

GAINS STRENGTH.

The Opposition to the Cameron Cuban Resolution.

SENATOR HAAR IS AGAINST IT

And Asks to be Listed Among Its Opponents--Senator Hale, who is Leading the Fight, Declares that there is No Truth that Filibustering Tactics will be Resorted to--Did Not Say the Defeat of Resolution was Certain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--Senator Hale has received a letter from Senator Haar, who is absent from the city, announcing his opposition to the Cuban resolutions and asking Senator Hale to pair him in any way that will defeat, delay, or bring to confusion the resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations.

Senator Hale, who is expected to lead the opposition to the Cuban resolutions in the senate is preparing for the conflict which he expects to follow the holiday recess. It is the general understanding that the question will be one of the first to be raised after the re-convening of Congress and it is looked forward to as a battle royal.

"It was sorry to see," Senator Hale said, "that I had been quoted as saying in a boastful manner that we should be able to defeat the resolution on a vote. I would not want to claim that result at the present time, but I hope for it at the end. Indeed I am receiving assurances from influential senators every day of sympathy with the movement in opposition to the resolution, and I believe the sentiment in the country is rapidly veering that way. True there is an undesirable condition of affairs in Cuba, but I believe the reports are exaggerated. At any rate, it is true that, however cruel the conduct of the Spaniards, it finds its counterpart in the behavior of the Cubans. It is their way of fighting; they are different from us. From whatever standpoint the question is regarded there is no excuse in reason or precedent for the United States to interfere in this insurrection. I believe the senate is rapidly coming to realize this and am, therefore, confident of success in this line."

"It has been intimated," suggested the Associated Press correspondent, "that you will filibuster to defeat the Cameron resolution in the senate?"

"No truth whatever in that," he responded. "It would not be necessary that we should do so. The question raised by the committee is one of great magnitude and it will excite much debate. We are willing that this subject should be brought up promptly and are content to use only legitimate weapons in our warfare against it."

SYMPATHY FOR CUBA.

Mexicans Carry Their Indignation Against Spain to Extremes.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.--The patriotism of Mexicans and their fervent love of liberty is shown in their strong sympathy with the Cuban insurgents. Every day during the past six months there have been encounters in the city of Mexico, between Mexicans and Spaniards and the general government is taking every measure to quell any further demonstration of hostility to Spain.

In the city of San Luis Potosi, the feeling runs so high that serious trouble is threatened. Last Wednesday night a mob gathered in that city, inflamed by a circular, said to have been written by a Spaniard, and defaming Mexicans and Mexican institutions, especially in reference to the part taken in sympathy with the Cubans. This circular precipitated a riot. A crowd gathered early in the evening, constantly growing in numbers and violence until at 10 o'clock it had reached the proportions of a mob that swept everything before it.

The mob gathered around the Spanish consulate and threatened to demolish the structure, but were finally controlled by one or two cool heads. The banners, inscribed with huge red letters, were flaunted before the consulate and violent talk and insults abounded.

The Spanish consul was in great peril and appealed to the authorities to protect him. The mob left after severe measures had been taken by the police and plans were hurriedly made to disperse any subsequent gathering.

LATEST FROM CUBA.

Another Victory "Officially" Reported. Weyler's Movements.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.--The colonel in command of the Pavia battalion, with the forces under his command, has been engaged at San Redondo, near Holguin, province of Santiago de Cuba, with an insurgent force. The Spanish troops destroyed the enemy's camp and killed twenty-one of the insurgents. The troops had a lieutenant and four privates killed and nine men wounded.

Captain General Weyler, according to advices from Pinar del Rio province, went today in the direction of San Cristobal by the highway, and it is believed that he will camp to-night at Bayate, on the north coast.

Weyler's Policy.

MADRID, Dec. 21.--Captain General Weyler's advance in Pinar del Rio is the first stage in a policy concerted between him and the Spanish government for a vigorous movement, with 20,000 men in ten columns to clear the province of Pinar del Rio of the rebels who will be obliged to submit or to flee to the province of Havana. General Weyler expects to clear the province of Havana and Matanzas in a similar manner.

In Sight of the Castle.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 23.--Passengers from Cuba to-night report that the Three Friends expedition has landed at Guantanamo. They also say that the insurgents have burned a monastery near Moro Castle, on Havana Bay, within range of the guns within the castle.

