

INTERESTING TOPICS FROM WASHINGTON

Effects for Legislation Affected by the Recent Struggle Warfare--Reciprocity Appraisals to Be Doomed to Defeat by the Ultra-Protection-Contingents.

PHASES OF THE WAR IN WASHINGTON

Phases of the Present Situation that Touch it and Its Questions and Points of Difference.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Echoes of the American war still fill the air. The day's news at the capital is the large number of questions put out of the late unpleasantness with Spain which now demand less attention at the hands of the public men. We have former Secretary of War Chandler attacking our former minister to Spain, General Woodford, for his management of the delicate critical period just before the outbreak of hostilities, and Woodford preparing a formal statement of self defense. We have the European disputing as to whether it was the greatest and best of the United States when she was trying to secure a European alliance against this country, or whether the Philippine question up to that time was a tariff bill, and the continental way the future of the archipelago is supposed to be a great issue between the politicians of the country. Cuban annexation is suggested by resolutions introduced in the house by Mr. Schley, and annexation is likely to be very soon to the front of the question. A constitutional amendment prohibiting the formation of any territory not ceded to the United States proper is being introduced by a well known republican. Cuba's commercial relations with the United States form the subject of the liveliest agitation before the senate at this session, with annexation being the background as a result. As if all this were not enough, the way of war echoes, President Roosevelt is now struggling with the delicate question presented to him by Admiral Schley's appeal for a review of the verdict on the war with Spain, Admiral Sampson, on the eve of his departure, is to receive a special commission from his official superiors.

RECIPROcity TREATIES DEAD AS JULIUS CAESAR

Cullom's Futile Attempt to Force Them.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Cullom is making valiant efforts to get reciprocity treaties negotiated by McKinley administration up for consideration in the senate. He may have to have them discussed before the senate, but he can do nothing more. An executive session for the purpose. But it is well settled that they cannot be ratified. Leaving the question of the much discussed question as to whether or not they are still constitutional and whether or not the senate can regulate commerce with foreign countries without the assent of the house representatives, the future of the reciprocity treaties is a hopeless one. A party in the senate is determined that they shall not be ratified. This party, led by Senator Aldrich, is almost invariably able to carry its plans, especially its negative effect. For the present the policy of the late president is advocated in his last will as dead as Julius Caesar.

PROTECTIONISTS ARE DEFEATING THEMSELVES

Overplaying their Hands, Thinks Platt.

Washington, Feb. 11.—If the Opposition for annexation they will be two opposing forces. First

will be the protected interests, which are now fighting any concession to Cuba, and they will be joined by the conservatives, who are advocating concessions to Cuba because they hope thereby to avert annexation. In the face of the opposition of two such mighty forces as these, unlimited annexation or any promise of it, such as is proposed by Mr. Newlands, would probably be impossible. Limited annexation, or bringing in Cuba as constitutional territory, to be governed by congress as Porto Rico and the Philippines are governed, with power to levy tariff without regard to the rule of uniformity, might be achieved, though even as to this there is at this time no little doubt. Our friends in Europe, who have always believed the United States ousted Spain from Cuba because the Americans wanted that fair and rich piece of earth, will doubtless learn that the people of Cuba might ask for annexation on their bended knees and still be denied.

There has been one striking development in the agitation concerning Cuba's tariff. This is the declaration by Senator Platt, chairman of the Cuban committee of the senate, that the high protectionists are overplaying their hand in opposition to Cuba and doing more harm to the protection cause than all the free traders.

CUBAN ANNEXATION IS IMPOSSIBLE

Powerful Influence Opposed to the Proposition.

