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RELIEF BILL PASSES FOR PUERTO RICO.

President Sends a Message on the Subject.

DEMOCRATS SURPRISED.

The Measure Turns All Customs Receipts to the Islands.

All Duties Paid on Imports to This Country From Puerto Rico Go to Relieve the Suffering There—Democrats at First Consent to the Measure Being Placed on Immediate Passage, but Change Their Minds and Attack it Bitterly, Only Thirteen of Them Favoring It on the Final Voting.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Within two hours of a special message from the president recommending the immediate passage of a bill to place in his hands all the moneys collected upon Puerto Rican goods since the Spanish evacuation of the island to be used for the relief of the Puerto Ricans had been read to the house today, the house had passed and sent to the senate a bill to carry the recommendation.

The message came like a bolt out of a clear sky to the minority. They were at first inclined to hail it with delight as a proof of the majority of the passage of the Puerto Rican tariff bill on Wednesday.

The Republican leaders, however, had a bill ready to carry the president's recommendations into effect. Cannon asked immediate consideration for it, and this was given.

It was only when the debate opened and it had been agreed that twenty minutes should be allowed on a side that, under the lead of Bailey, the Democrats began lining up against the bill, because it placed no limitations upon the president's discretion in the use of the money. The bill was passed by a vote of 162 to 107, thirteen Democrats, two Populists and two Silver Republicans voting with the Republicans.

Subsequently the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case from the Fourth Alabama district, which the house twice refused to consider yesterday, was taken up, 136 to 129, and was debated for the remainder of the day.

The Message Received. A special message from the president was received in the house today, recommending that all revenue collected on importations from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of the islands by Spain (amounting to over \$2,000,000), should be placed at the disposal of the president for the relief of the island.

The Republicans greeted the reading of the message with demonstrations of enthusiasm.

"I hope the recommendation will meet with favor on that side of the house," said Richardson, the minority leader.

"I'll see if it meets with favor on that side of the house," retorted Cannon, sharply. "I'll now ask for unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of a bill to carry the recommendation of that message into force."

Consentation Among the Democrats. The suddenness of the request spread consternation on the Democratic side. There was no time for consultation. Richardson stood hesitating a moment: "Better do it at once," said Cannon, "before you change your mind."

This sharp raised a laugh. Richardson said he would not object, but wanted to know how much time would be allowed for debate.

Twenty Minutes for Debate. Mr. Cannon replied that he hoped there would be no debate. The bill contained an exceedingly plain proposal and needed no explanation. He finally suggested twenty minutes on a side. To this Richardson consented, observing:

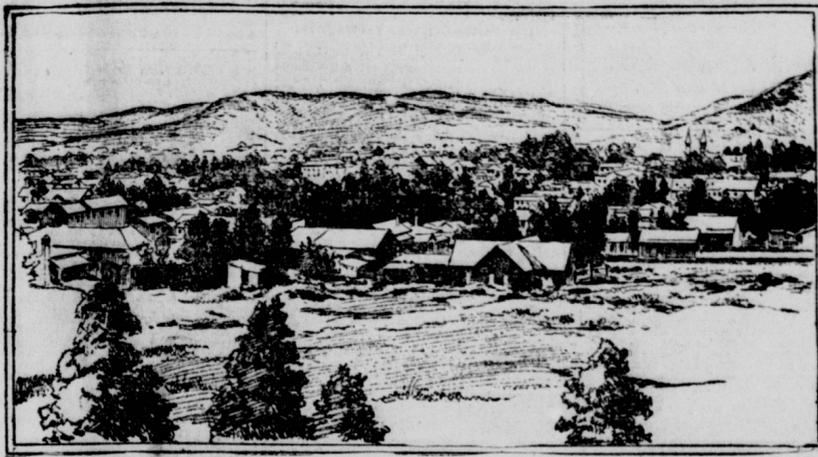
"I do not think the gentlemen on the other side can be of the same mind longer than forty minutes. (Laughter.) We agree if it will help you out of the hole."

Text of the Bill. The bill was then read. It was as follows: "Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of \$2,000,000, being the amount of customs revenue received on importations by the United States from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on October 18, 1898, to January 1, 1900, together with any further customs revenue collected on importations from Puerto Rico since January 1, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the president to be used for the government and benefit of Puerto Rico until otherwise provided by law; and the revenues herein referred to, already collected and to be collected under existing law, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Cannon Speaks Briefly. Cannon said there was no reason to make an extended argument in support of the bill. The brief message of the president, he said, covered all the points necessary to justify the passage of the bill. It appropriated all the money in the treasury collected up to January 1 and such money as shall hereafter be collected on imports from Puerto Rico for the benefit of the people of the island.

Money of Trusts Goes to the People. Cannon explained that the sugar and tobacco piled up in Puerto Rico controlled by the sugar and tobacco trusts, which was awaiting shipment to this country, would be shipped to the United States if this bill passed, and every dollar of duty paid by these trusts would be devoted to the storm-swept and starving people. Republican applause. "You have been shedding crocodile tears over there," he concluded. "Now, come up

BLOEMFONTEIN, THE ORANGE CAPITAL.