What a False Alarm Did.

PARIS, Dec. 23.--Spanish securities were rising on the bourse today, owing to the report that a dispatch received from Washington indicated that the United States was ready to recognize Spanish sovereignty in Cuba on the condition that the United States be invited to intervene and end the war.

A Spanish Report.

MADRID, Dec. 23.--It is believed that the band of men said to number ten persons, bearing a Spanish flag, which was dispersed by gendarmes at Noves-

da, province of Alicante, was merely composed of bandits, although the report is spread that they were paid by Cuban agents to provoke a panic and divert attention from Cuba.

MCKINLEY RETURNS HOME.

Warmly Greeted by Cantonians--His McKinley's Health Improved.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 23.--President-elect and Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by Miss Duncan, of Cleveland, Major McKinley's niece and others composing the Chicago party, reached Canton this afternoon. They left Chicago at 11:30 Tuesday night, taking the slow train in order that Mrs. McKinley might be disturbed as little as possible. The President-elect and Mrs. McKinley occupied the private car of Vice President J. F. W. Brooks, in which Major McKinley had a room of his own.

Both Major and Mrs. McKinley were pleased to get home. The trip seems to have benefited both greatly and they are enjoying better health. The President-elect, Mrs. McKinley and maid, were driven directly to the McKinley residence. Miss Duncan went to the home of Mother McKinley, where she will be a guest over Christmas.

A number of people were at the depot to meet the President-elect and his wife. As they alighted from the special car and made their way to the coach through a passage way swept clear of snow by an employe of the road, Major McKinley and his wife bowed pleasantly to all the former raising his right hand. Passengers on the train were anxious to get a glimpse of their famous fellow travelers and a score or more men stepped out to get a better view and possibly a handshake. At the McKinley home the major and his wife were heartily greeted by the household. In the absence of the master and mistress, the home has been thoroughly renovated and brightened in readiness for the home-coming. Lunch was had shortly after the arrival.

Awaiting the arrival of Major McKinley were several distinguished men from the west, including Secretary of State McArthur, of Iowa and C. A. Atkinson, of Lincoln, Neb. The former said that he was here in no sense in a personal interest. Speaking of the sentiment in his state in reference to having Senator Allison a member of the McKinley cabinet, Mr. McArthur said that the people are with one mind in that respect and he personally does not believe Senator Allison would accept any portfolio, but secretary of state, if, indeed, he would take that.

Mr. Atkinson had been on a visit to relatives in Jackson county, Ohio, he said, and had come here to see Major McKinley on no personal matters, but because he had the opportunity. He was in the city waiting for an opportunity to call on Major McKinley, was L. Bradford Prince, a prominent Republican of New Mexico.

John A. Logan, of Youngstown, called soon after the McKinleys reached their home.

ARBITRATION TREATY

Between America and England About Completed--Soon to be Sent to Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--There is no longer any doubt that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is practically completed to the satisfaction of both governments and that its presentation to Congress may be expected in the near future. Several minor amendments have been suggested and accepted from time to time during the progress of the negotiations, but it is now confidently believed that the clear copy which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury and Sir Julian Pauncefote about a week ago will at once receive the formal approval of the British premier and be returned to Washington in time to be presented to the senate for ratification immediately on the re-assembling of Congress after the holiday recess, January 2.

As already outlined exclusively in the Associated Press dispatches, the life of the treaty purposely is made very short--only five years--but this is with the expectation of a renewal for a longer period if it shall prove to work well and also to afford easy opportunity for amendment. Its purpose is to dispose peaceably and honorably of such questions as arise between the United States and Great Britain and will not admit of adjustment by the ordinary methods of diplomacy, excluding questions involving the national honor.

A DESERTED HOUSE.

Members of Congress About All Gone Home for the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--The house of representatives was a deserted air to-day. Only half a dozen members were on the floor, those attending to their correspondence, and most of the committee rooms were closed. Many of the members and southern members had gone to their homes for the holidays. Speaker Reed left last night for Boston and will spend the vacation in that city and New York engaged in private business.

Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, has gone to Illinois to attend the meetings of the senatorial caucus. Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, is attending to correspondence relating to the hearings on the tariff bill, which will begin next Monday. The only work in progress about the house to-day was in the appropriations committee, where a supplementary bill was introduced in providing for the distribution of Columbia appropriation bill, which will be laid before the house when Congress again meets.

