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AMONG AMERICAN LAWMAKERS

Matters of National Interest Considered by the President and Congress.

ROOSEVELT TAKES UP CUBAN RECIPROCITY

He Desires to Secure Unanimity of Action in the House of Representatives—A Sharp Attack on the Oleo Bill Is Made in the Senate. The Measure Is Denounced as Unconstitutional—Mr. Rhea Is Unseated by the House and His Chair Given to J. McKenzie Moss.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—President Roosevelt again took up the Cuban reciprocity question today with a view to securing unanimity of action in the house of representatives. Among his callers was Representative Long, of Kansas, the member of the ways and means committee, which was in charge of the tactical movements in behalf of the reciprocity plan. This followed the call yesterday of the seven leaders of the opposition to Cuban reciprocity, and it was understood that Mr. Long's call was in continuance of the movement to bring the two opposing elements together. Later when Mr. Long returned to the house of representatives he conferred with Representative Morris, of Minnesota, who presented in detail the amendment which the opposition is supporting, to abolish the differential on refined sugar. At present refined sugar pays $1.95 per one hundred; unrefined sugar $1.825.

By taking off the differential, all sugars would pay the uniform rate of $1.225 per 100. The present suggestion is that a modification of the Payne bill, so as to make this change in the differential, would probably bring about an agreement. The ways and means committee are understood to be giving his proposition respectful consideration, examining all its details. But there is no definite indication thus far of its acceptance as there is reason to believe that ways and means members look upon it as involving the first step toward a general revision of the tariff. The matter is still under consideration, however.

It was said late in the day that the element opposing the ways and means committee, was now expecting to make their first contest in the committee, when Chairman Payne seeks to report the bill. The committee consists of seventeen members, and according to a poll made by the opposition element, only 8 Republicans, or one short of the necessary number, will vote to report the bill in its present form. This, according to the opposition view, will make it necessary for the majority to rely on Democrat votes. But against this, the opposition element expresses confidence that it will be able to secure enough Democratic votes in the committee to take off the differential on refined sugar.

Chairman Payne will not call up the bill tomorrow, which is the regular meeting day of the committee, as more time is desired in order to let the situation clear.

Attack on Oleo Bill.

A sharp attack on the pending oleomargarine bill was made in the senate today by Mr. Money, of Mississippi. He denounced the measure as "unconstitutional, immoral, dishonest and unjust." He said it was a proposition to tax out of existence one industry for the benefit of another and was "protection gone mad." On behalf of the working people of the country, he appealed to the senate not to enact the bill into law, and declared that if it could be voted on by a secret ballot it would not receive a dozen votes in the senate.

Mr. Hansborough (N. D.) began an argument in support of the measure, but yielded the floor until tomorrow.

Mr. Rhea Unseated.

The house today, by a majority of 10, unseated Mr. Rhea, of Kentucky, a Democrat, and seated in his place, J. McKenzie Moss, who was formerly a Democrat, but who, according to his brief, is in accord with the Republican party, on the dominant issues. The Republican majority in the house is 43. While only two Republicans, Hanbury and Vreeland, of New York, voted with the Democrats, enough Republicans remained away or declined to vote to reduce the majority to ten. The conclusion of the debate on the case was rather spirited, Mr. Rhea making an eloquent defense of his right to the seat. After the vote the house began consideration of the army appropriation bill with the understanding that general debate should continue for ten hours. Mr. Scarborough, of South Carolina, discussed the southern election laws and Mr. Gaines, the Philippines situation.

Two Children Cremated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Uniontown, Pa., March 25.—The home of Edward Lyttle, near here, was destroyed by fire this morning and two children aged 3 and 2 years, were cremated. The fire occurred during the temporary absence of Mrs. Lyttle, who had gone to a neighbor's house to borrow a kettle. When she returned the house was in ashes. The charred remains of the children were found in the ruins.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—Pensions granted: Enos T. Hall, Scranton, $8; Ferdinand B. Teel, of Gleason, $12.