Washington, Feb. 11.—According to the best opinion here, Cuba cannot secure unlimited annexation. That is to say, she cannot be incorporated and be started on the road to statehood. It may not be generally known but there is a very strong party of conservative men in congress who have tried to manage the relations between the United States and Cuba as to stave off the final annexation. Their reason is that they do not want to see the character of the American nation changed in any way by the admission as states of communities which are of alien blood and which can be thoroughly assimilated or Americanized. This feeling had much to do with the adoption of the Platt amendment by the last congress. It is one of the obstacles in the way of a solution of the Philippine problem, making the republican party reluctant to declare a definite policy regarding the future of that archipelago. Such men as Platt of Connecticut and Spooner of Wisconsin are determined that none of the territory that came to America through the Spanish-American war shall be started on the road that leads to statehood, and Senator Spooner is preparing an amendment to the constitution, which he will probably soon introduce, preventing any overseas territory from ever becoming a state of the American union. He does not expect its adoption, but does hope that it will aid in directing the public discussion and opinion along wholesome lines.

PRESIDENT INTENDS TO UPHOLD SAMPSON

Stated Upon Good Authority that He's Decided.

Washington, Feb. 11.—It is not true that President Roosevelt has completed his review of the Schley case and that he is about ready to make public his conclusions. In fact, the president has barely begun the task of writing his opinion and it will probably be a week or ten days before he has finished it, even when his boy recovers. There is no doubt that the president now knows what he wants to say, and that his mind is made up as to the merits of the case. It was stated several days ago upon the best authority, that the president had been unable to discover any reason why Admiral Schley should have a rehearing or why the verdict of the court of inquiry should not stand precisely as it was rendered. The judgment of the president, therefore, will be adverse to Admiral Schley, and will uphold the verdict of the court. But the present scope of the president's review to what extent he will enter into the discussion of various phases of the case and the exact nature of his findings upon each one of them, is of course pure guesswork. In some particulars the president himself has not yet decided whether or not it is advisable to enter upon a review in detail. All that is known is that he has found no sufficient reason for reversing the verdict of the court, and this was known some time ago.

Lentz-Tompkins Contest

Washington, Feb. 11.—The house committee on elections today began a hearing in the contest of John J. Lentz for the seat of Emmett Tompkins, of the twelfth Ohio district. The contest promises to be one of the most interesting of the present session and is attracting wide attention. The committee will spend several days considering the mass of evidence upon which the allegations of the contestant are based.

THE GROTON CASE IT COST \$500,000

YOUNG ROOSEVELT SOMEWHAT BETTER.

Although Pleurisy Developed in Right Lung—The Left Side is Past the Crisis.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 11.—Somewhat of a decided improvement showed this morning in the condition of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Secretary Cortelyou announced that a little pleurisy had developed in the right lung, but both temperature and respiration were more favorable than they were yesterday. The crisis in the left lung, which was the first affected, had passed favorably, but the crisis in the left lung was yet to be met.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt were more cheerful this morning, although they realized that the danger was yet not passed. The crisis in the right lung was expected today. The attack has left the young sufferer in that condition which makes it impossible to say whether or not he will recover. Congestion may take place at any time.

The patient passed a restless, feverish night. Most of the time he spent in talking to his mother, then he would relapse into delirium. Early this morning he fell into a restful sleep, lasting two hours.

The pleurisy, which developed during the night, had been only a slight attack up to noon, and gave little or no indication of further developing. The president was at his son's bedside during almost the entire morning. He continues in constant communication with Washington, and transacts such public business as needs his immediate attention. There has been no change in the plans for Prince Henry's visit. The story that the boy's illness is the result of having administered five weeks ago, is emphatically denied.

Prince Henry's Visit Not Affected.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—In view of the fact that no alarming reports have been received from the German embassy in Washington regarding the condition of young Roosevelt, nothing is being done in the way of postponing Prince Henry's visit to the United States.

Long Sees Roosevelt.

Groton, Feb. 11.—Secretary Long came to Groton this afternoon. He had a long conference with the president. He thought a conclusion in the Schley case has been reached and that President Roosevelt is arranging for its announcement.

No Change at 2:20.

