed the bill to incorporate Coquille.

The committee on labor and industry reported on the bureau of information bill, at the same time suggesting that it be referred to the committee of the whole and made a special order of business, arguing that it was not right to sidetrack other measures for something not requiring an emergency and the house decided not to give it the right of way.

TO ASSIST EX-SLAVES.

Senator Hanna Introduces Bill to Pension "Ole Cullud Folks."

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Hanna today introduced a bill granting pensions and bounties to all ex-slaves who were freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln during the war of the rebellion. It provides that persons over 50 years, and less than 60, male or female, shall receive a cash bounty of \$100 and monthly pensions of \$5 per month; persons between 60 and 70 years of age, bounty of \$200 and a pension of \$12 per month, and persons over 70 years of age a bounty of \$300 and a pension of \$14 per month.

WILL LEAVE IT TO CONGRESS.

Washington Legislature Not Willing to Memorialize Representatives.

Olympia, Feb. 4.—The house today indefinitely postponed the senate joint memorial instructing representatives in congress from this state to work for the passage of the omnibus statehood bill. The memorial had passed

the senate, but was killed in the house on the theory that the republicans in congress are better able to judge the advisability of the passage act than this legislature.

FUNSTON WILL COMMAND DEPARTMENT OF COLUMBIA

Order Issued at the War Department Yesterday Makes a Number of Important Military Assignments.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A general order dated January 27, making a number of highly important military assignments was issued at the war department today. Under this order the following changes will occur:

Major General Arthur MacArthur is assigned to command the department of California, to relieve Major General Robert Hughes, who will be retired April 11.

Major General John C. Bates will relieve Major General MacArthur of the command of the department of the lakes April 11.

Brigadier General James F. Wade will relieve Major General Davis of the command of the division of the Philippines on or before June 26. On being relieved Major General Davis will retire.

Brigadier General Leonard Wood will proceed to Manila for assignment to command the department of Mindanao.

Brigadier General Geo Randall will be relieved of the command of the department of the Columbia April 1 and report to the commanding general of the division of the Philippines.

Brigadier General Funston will be assigned to the command of the department of the Columbia. Brigadier General Frank Baldwin will succeed General Funston.

Brigadier General Sumner will be relieved in the Philippines and proceed to Omaha to command the department of the Missouri.

Brigadier General William H. Caster will report to the commanding general of the division of the Philippines to relieve Brigadier General Wade who will be promoted to major general on retirement of Major General Hulac in April next. He will relieve General Davis of the command of the division of the Philippines in July. It is understood he will exercise command of the forces in the Philippines for a few months only and that he will then be succeeded by General Leonard Wood.

FUMES OF NITRIC ACID WORKED DEATH TO FIREMEN.

Concluded Their Work at the Fire and the Next Day Balfest Effects Killed Them.

Milwaukee, Feb. 4.—Four firemen are dead and nine others are said to be seriously ill from the effects of inhaling fumes of nitric acid while fighting fire at the plant of the Schwab Stamp and Seal company last night. Victims of the disaster were not overcome for many hours after the fire, when one by one they succumbed.

The dead: James Foley, chief; Andrew White, captain; Edward Hogan, pipeman; Thomas Dronex, pipeman. Assistant Chief Clancy's condition is critical.

Captain Peter Lancaster is dying and Truckman William Meloy, William Kennedy and Daniel McArthur are seriously ill. The men became ill today and rapidly grew worse.

MORE BLOODY BATTLES.

Armies Crowd Things to the Gates of Fez and Capture Leader.

London, Feb. 4.—According to a dispatch published in the Morning Leader from Tangier, the Spanish embassy has received news of still more bloody battles than that which took place January 29.

The Sultan's troops, numbering 12,000, attacked the pretender's new encampment, treachery and bribery again giving the sultan's army the advantage. A terrible fight took place around Du Hamaras' person and according to the latest accounts continued right up to the gates of Fez, where after losing 2500 slain, Du Hamaras was finally captured.

QUARRELED OVER RELIGION.

One Negro Convict Brutally Murders Another While Asleep.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—James Pratt, a negro aged 37 years, who was serving a sentence of 20 years for burglary was murdered in the Eastern penitentiary here today by Cornelius Bush, 21 years old, also colored, sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for assault and battery. The men quarreled over religion and when Pratt went to sleep Bush crushed his skull and then cut his head off and put it on a table.

ANACONDA GETTING GOOD.

Gambling Houses in the Montana City Are All Closed.

Anacoda, Feb. 4.—All the gambling houses in Anacoda were closed today by order of the new attorney.

SHY ABOUT THE HAGUE

Every Effort Will Be Made to Settle Venezuelan Question in Washington City.

PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES PLAN

Preferential Treatment Will Be Accorded Allies for Three Months So They Will Be Honored.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Every effort is being made by the representatives of the allies to secure a settlement of the Venezuelan dispute without sending it to The Hague. In this effort the Italian and British ambassadors and the German minister, Baron von Sternberg, are receiving the endorsements of Minister Bowen and the cordial approval of the government of the United States.

It is understood that the president, while in no way concerned with the negotiations is personally in favor of an agreement being reached at Washington. This fact it is believed will have a prompt bearing on the decision of the British and German foreign officials.