SIX MEN BURIED ALIVE

Result of a Cave-in at Cleveland. A Bank of Clay Suddenly Gives Away.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, March 25.—As the result of a cave-in of a huge bank of earth at the Main street plant of the Cleveland Gas, Light and Coke company this afternoon, six men are dead. Their names:

Colgero Amati, aged 27; Guiseppi Bergozeo, aged 35; Vincenzo Lisussio, aged 28; Andrew Hahn, aged 25, and Peter Preast aged 28, and an Italian whose name has not yet been learned.

Edward Lynch, another laborer, was injured, but it is believed not seriously.

The men were working close to a bank of clay, when it suddenly gave way, without the slightest warning, burying them beneath the mass of earth.

Fellow workmen immediately began the work of rescue, and in a very short time six of the men had been taken out. Some of them were alive, others were already dead, their lives having been smothered out. The living were started to the several nearby hospitals but died en route, and their bodies were then taken to undertaking establishments.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL IN NEW YORK CITY

Unable to State the Method of Procedure That Will Be Adopted by Presidents or Committee.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Shamokin, March 25.—National President Mitchell and District Presidents Nicholls, Fahy and Duffy left here at 2.54 this afternoon for New York. They proceeded to Mt. Carmel over the Pennsylvania railroad, and there boarded a train on the Lehigh Valley railroad for New York, where they will arrive at 10.15 o'clock tonight.

President Mitchell said he was unable to state the method of procedure that would be adopted by the presidents or the conciliation committee of the Civic Federation. Secretary Ralph M. Easley, of the Civic Federation, has notified Mr. Mitchell that the committee will meet tomorrow to receive the mine workers' reports. The appeal for intervention will be made at once, but President Mitchell would not hazard a guess as to the action of the committee.

If it becomes necessary to order a strike the order will be issued by President Mitchell through the district presidents. Previous to his departure, Mr. Mitchell said he would devote all his attention to the situation in the anthracite region until a settlement has been reached.

New York, March 25.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, accompanied by Presidents John Fahy and T. D. Nicholls and Thomas Duffy, of the anthracite district organizations, arrived in this city tonight to carry out the mission entrusted to them by the miners' convention, of soliciting tomorrow the intervention of the Civic Federation for the purpose of averting a threatened strike in the anthracite regions.

They went to the Ashland house.

When the committee on conciliation and arbitration of the Civic Federation meets tomorrow at the headquarters of the federation, President Mitchell, who is a member of the committee, will bring his three colleagues before that body, where they will have an opportunity to explain their mission and ask the committee's aid. The specific request they will make, according to President Mitchell, will be that the committee use its good offices to bring about a conference between the operators and a committee of four which the convention empowered President Mitchell to appoint for the purpose of meeting the employers and to adjust their grievances. The committee has not as yet been appointed.

KIPLEY HELD FOR MURDER.

Accused of Causing the Death of a Chicago Jekyll and Hyde.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Chicago, March 25.—Daniel Kipley, nephew of former Superintendent of Police Joseph Kipley, was held to the grand jury today by a coroner's jury for the murder of Joseph Hopkins. Lillian Arlington, better known as "Diamond Lil," was held as an accessory. The jury recommended that both be admitted to bail.

Hopkins' death revealed the fact that he had been leading a Jekyll and Hyde existence, his picture being in the rogues' gallery as a burglar, while at Palos Park he was a highly respected citizen and church attendant.

Boy Killed by an Athlete.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Clinton, Ia., March 25.—While practicing athletics here today, Tim Clark, captain of the hight school foot ball club last year, made a wild throw in putting the shot and the twelve-pound ball struck Hugh Callahan, an 8-year-old boy, in the head, death resulting a few minutes later. The skull was fractured and the boy died without regaining consciousness.

Firemen Will Join Miners.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, March 25.—The executive board of the Stationary Firemen's association of Pennsylvania, held a meeting here today and a resolution was adopted calling out all the firemen employed in the collieries in the anthracite region in the event of a miners' strike.

Brooklyn Pool Tournament.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 25.—In the Brooklyn pool tournament tonight Charles Weston, of Wyoming, defeated W. H. Clearwater, of Elwood, Pa., by a score of 125 to 113. The conclusion of this game ties these two players for the championship. The tie will be played off tomorrow night.