They Favor Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--The attention of Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, having been called to a dispatch from Washington, stating that the eastern members of that committee, led by Chairman Dingley, are not disposed to look with favor upon reciprocity "in framing a new tariff, he said: "There is not the slightest foundation for this statement, so far as I know and believe. While the matter has been only slightly discussed, yet I have not observed any material difference of opinion. On the contrary all the Republican members of the committee are in favor of going as far as the McKinley tariff did on that subject and further, if practicable."

Bryan's First Lecture.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.--Mr. Bryan made his first appearance on the lecture platform at the Grand Opera House to-night. The house, which seats 2,500 people, was filled. Mr. Bryan was cheered when he appeared on the stage. He spoke for one hour on essential principles of good citizenship, presenting his remarks under the title of "The Ancient Landmarks." Mr. Bryan referred to the silver question only incidentally.

St. Joe Road Sold.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 23.--Pursuant to the orders of the United States court in foreclosure proceedings the St. Joe and Grand Island railway was sold today at 12 o'clock by Master in Chancery Simonton. The property was bid in by E. P. DeLoe, of New York, chairman of the bond-holders committee at the sale, bearing \$3,000,000. There were no other bidders.

FIXING THE BLAME

For the Wrecking of the National Bank of Illinois.

A STATEMENT FROM HAMMOND

Which Puts Some People in a Bad Light. The Loans to the Calumet Street Railway Carefully Kept a Secret From the Directors--Their Methods Unbusinesslike, or They would Have Discoversed It. A Conspiracy and Its Purpose.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.--W. A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, who has been charged with pulling the wool over the eyes of the directors of the defunct bank, would not talk to-day when seen in his palatial home at Evanston. Through an intimate friend, however, he made a statement which is calculated to inculpate several of the directors as well as two or three men who are not connected with the bank. The Post makes the above statement and gives the following:

"W. A. Hammond is to be made the scapegoat of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois," said the friend. "Hammond is a broken man to-day, but he is only more to blame for the amount of money loaned on Calumet securities than are the members of the finance committee of the bank and its directors. It was necessary to the purposes of a man connected with the South Chicago railway, and an officer of one of the best known banks of this city, to depreciate the Calumet Electric roads' stocks and to this end the two men brought about the wrecking of the National Bank of Illinois."

"Of the bank's fund \$347,000 had been loaned on the Calumet securities. The plan for wrecking was brilliant. Cause investigation, depreciate Calumet stock and buy it. Then combine this valuable property of sixty-three miles of new track, equipment and franchises with the South Chicago railway, eventually combining with the Chicago City railway and make a fortune of millions within five or ten years."

"The truth of the matter is, members of the finance committee and certain directors of the National Bank of Illinois have known the amount of the Calumet loans and have hoped to make individual fortunes on the success of the venture. Four years ago W. V. Jacobs, who started the Calumet road, borrowed \$115,000 and paid it up in full. After that the road passed into other hands and a loan was made on the securities with a full knowledge of the finance committee of the bank and by President Schneider himself. This loan was too large, but it had been supposed to be for a few weeks only and the bank, finding itself involved, either had to take the loss, ruin an enterprise, or go ahead."

Director Page's Startling Statement.

"Never did I see on the book kept for the purpose of informing the directors of the bank as to who were applicants for loans, the name of the Calumet Electric railway."

"The above statement was brought about in a conversation with Director Page, who has just returned from Illinois to-day, as to how such large loans were made by the bank and ostensibly given with the sanction of the directors. Mr. Page went on to explain how the business of the bank, as far as the directors were concerned, was conducted. Said he:

"Some of the nearest relatives sent out the substance of a Pittsburgh dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper during the morning announcing the probable formation of a new pool without the Illinois Steel Company, the Bellaire people, the Schoenberger Company and a Troy concern. A person in contact with the committee of the directors in the morning announced the substance of a Pittsburgh dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper during the morning announcing the probable formation of a new pool without the Illinois Steel Company, the Bellaire people, the Schoenberger Company and a Troy concern. A person in contact with the committee of the directors in the morning announced the substance of a Pittsburgh dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper during the morning announcing the probable formation of a new pool without the Illinois Steel Company, the Bellaire people, the Schoenberger Company and a Troy concern. 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