WANT OLYMPIC RESERVE CUT DOWN IN SIZE.

Washington Delegation Lay the Matter Formally Before the Commissioners of the Land Office.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Washington delegation met today at the land office to urge the commissioner to accept Forestry Superintendent Sheller's report and to take early action upon the same. The main purpose of this report is the elimination of a great deal of territory from the Olympic reserve.

The report, however, has not yet come before the commissioner, so the delegation promised to call again as soon as the report puts in its appearance.

Yakima Public Building. Congressman Jones will tomorrow introduce a bill providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 for public buildings at North Yakima.

Sale of the Corwin. Capt. Shoemaker, of the revenue cutter service, said today that the United States revenue cutter Corwin had been sold to Capt. Coffin, of Boston, for \$16,500, and the money paid into the treasury. He declined to discuss the protest of the Tacoma Fish Company, except to say the sale was perfectly regular and no ground for any protest existed.

Visiting Washington. James D. Hoge, Jr., of Seattle, is in the city.

National Bank for Ballard. The comptroller of the currency today approved the application of S. Foster Kelley, of Seattle, and E. W. Andrews, G. E. Souper, H. Moran and F. C. Harper to organize the First National Bank of Ballard, Wash., with a capital of \$50,000.

CALISTOGA STAGE HELD UP.

The Typical Lone Highwayman Overcomes Five People and Secures Four Dollars.

CALISTOGA, Cal., March 2.—The Calistoga and Clear Lake stage was held up today by a lone highwayman on Mount St. Helena, six miles from this city. The robber secured \$4.50 in cash and Wells Fargo & Co.'s express box, which is said to have contained but little of value.

The stage was driven by A. R. Palmer, and it contained four passengers, three women and one man, an Italian gardener, who contributed the \$4.50. The passengers were not molested.

Officers with bloodhounds are on the track of the bandit, and his early capture is expected.

RETURNED SOLDIERS WILL BE IN LUCK.

That is If Any of the Bills Pending Before Congress Are Finally Enacted.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, March 2.—Soldiers who served in the recent war with Spain and in the Philippines will fare well if only a small part of the bills now pending in congress are passed.

Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, today introduced a bill extending to them the homestead laws. Senator Turner's bill, giving them travel pay, which was previously adversely reported and postponed indefinitely, was reconsidered today and placed on calendar.

Adj. Gen. Corbin opposes the bill and says it would involve the payment of \$7,000,000. The following are the sums he has figured out would have to be paid: Privates, \$296.30; corporals, \$328.50; sergeants, \$372.20; second lieutenants, \$1,418.44; first lieutenants, \$1,520.83; captains, \$1,825.

Roosevelt for Vice President. President McKinley's presence in New York, and the announcement that Senator Hanna and Representative Dick, of the Republican national committee, will attend the Ohio Association banquet tomorrow has revived interest and discussion of the vice presidential candidate on the Republican ticket next fall. It is definitely stated by representative leaders that unless New York presents a man upon whom all factions are united, the vice presidential nomination will go to some Western state. Timothy Woodruff is not acceptable. Roosevelt would be a member of the national committee said tonight:

"It is by no means improbable that events may shape themselves so that Roosevelt will be on the ticket with McKinley."

TIRED OF LOSING MONEY.

Noncommission Agreement Will Be Broken If Canadian Pacific Does Not Come In.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 2.—Unless the Canadian Pacific signs the noncommission ticket agents' agreement at the meeting to be held next week, the Northern Pacific will withdraw and resume the payment of commissions. It is thought the Great Northern will follow.

Both roads have lost considerable business by adhering to the agreement, and are tired of seeing it go over to a rival line.

CANADIAN VESSELS ARE ALL BARRED OUT.

Will Not Be Permitted to Take Freight and Passengers Into Cape Nome.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The attention of the treasury department has been called to the advertisements of Canadian steamship lines soliciting freight to be shipped during the coming season from Seattle to Cape Nome, Alaska.

This was done upon the erroneous assumption that Cape Nome would be made a support of entry of the United States.

The route of these shipments it was intended should be from Seattle to Vancouver by rail, a distance of fifty or sixty miles, thence to Cape Nome by steamer, thus evading, according to the officials, our laws which prohibit foreign vessels from carrying goods from one port in the United States to another.

The department, in view of this fact, has decided for the present, at least, not to make Cape Nome a support of entry, leaving St. Michael the nearest port to the new gold fields. The effect of this action will be to preserve the trade with Cape Nome to American vessels.

RECENT MEXICAN EARTHQUAKES.

The Damage is Much Greater Than Thought, Including Tidal Wave.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A special to the Record from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: "The recent earthquakes which were felt throughout Southern Mexico did much greater damage than was indicated by the earlier reports. News from remote beach and mountain towns has just reached Guadalajara, and stories of great destruction of property and considerable loss of life are told. The severe shocks had a remarkable effect on the sea, causing it to roll in and covering the country for a distance of over one mile from the beach. This inundation occurred three times in rapid succession, and every movable thing in its path was swept away.