MURDER FOLLOWS DEBAUCH.

Harvey Green, Proprietor of a Poker Joint, Found Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chester, Pa., March 25.—Harvey Green, former proprietor of the Delaware house in this city, was found dead in a closet in the National club house, at Third street and Edgemont avenue, this evening. One side of the head was crushed in and the head and neck were covered with blood. The body was covered with an old quilt. The furniture in the club house was lying about in great disorder, indicating a struggle, with all of the evidences of a drunken debauch. The wounds on the head of Green were evidently made some hours before the discovery of the body.

The murder was discovered by one of the members of the club, who was obliged to obtain entrance to the clubroom by force, as the door was bolted. Jack Lynch was found in the room in a drunken stupor and he has been placed in custody by the police. The officers of the city force are scouring the city tonight, in search of other members of the club. The room in which the murder occurred, is, the police authorities say, a notorious poker joint, and was conducted by Green.

WANT POWDERLY KEPT.

Senators Quay and Penrose and Representative Connell Make a Protest.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—The Star prints the following regarding Powderly's removal:

Senators Quay and Penrose, assisted by Representative Connell, of Pennsylvania, have begun an aggressive campaign to have Terrence V. Powderly retained at the head of the bureau of immigration. It is expected that the efforts of the Pennsylvanians to block the retirement of Mr. Powderly will result in a pretty contest between them and the president, with very strong chances that the Pennsylvanians will come off second best.

The decision of the president to retire Mr. Powderly was reached during Senator Quay's absence in the South. Immediately upon his return, he visited the white house to ask that the case be reopened. This was Saturday afternoon. Yesterday Senator Quay was again at the white house on the same mission. Both he and Senator Penrose, it is understood, are anxious to have Mr. Powderly retained. In this desire they are joined by Representative Connell, of Scranton, Mr. Powderly's home. As there is no doubt that the president has fully determined that Mr. Powderly shall go, it is expected the Pennsylvanians will have difficulty in carrying their wishes to a successful culmination.

The basis of the president's desire for the retirement of Commissioner Powderly is the trouble at Ellis island. For some time there has been friction between the officials there and the commissioner general. The president proposes to remedy the difficulties by putting in new men to succeed Mr. Powderly and Commissioner Fitchie and Assistant Commissioner McSweeney, of the port of New York.

The plea of Senators Quay and Penrose and Representative Connell is that Mr. Powderly is not being treated with the consideration due him, in view of the effort he has put forth to improve the immigration service generally and the service at Ellis island particularly.

They ask that the president make an investigation of the situation as regards the relations between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Powderly, and that if it be found their statements are correct that Mr. Powderly be retained.

It is believed the Pennsylvanians are engaged in a fruitless mission. Mr. Powderly has sent in his letter of resignation and the president has accepted it, and the correspondence has been made public. The president has ascertained that Frank P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, who has been selected by him to succeed Mr. Powderly, will accept the position.

Had Senator Quay not visited the president Saturday, the tender of office probably would already have been made Mr. Sargent. At this stage in the proceedings it is considered hardly likely the president will alter his decision, or that he will reopen the case and make an investigation of the immigration service. He has indicated a desire to close the entire subject by the removal of Mr. Powderly and the officials at Ellis island, and it is believed he will adhere to his purpose.

Pennsylvania Directors.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 25.—The annual election by the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the four directors whose terms are about to expire, was held today and resulted in the re-election of Effingham B. Morris, Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, James McCrea and Lincoln Godfrey for four years. The number of shares voted was 2,294,811, the largest cast in the history of the company and represents 56.14 per cent. of the outstanding share capital.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, March 25.—Arrived: Friesland, Antwerp. Cleared: Haverford, Antwerp; Teutonic, Liverpool; Philadelphia, Southampton. Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse, Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Nomadic, Liverpool, Boulogne Sur Mer. Arrived: Statendam, New York for Rotterdam (and proceeded). Plymouth—Sailed: Graf Waldersee from Hamburg and Boulogne Sur Mer.