Groton, Feb. 11.—A bulletin issued at 2:20 o'clock says there is no change in Theodore Roosevelt's condition.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Interstate Commissioners Present at the Meeting in Charleston, S. C.—Important Subjects.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 11.—The fourteenth annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners opened in this city today, 31 states being represented by upwards of 100 delegates. Chairman Knapp, Secretary E. A. Moseley and other members of the interstate commerce commission are in attendance. The sessions continue several days, during which time the following subjects will be taken up in the order mentioned: Classification of operating and construction expenses of electric railways, grade crossings, railroad taxes and plans for ascertaining fair valuations of railroad property, classification of operating and construction expenses of steam railways, uniform classification and simplification of tariff sheets, railroad statistics, legislation, safety appliances, delays attendant upon enforcing orders of railway commissions, rates and rate-making, forms for reports of electric railways.

For Cromer's Seat.

Portland, Ind., Feb. 11.—The republican congressional convention of the eighth district is in session here today with delegates from the several counties in attendance. Congressman George W. Cromer, of Muncie, is a candidate for the re-nomination. He is opposed by several other aspirants for the honor and the final result cannot be foretold with any degree of certainty.

Captured Bolos and Typewriters.

Manila, Feb. 11.—A strong insurgent post, believed to have been General Malvar's headquarters, is captured near Calamba, Laguna Province. A number of bolos and six typewriting machines fell into the hands of the Americans.

Edward L. Chittenden, '05, has been elected captain of the Whitman College football team for next season.

A PALACE ON THE SEA LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK.

\$500,000 Steam Launch for W. B. Leeds, of Chicago—Will Go Around the World.

New York, Feb. 11.—A \$500,000 steam yacht, contracted to be the fastest afloat, was launched today at the yards of the Burles Dry Dock Company, Port Richmond, Staten Island. She has been built for W. B. Leeds, the president of the Chicago & Rock Island railroad. Her first trip will be a voyage around the world. Aside from the fact that the guaranteed speed of the yacht is 18 1/2 knots an hour, and the builder's expectations that she will make 20, the new yacht will be palatial in every particular. The principal rooms will be finished in mahogany and teak wood and the specifications call for the costliest kind of furnishings and decorations. A special feature of the design is a place for storing automobiles and launches. Among other auxiliaries is a refrigerating plant of six tons daily capacity, an evaporator, which will make ten tons of water daily and a distiller with a capacity of 500 gallons of drinking water.

CHAS. MELLE TO LEAVE THE NORTHERN PACIFIC

J. D. Farrel, of Pacific Coast Company, is Slated for the Presidency. Seattle, Feb. 11.—It is given out here on good authority that J. D. Farrel, president of the Pacific Coast Company is slated for president of the Northern Pacific to succeed Charles Mellen, who is to be retired.

ASSAULTED A POLICEMAN.

Two Soldiers From Fort Walla Walla in Serious Trouble.

Walla Walla, Feb. 11.—The Union says: A murderous assault upon Policeman Mike Davis, in the Concordia saloon at a late hour last night was the indirect cause of two burglars being detected and brought to justice. Leon Doyle, a soldier in the thirtieth battery field artillery, attempted to shoot Officer Davis, with a heavy army revolver and had it not been for the timely interference of Detective Sanderson might have been successful in his effort. He, together with trumpeter John A. Laureen, his partner, rests in the city jail. The burglars self-confessedly guilty, are confined in the guard house at Fort Walla Walla and will face a general court-martial backed by the probability of five years each in the military prison on Alcatraz Island. They are Edward C. Stonebreaker and Samuel T. Moffett, both of the thirtieth.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Reported by I. L. Ray & Co., Pendleton, Chicago Board of Trade and New York Stock Exchange Brokers.

New York, Feb. 11.—Wheat was very steady today and the undertone was stronger in the East. Liverpool was 1/4 lower, 6-15. New York opened 83 1/2 and closed 83 1/2, being the high and low points of the day. Chicago closed 78 1/2. There will be no markets tomorrow on account of Lincoln's birthday.

Closed yesterday, 83 1/2. Opened today, 83 1/2. Range today, 83 1/2 to 83 1/2. Closed today, 83 1/2. Sugar, 127. Steel, 44 1/2. St. Paul, 167. Union Pacific, 103 1/2.

Wheat in San Francisco. San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Wheat—108 1/2 to 108 3/4.

Wheat in Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 11.—Wheat—77 1/2 to 78 1/2.

BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS REPORTED.

On the Distribution of Army Posts—Number Are Given Permanently to the Coast.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The board of general officers appointed to report on the location and distribution of army posts and camp sites, has recommended, among others, the establishment of a new post for one regiment of infantry in the vicinity of Los Angeles, one for a regiment of cavalry on the Nacimiento ranch, and in Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties, in California. The latter post will also be a camp site. The board also recommends the following assignments to temporary barracks: Boise barracks, Idaho, one troop of cavalry.

Fort Gibbon, Alaska, two companies of infantry.

Rampart City, Alaska, no assignment.

Fort Michael, Alaska, one company of infantry.

Fort Walla Walla, Washington, four troops of cavalry.

The following assignments to the posts designated are permanent: Benicia barracks, California, four companies of infantry; Fort Lawton, Washington, four companies of infantry.

Grant Makes Admission.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Attorney Hugh J. Grant, who gave Nora Fuller the dress that was found by her deathbed, admitted this morning having known she was missing, the suspect, Bennett, having business relations with him, which he has hitherto denied. The coroner's jury viewed the body and visited the house of the murder today.

THE PACIFIC RAGING

Over a Large Area of That Angry Ocean.

FURIOUS HURRICANE SWEEPS THE COAST.

General Storm Prevails From Cape Flattery to San Francisco—Trouble for Shipping Feared.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—A southeast gale is raging along the entire north coast from Cape Flattery to San Francisco. A general storm is prevailing as far south as San Francisco, where a quarter of an inch of rain had fallen up to noon. It is predicted the storm will not reach the southern part of the state.

Disaster Feared.

Port Townsend, Feb. 11. A severe gale raged last night off Cape Flattery, driving a large number of vessels out to sea. Disaster is feared.

The Men Are Lost.

Cape May, February 11.—The tug which had been looking for the crew of the burned schooner returned this afternoon without the men.

SENATE NOT TO CHANGE HOUSE ACTION.

Tariff Bills Will Not Receive General Overhauling.

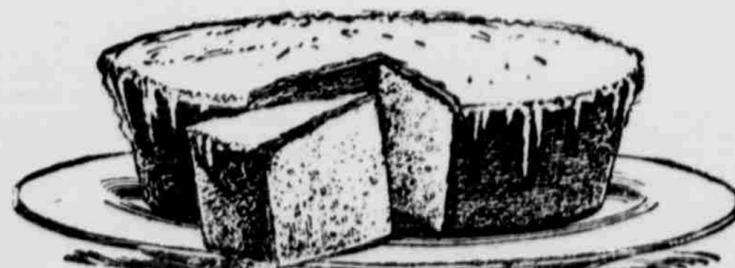
Washington, Feb. 11.—It was given out on good authority today that the program of the senate with regard to the revenue problem with which the house ways and means committee is now struggling, contemplates no general revision of the tariff, which is a reduction of at least 25 per cent in the tariff rates on sugar and tobacco coming from Cuba.

Alice Roosevelt's Birthday.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Alice Roosevelt came of age today, but instead of receiving personal congratulations from hosts of friends, she got only notes of sympathy on account of her brother's illness. Birthday festivities were postponed without date.

Carnegie Wires His Gift.

Lewistown, Me., Feb. 11.—The new Lutheran church here was dedicated today with interesting ceremonies. Andrew Carnegie has presented a magnificent pipe organ to the congregation.



ROYAL Baking Powder is indispensable to the preparation of the finest cake, hot-breads, rolls and muffins.

Housekeepers are sometimes importuned to buy other powders because they are "cheap." Housekeepers should stop and think. If such powders are lower priced, are they not inferior? Is it economy to spoil your digestion to save a few pennies?

The "Royal Baker and Pastry Cook"—containing over 800 most practical and valuable cooking receipts—free to every patron. Send postal card with your full address.

Alum is used in some baking powders and in most of the so-called phosphate powders, because it is cheap, and makes a cheaper powder. But alum is a corrosive poison which, taken in food, acts injuriously upon the stomach, liver and kidneys.