The British ambassador and the German minister have called to their governments the fact that Mr. Bowen has expressed his willingness to give the allies preferential treatment for three months, that they may emerge from the controversy without injuries to their honor. The allies have not yet replied to the last representatives of their envoys here, urging acceptance of this plan.

Advices reached here from Berlin this afternoon of an important nature, but assurances are given that they were sent prior to the submission of the last proposition and affected only a detail of the controversy. The report was not discouraging.

It may be some days yet before a final answer is received at Washington, but all negotiators are hopeful of a successful outcome.

PREPARE TO MAKE AN ATTACK ON CARACAS.

Government Does Not Despair and Expects to Break Up the Revolution by Decisive Action.

New York, Feb. 4.—An army of revolutionists is now almost at the gates of Caracas, says the Herald's Caracas correspondent, and everywhere in the city preparations are being made to repel the attack. Trenches are being dug and citizens are being drafted into the military ranks. Animals are being seized for the government service.

President Castro is as cool as the proverbial cucumber, and is displaying a tireless energy. He is on horseback day and night, directing the defensive operations.

Despite the dark outlook, many persons believe that the government will triumph over the divided revolutionary leadership and the unsoldierly crowds of the insurrection. The Matos revolution has at last reached a point where some decisive action must take place within a very few days.

Bulletins of victory and defeat are now being circulated in Caracas as a result of the fighting just south of the capital. These bulletins are not trustworthy. The significant feature is that defensive measures are being pushed.

The blockaders have notified the La Guayra authorities that if they see Venezuelan soldiers in town they will shell the fort. This notice is inexplicable to the La Guayra authorities as Venezuelan soldiers occasionally pass in the streets on their way to fight the revolutionists. La Guayra took upon the notification as a new tack of the Germans to assist the Matos revolution and are asking: "Where is the peaceful blockade?"

REBELS IN CHINA PREPARE TO MASSACRE.

Large Army Is Getting Ready to Exterminate Every Foreigner in the Section—Empress Alarmed.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—Chinese papers received by the empress of China have further news regarding the crisis in northwest China.

The serious part of the situation is most serious, for, in Kansu, a large army is being organized to proceed against the foreigners and only the exposure of this movement and the aid it is receiving at Pekin will open the eyes of the statesmen of Britain, America and Germany to the danger which threatens foreigners in China.

C. J. Anderson, China inland missionary in Monan, says in a letter Kansu is full of the rebel troops, who all want to fight and say there will not be one foreign devil left. All travelers are being searched and letters opened

Caravans of camels are bringing arms and ammunition and stores of food and grain to the rebel headquarters, and from all sources it is learned that trouble is expected.

STORM IN THE SOUTH.

Louisville Visited by Severe Rain and High Winds That Block Traffic and Stop Communication.

Louisville, Feb. 4.—A heavy rain which set in over Louisville last evening continued intermittently during the night, accompanied by wind which at one time reached a velocity of 46 miles an hour. The wires of the Louisville Railroad company, the Citizens' General Electric company and the Postal Telegraph company became crossed during the night, burning out the dynamo plant of the telegraph company and working damage to the power plants. Falling trolley wires caused a temporary suspension of street-railway traffic on the two lines.

NO TROUBLE AFTER ALL.

Stormy Weather and Alert Police Force Kept Down Disturbance.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—Stormy weather and an extra precaution on the part of the authorities carried Waterbury through the dangerous hours of night without serious trouble from the streetcar strike that was confidently expected.

WAS FRENCH BARK.

Vessel Enroute for San Francisco Is Wrecked and All On Board Are Drowned.

London, Feb. 4.—The large vessel wrecked off Durabog reef yesterday was the French bark Van Stabel, Captain Quimper, which sailed from Glasgow January 17 for San Francisco. All persons on board are thought to have been drowned.

QUARANTINE ENDED.

Manila Declared Free From Cholera By Health Officers.

Manila, Feb. 4.—United States quarantine officials have declared Manila free from cholera, thus ending the quarantine, which has lasted nearly a year.

SNOW STORM IN CHICAGO

Most Awful Blizzard in Years Visits Lake Metropolis Blocking All Business.

SHUT OUT FROM THE WORLD

All Traffic Was Stopped—No Quotations Received From New York Until Noon—Two Lives Were Lost.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Today and last night Chicago was the scene of the worst blizzard in years. Wires are down in every direction and all telegraphic lines except those of the Chicago-Milwaukee roads were unworkable, as were the long-distance telephone wires, except one line to Omaha. For hours this morning Chicago was cut off from news of the outside. No quotations have been received from New York up to 11:30. Nearly a foot of snow fell yesterday and last night a rain and sleet storm, accompanied by a gale of wind, completed the havoc. Street-car traffic is demoralized and all incoming trains are reported late. The storm continued today, hampering the work of the repair crews sent out in every direction by telegraph companies. Two lives were lost and numerous accidents have occurred.

OVER A CENTURY OLD.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 4.—Mary Ann Mills, the oldest woman in Canada, is dead at her home in Woodham. She was in her 115th year, having been born in the county of Fermanagh, Ireland, on October 18, 1788. With her husband she came to Canada in 1857.

MARCONI SYSTEM FOR STEAMERS.

New York, Feb. 4.—In a statement issued by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company, it is suggested that all of the fast steamers of the International Mercantile Marine company will be supplied immediately with wireless telegraph plants.

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