Negro Poisoner Lynched.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, N. C., March 25.—The body of James Walker, the negro who poisoned the whole family of Dr. David T. Taylor, of the state board of medical examiners, was found dangling from a limb of a tree, just outside of the town limits of Washington, N. C., early this morning.

Florida Ducks in Danger.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Princeton, N. J., March 25.—It was learned here today that ex-President Cleveland, accompanied by Professor John H. Finley and Dr. J. D. Bryant, of New York, will leave tomorrow on an Easter pleasure trip to Florida. They will be gone a week or ten days.

FOR CHINESE EXCLUSION

House Committe on Foreign Affairs Has Ordered Bill Reported Favorably.

BARS UP IN HAWAII AND PHILIPPINES

The Order to General Wood Has Been Made Public—He Is Directed to Turn Over the Control and Government of Cuba to Its People on May 20 Next—The Cuban Government to Assume All Treaty Obligations—A Small Artillery Force Will Be Continued in Order to Avoid Leaving the Island Entirely Defenceless.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—The house committee on foreign affairs today completed consideration of the Chinese exclusion bill, and by a practically unanimous vote ordered it favorably reported to the house. The measure has been most carefully considered for more than a month, and it comes from the committee with quite a number of changes. The exclusion of Chinese laborers is made complete, both as to the mainland territory of the United States and all insular possessions, including the Philippines and Hawaii. The committee finally restored the prohibitory clause recommended by the Pacific coast senators and members, so that as reported it reads:

"And the prohibition shall apply to all Chinese laborers, as well as those who were in such insular possessions at the time of acquisition by the United States as to those who have come there since, and those who may be born there hereafter."

In addition the committee framed the following new section, specifically directing the Philippine commission to put the exclusion law into force:

"That the Philippine commission is hereby authorized to make all requirements necessary to the enforcement of this act in the Philippines."

San Juan, Porto Rico, was struck out from the list of ports where Chinese may enter, as it was feared there would be a Chinese influx at that point, owing to the lack of sufficient official force to make careful inspection. The other more important changes made by the committee are as follows:

Certificates of Identification.

Certificates of identification of Chinese must be accompanied by photographs, at the expense of the Chinese. In addition to San Francisco and the other ports specifically mentioned for the examination and admission of certain Chinese, the commissioner general of immigration is authorized to designate such other ports as may be necessary. The committee considered that the original bill was too severe in making it a felony for any official to neglect to detain a Chinese person seeking admission, and the penalty was reduced to a misdemeanor. The original bill also subjected a vessel to forfeiture in case it brought over forbidden Chinese, but the committee changed this to a fine of $2,000 against the master or owner of the vessel, and forfeiture in case the fine is not paid. The committee struck out the clause requiring the United States district attorney to be present at all deportation proceedings, and requiring at least two creditable witnesses other than Chinese to establish the right to remain in the United States. The prohibition against Chinese sailors on American ships was struck out, thus permitting such Chinese sailors to be employed. The term Chinese was made to include all those who are Chinese by birth or descent, leaving out the references to mixed, full-blood, etc. The committee also struck out the fee of $5 to the United States commissioner for passing on every case under the act.

In other respects the measure is practically the same as that agreed by the Pacific coast interests with certain amendments made from time to time.

After reporting the bill on Thursday, Chairman Hitt is hopeful of bringing it to early consideration before the house.

PULLMAN PORTER LYNCHED AT LA JUNTA

W. H. Wallace, Accused of an Atrocious Crime, Is Hanged by Mob in Presence of Thousands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

La Junta, Col., March 25.—W. H. Wallace, a Pullman sleeping car porter, was lynched at 8 o'clock tonight, in a corner of court house square, being hanged to an electric light pole by a howling mob of 4,000 persons, who had been hunting for him all day. After the hanging, the body of the negro was riddled with bullets. Wallace had been kept out of town all day by Sheriff Farr in an attempt to save him from the mob. The mob, however, succeeded in capturing him. The prisoner made no resistance to the lynching, and died protesting his innocence.