A number of small coast villages were destroyed and there was some loss of life, but no definite information has been received as to the number of persons drowned. This inundation was most severe on the Pacific coast, extending from Acapulco to Manzanillo. Several of the mountain towns in the state of Michoacan suffered severely. Five persons were caught under falling walls in Pomaro and killed.

Print Cloth Advance.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 2.—An advance of one-eighth cent has been made in the price of print cloth.

ROBERTS FACING A STRONG BOER FORCE.

It Has Assembled to Check His Advance.

BATTLE MAY BE DELAYED.

Roberts May Have to Wait to Improve His Transport Service.

The Relief of Mafeking and Baden-Powell's Gallant Little Force is Earnestly Hoped for, and it is Believed a Column Has Been Detached for That Purpose—Buller Reports That the Boers Arrived Off Their Artillery From Around Ladysmith, but Abandoned Much Ammunition and Other Supplies.

LONDON, March 2, 4:15 a. m.—Lord Roberts, at Onfontein, six or eight miles east of Paardeberg, faces the re-formed Boer army, from 5,000 to 6,000 strong. This may be merely a corps of observation, ready to retire on prepared positions. Doubtless it is receiving accretions from the late besiegers of Ladysmith and from other points. Whatever the force may be, Lord Roberts has ample troops to cope with it. As a heavy rain is falling on the veldt, and the grass is improving, this will be a good thing temporarily for the Boers.

Roberts' Good Transport Service. Lord Roberts has surprised observers by the excellence of his transport during the first advance, and he is likely to do so again, although military men here think he must wait for some days before going much farther. The Boers, presumably, will use this delay for all it is worth, putting their resources together.

Dr. Leyds gives up the opinion, or that the British entry of Bloemfontein is daily expected, as Commandants Dewit and Delarey have been instructed to retard the advance of Lord Roberts only until the concentration under Gen. Joubert has been accomplished.

No Explanations of Reinforcements. No adequate explanation is yet made of the 50,000 reinforcements that are preparing for Lord Roberts.

Such explanations as are advanced tentatively suggest either that the Cape Dutch have become more restive, or that the imperial government has a hint of foreign suggestions as to the future status of the allied republics.

Congratulations to the Sailors. The admiralty board has telegraphed to the Cape commander an expression of admiration and thanks on the part of the lords of the admiralty to the marines and bluejackets engaged in the war for the "splendid manner in which they have upheld the traditions of the service and have added to its reputation for resourcefulness, courage and devotion."

Roberts Pleased With Men's Actions. 2:30 a. m.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office from Onfontein under date of March 2, 4:15 p. m., as follows:

"I have just returned from paying Kimberley a hurried visit. I was much gratified at finding the enthusiasm among the Kimberley people regarding the care of the sick and wounded in the Boer hospitals have been converted into hospitals, and the men have been made most comfortable.

"I was much struck with the friendly manner in which the wounded Boers and our men chatted together upon the experiences of the campaign. It delighted me to see our soldiers sharing their rations and biscuits with the Boer prisoners before they commenced their march for Modder river. Some of the poor fellows were very hungry, after having half-starved in the laager."

Buller Says the Boers Have Left. The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

"Ladysmith, March 2, 6:30 p. m. "I find the defeat of the Boers more complete than I dared to anticipate. This whole district is completely clear of them, and except at the top of Van Heerens pass, where several wagons are visible, I can find no trace of them."

"Their last train left Modderspruit station about 1 o'clock yesterday, and then blew up the bridge. They packed their wagons six days ago, moving them to the north of Ladysmith, so that we had no chance of intercepting them; but they have left vast quantities of ammunition of all sorts, herbs, grass, camp and individual necessities. They have got away with all their guns except two."

Awaiting Roberts' Next Move. With no prospect of any exciting news coming in from Ladysmith in the near future, all eyes turn once more towards Lord Roberts and his advance into the Orange Free State. Critics are almost unanimous in expecting the main stand of the Boers to occur at Wynburg, or in its vicinity. Before Roberts' advance on Bloemfontein can become active, the strong force of Boers already gathered on the west of Paardeberg must be dispersed. The British lack remounts and the necessity of thorough transport organization may delay a decisive action in this quarter for several days, and perhaps weeks.

Mafeking Awaiting Relief. Mafeking alone now awaits relief, and a force to accomplish this is probably already on its way. No more popular event could now occur for Great Britain than the relief of Baden-Powell's gallant little band. It is believed they are quite able to hold out until Roberts arrives.

In the northern portion of the Cape Colony the British campaign progresses well. The whole line of Orange river should shortly be in their possession. It is suggested that White's garrison may be sent to sea to recuperate, but this scarcely seems probable.

Relief Supplies for Ladysmith. A dispatch from Buller was received at the war office this morning announcing



"I pledge every energy of my life to advance the principles for which we stand."—Coitler's letter of acceptance.

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