Mrs. Henrietta H. Miller, a gray-haired woman, aged 67, going from Los Angeles, Cal., to Denver, to visit relatives, was brutally assaulted in the Santa Fe railway yards here last night by a negro porter on a Pullman car running between Denver and La Junta. After leaving the Chicago limited train here, Mrs. Miller asked a porter, whom she met on the station platform, where the Denver sleeper was. The man offered to conduct her to the car. After going with him a considerable distance, Mrs. Miller became suspicious, and started to return to the station. She was then knocked down by a blow on the head, and after a struggle with her assailant, was choked into insensibility. When she regained consciousness about an hour later, she crawled back to the station and gave an account of the assault and a description of her assailant.

Washington H. Wallace, a Pullman car porter, who runs between Denver and this city, stopping here on each run from 9.45 at night until noon the following day, was arrested in the car of which he had charge. He was identified by Mrs. Miller. Bloodhounds were brought from Canyon City, and they traced the man, who accompanied Mrs. Miller through the yards, to the car in which Wallace was found.

Eight assaults have occurred here in the past few months, and it is believed all were committed by one man. Mrs. Miller's condition is critical.

Fearing a lynching, Sheriff Farr decided to take the prisoner to Pueblo. When his intention became known, however, the railway employes declared that he could not travel by rail, as they would refuse to operate the train out of La Junta with Wallace on board. The sheriff placed his prisoner in a carriage and started for Sugar City, on the Missouri Pacific, twenty miles north. At that place he was too late to catch the train for Pueblo, and then decided to drive there. Meantime, an armed party had left La Junta to overtake the sheriff and prisoner. The carriage was finally overtaken at Patterson Hollow, midway between Rocky Ford and Manzanaola. Sheriff Farr made no resistance, and Wallace did not ask for mercy. The carriage was turned back toward La Junta, and on the way back the mob was joined by 500 men of that town. La Junta was reached about 7 o'clock and there, in the presence of thousands of men, women and children, the negro was hanged.

POWDER EXPLOSION AT PUNXSUTAWNEY

Three Men Are Killed—Their Bodies Terribly Mangled—Several Others Are Seriously Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Dubois, Pa., March 25.—Three men were killed and several injured by an explosion at the Punxsutawney powder mill this afternoon. The explosion occurred in what is known as the press mill building, where the packing is done. Four men were in the building at the time; three of them were killed. Their names are:

Clark Simpson, Orrin Bergerstock and Joseph Weiss.

All of them were young men and without families.

The buildings composing the plant are widely separated, and the one where the explosion occurred was the only one wrecked, although others were more or less damaged. The force of the explosion was terrific, shaking up things in general and breaking windows in business blocks in Punsutawney, a mile and a half distant. The bodies of the men who were killed were fearfully mangled, and the head of one of the victims was found lodged in a tree five hundred feet from the wrecked building. The plant was owned and operated by the Mahoning Powder company. Superintendent Patterson had left the mill only a few minutes before the explosion.

SENATE COMMITTEE AND ELECTION BILL.

Majority of the Members Are Opposed to the Measure.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—The resolution adopted by the house of representatives providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people was again today the subject of consideration by the senate committee on privileges and elections but the committee adjourned for two weeks without taking action.

The decision revealed the fact that a majority of the committee is opposed to the resolution. The opponents of the measure assure its friends, however, that they will not object to the making of a report to the senate when the discussion shall be concluded.

GERMAN HUMOR.

A Berlin Cartoonist Precipitates a Joke at the Expense of the Prince.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, March 25.—Simplicissimus, an illustrated journal noted for the brutality of its cartoons and which has often been confiscated by the police because of its irreverence towards high personages, appears today with a drawing representing Miss Alice Roosevelt at sea in an open boat, an immense fat hog in one end of the boat and Miss Roosevelt standing in the other holding a pig wrapped in the stars and stripes. This drawing is inscribed:

"We received your prince; you must admit our hogs."

FIRE AT BLAKELY.

A dwelling on Seventh street, Blakely, was burned to the ground at 2 o'clock this morning. The house was owned and occupied by Harry Priest.

The Wilson Fire company, of Peckville, responded, but the water supply was too far away to be available.

General Otis Retires.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, March 25.—Today was the last in the official life of General Elwell S. Otis. After forty years in the United States army, he turned over the command of the department of the lakes and the department of the Dakotas to Colonel McCaskey, of the Twentieth infantry, who will remain in charge until the arrival of General MacArthur, who succeeds General Otis. General Otis will remain two days more in Chicago before leaving for his home in Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Otis and the general's three daughters, who have been traveling in the south, will join him there.

Authority Over Pennsylvania Tunnel

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., March 25.—The senate today passed a bill giving the New York city rapid transit commission authority over the proposed Pennsylvania railroad tunnel. This measure is designed to overcome the objections of the commission to the tunnel bill signed by Mayor Low yesterday, which empowered the board of aldermen to grant the necessary franchises without action by the rapid transit commission.

CUBA'S TRANSFER ON 20TH OF MAY

Secretary Root Announces That the Date of the Change of Affairs Has Been Fixed.

PRESIDENT PALMA TO BE INAUGURATED

The Prohibitory Clause Recommended by the Pacific Coast Senators Is Restored—Mongolians to Be Excluded from All Insular Possessions of the United States—San Juan, Porto Rico, Is Removed from the List of Ports Where Chinese May Enter.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Root, this afternoon, made public his order to General Wood directing him to turn over the control and government of Cuba to its people on May 20 next.

The order requires the Cuban government to assume all treaty obligations and directs General Wood to continue a small artillery force to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless until the Cuban government shall have opportunity to organize its own force. General Wood also is directed to convene the Cuban congress before May 20. He also is directed to consult with President-elect Palma and substitute such persons as he shall desire for those now holding official positions in Cuba.

The change of date was made, if not at the suggestion then with the full approval of President-elect Palma and his advisers, Senors Tamaya and Quesada, who were with him at the War department today. This date should be a memorable one in Cuban history, for it will not only mark the acquisition of full independence but will be the Cuban inauguration day, it having been determined that President Palma shall be inaugurated on the same day that American control of the island ceases.

All but the smallest details of the change in Cuba have been planned, and these remaining details were under adjustment at a meeting held at the War department today. Beside Secretary Root, President Palma and Senors Tamaya and Quesada, General Wood attended. The meeting occurred in the secretary's office.

Beside the final selection of May 20 as Cuban independence day, two other important conclusions were reached. The first was that General Wood should, immediately upon his return to Cuba, issue a call convening the first Cuban congress in session on May 10, in order that the body might employ the ten days following that date in supplying any legislation necessary to the assumption of full power in the island.

The other conclusion was that there should be no half-way evacuation of the island; the present disposition is to move the entire United States contingent, civil and military, away from the island, not even leaving a corporal's guard of United States soldiers in any of the camps. That, however, does not apply to the coast defenses at several points in the island. These will be garrisoned by United States troops under command of Colonel William L. Haskin.

Cabinet Discusses Cuba.

The Cuban question occupied nearly the entire time of the cabinet meeting today, the details of the transfer of the island to the new government being considered at great length. It is the desire of the administration to provide as fully as possible for the absolute and complete turning over of the government as soon as the Cuban flag is raised.

Considerable time was taken up in reading in full the instructions given Governor General Wood for the withdrawal of United States sovereignty. This government is anxious to maintain the big million dollar dry dock at Havana to establish and maintain one or two naval stations, to continue the system of weather stations, which already have proved of great efficiency in giving ample yarning of storms approaching the United States and vice versa, and other important meteorological work, but these details, while fully discussed, are matters subject to discussion and decision between the representatives of this government and the Cuban representatives who have been in conference here during the day. The postal service is one important branch whose transition into absolute control of the Cubans will occasion no difficulty. The chain of postoffices now in operation are in public buildings belonging to Cuba and the postal service of this government has no property werth mentioning on the island. The postmasters, except possibly at Santiago are natives and there will, therefore, be no occasion for changes in the personnel unless the new Cuban government has reasons for them not now anticipated. There was also a passing reference to the recent Miles incident and a disposition was manifested to ignore the case for the present.

A number of routine matters of departmental detail also were discussed.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 25.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Wednesday and Thursday; fresh east to southeast winds.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

Dr. Swallow Preparing for His Trial at Coming Sessions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 25.—The thirty-fourth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference began here tonight with the holding of the temperance anniversary services. Rev. Amos A. Baldwin presided, and the speakers were Rev. S. B. Evans, W. H. Schwartz and Rev. W. A. Stephens. Bishop John M. Walden, who will preside over the conference, arrived yesterday, and Bishop Cyrus B. Foss, of Philadelphia, arrived today. Both are guests of ex-Governor Hastings.

Dr. S. C. Swallow arrived this afternoon and is hard at work on the final preliminaries for his trial, which, it is expected, will be the interesting feature of the week. Though the committee who will hear the case has not been selected, it is current report that Bishop Foss may be placed at its head. The conference business sessions will begin tomorrow morning.

PALMA'S PRAISE FOR THE UNITED STATES

An Example of Unselfishness Unparalleled in the History of the Nations of the Earth.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 25.—President-elect Tomas Estrada Palma, of Cuba, having finished his conferences with President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and other officials on matters connected with the transfer of the island from American to Cuban control, left the city at midnight for his New York home, where he will remain until the last of April, when he will leave New York for Santiago province, in which he will spend a few days, going thence to Havana to be inagurated May 20. There was an air of contentment about General Palma tonight as he discussed the disposition of the various questions which brought him here. He said he realized the magnitude of the work on which he was about to enter and its attendant responsibilities, but was assured the future of Cuba will be a grand one.

"I will enter upon my duties as president of Cuba," said General Palma, "confident in the belief that there is a splendid future in store for the island. The people are naturally of an orderly, peaceable disposition, mild mannered and submissive to law and to order. What they need is the opportunity to work, and with this assured prosperity will come to the people. Secretary Root said to me today that he is satisfied with the conduct of the Cuban people since the American occupation, and that he had no complaint to make in that regard. The people are dignified and will respect law and order. The condition of affairs is very different now from what it was under the Spanish regime, when the people were under the rule and subject to the will of a captain-general and the military authorities."

General Palma, in closing, paid this tribute to the United States government:

"The government of the United States has shown a most beautiful example of good faith in dealing with a weak government, which it undertook to rescue from its oppressors. It has demonstrated its generosity and patriotism, and by the shedding of its own blood has helped Cuba to break the chain which united it with Spain. Some countries would have sought some pretext for selfish gain in undertaking a work of this character, and taken advantage of some technicality for their own aggrandizement, but the contrary spirit has been manifested by the United States and it has given to the world an evidence of good will seldom found. The people of the United States have remembered their own declaration of independence and have fulfilled a duty to mankind."

President Palma has a wife and a family of six children. Two of the oldest boys will remain in the school in the United States which they are now attending. Mrs. Palma and the other four children will join the general prior to the inauguration at Havana.

EFFORT TO HARMONIZE.

Republican Councilmen May Get Together Tomorrow Night.

There have been no peace negotiations carried on as yet between the fifteen Republican members of select council who voted to support E. E. Robathan for chairman a week ago, and the five Republicans who remained away from the caucus. It is believed, however, that an effort to bring about harmony will be made after tomorrow night's meeting.

The five members who remained away have it in their power to elect whom they desire, but they have kept their own counsel, and have not committed themselves as to whom they will support. They say that their refusal to attend the caucus does not necessarily mean that they will not abide by the choice of the caucus.

Corporations Chartered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 25.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: Alpha Coal Mining company, Altoona; capital, $10,000. Direct Brick Mould Process company, Johnstown; capital, $6,000. Kuhn & Glenn Ice company, Altoona; capital, $10,000.

Condition of Rhodes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cape Town, March 26.—6 a. m.—Cecil Rhodes passed a bad night last night. He rallied early this morning, however, and took some nourishment.