



MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 1900

NUMA WAS one of the best rulers Rome ever had, and under his reign of forty-three years the Romans, from a nest of shepherds or bandits, developed into a powerful nation, the reason being that he was a peaceful man, and during all that time he had prevented his people from going to war, so powerful is the influence of a wise ruler upon his subjects. Mr. McKinley has been President only three years, during almost the whole of which time his country has been at war, either with the Spaniards or the Filipinos. But Mr. McKinley probably doesn't know who Numa was.

PEOPLE who know what they are talking about say American steel and iron are shipped abroad and sold there cheaper than they can be bought here, and would be reshipped and sold here were it not that the manufacturers would refuse to let those who might do so have any more. They also say that were it not for the high price of iron and steel here, there would be more building, and consequently more employment, but that Mr. McKinley says the profits of the men who subscribe to the republican election fund must not be reduced.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL CORBIN, whose rank it is proposed to raise, has, with the consent of the President, ordered the protected hunting manufacturers to make five hundred American flags for use in the Philippine Islands, one to be given to every Filipino who may ask for it. Finding that fire and blood will not induce the people of the Philippines to love their conquerors, the administration has now determined to win their abiding affection by wrapping them with the American flag, before burying them with the eagle.

Gov. TYLER is doing his State no credit. His late hurry in signing a bill to create a large number of unnecessary officers has now been supplemented by his withdrawing the troops he had sent to Emporia to guard prisoners, so that the latter could be lynched with impunity, and, worse still, in his puerile attempt to excuse that order upon the ground that a Virginia sheriff has more authority than the Governor of the State. But the Governor has been wrong ever since he said the people of his State desired him to represent them in the U. S. Senate.

TWO YEARS ago President McKinley, speaking of the proposition to hold the territory conquered from Spain, said it "could not be thought of, as by our code of morality it would be criminal aggression." But, all the same, Dr. Wood, the American Governor General of Cuba, now says the revenue necessary for the maintenance of the government of that island shall be raised by taxes on the Cuban land, and not on the products thereof. Of course, that would be confiscation, but that is not contrary to "our code of morals."

THE WEATHER reports recently have been so remarkably incorrect as to be positively ludicrous; indeed so glaringly false have some of them been that the chief of the bureau from which they are issued has been compelled to notice them. But the fact that he is as absurd as the reports themselves, is proved by the other facts that he attributes their fallacy to the use of cigarettes by his subordinates, who prepare them, and his order that such use will be permitted no longer.

THE five hundred and forty-five dollars a ton the people of this country will be compelled to pay the proprietors of the armor mills for the plate that must go on the new war ships, a profit estimated at over two hundred dollars a ton, would have been impossible were it not for the high protective tariff, which the republican President and Congress insist upon maintaining.

SERVUS TULLIUS has always been accounted one of the wisest citizens and best politicians of old Rome. He insisted upon the policy of laying taxes according to the ability of the individual taxpayers, and of exempting the poor from taxation. But President McKinley holds no such out-of-date ideas.

FROM WASHINGTON. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, March 26. The Merchants' National Bank, of Rutland, Vt., was today placed in the hands of a receiver. Senator Forsaker says the committee on Pacific Islands will take no action on the bill for the civil government of those islands until the republican caucus decides what policy is to be pursued. Porto Rico made her bow in the Supreme Court today amid the smiles of the grave justices. Attorney Fred McKenney caused the smile when he announced the character of the case. It was that of Esmen Baez, from the U. S. provisional court of the department of Porto Rico, charged with attempting to vote fraudulently at a municipal election. He and thirty others, it was charged, paid taxes, though not taxpayers, so that they might vote at

Quayama on the 31st of last October. All were convicted, but the penalties of thirty were suspended pending action of the U. S. Supreme Court in Baez's case. He is serving thirty days at hard labor, his sentence having begun on the 18th inst. The same or general objection to immediate issue of writ, desiring to make answer to McKenney's brief. The Supreme Court gave the solicitor general a week and Mr. McKenney three days to reply. By that time Baez's time will have practically expired, but the principle involved can still be adjudicated for the thirty others, who were under the same sentence.

The finding in the investigation of charges of drunkenness and negligence on the part of the officers of the wrecked "Charleston" when that vessel was wrecked off the coast of Luzon is that the court is of the opinion that the captain and officers are exonerated from all blame or responsibility, and that no further action should be taken in the matter of the wreck of the vessel.

Comptroller of the Currency Dawes today issued a statement showing 40 national banks, each with a capital of \$25,000 or more, have been organized under the new law.

The commissioners of the District of Columbia, all of whom are now republicans, and some republican U. S. Senators, say a part of Alexandria county, in which some of them are interested, should be retroceded to the District, so that the laws of that district could be enforced in them with salutary moral effect. And yet a whole large section of this city is given up to abandoned women, and even on Sundays, no man has any difficulty in getting all the liquor he wants, or indulging in any card game that he may fancy.

Marie Howard, aged 20, and William Wallace, an insurance agent of Washington, attempted suicide by taking his life. Mr. Howard's room at the Lincoln House this morning. Both will recover, having failed to take enough of the poison to cause death. Mrs. Howard says she is the wife of a lieutenant in the army, now serving in the Philippines.

Samuel W. Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, argued this morning before the House committee on judiciary in behalf of the bill limiting the power of the courts in the issuance of injunctions in labor questions.

Congressman Bixey was at the Postoffice this morning and obtained a promise that the people living in the neighborhood of Warrenton, Virginia, should have free delivery mail service about the first of May.

Police here today from down the Potomac are laughing at a recent newspaper cut representing the line of the imaginary new railroad between this city and Richmond by means of a bridge across that river at some point either in Washington or King George county. They say the engineer who suggested any such scheme has more wheels in his head than the railroad company will have on its cars. Short railroad bridges are bad enough, but one four miles long, over water, is a thing that they say they would count a great deal more than it would come to, besides destroying navigation.

The House committee on territories today decided not to strike out the paragraph in the Hawaiian bill which gives Hawaii one delegate to Congress. The suggestion to strike out was made by Representative Bill of Connecticut, who is said to represent the wishes of Senators Hanna and Lodge in the matter. They do not want Hawaii to get a delegate because it might be accepted as a precedent for Porto Rico and, they explain, to avoid more differences in the House, which will be made evident by this proposition.

The arguments in the Senator Clark bribery case before the Senate election committee will convene on Wednesday. Mr. Bixey for the memorialists will make the opening argument, and former Senator Edmunds will close the case. Former Senator Faulkner and Anthony Rogers Foster, will both address the committee on behalf of Mr. Clark.

THE WAR IN AFRICA. News received in London yesterday from Mafeking carries events up to March 14, on which date Colonel Baden-Powell was still holding the Boers at bay. The cordons around the town had been much relaxed, doubtless owing to the withdrawal of a large part of the fighting force to cope with Colonel Plumer's relief expedition. The Boers who remained, however, showed great activity in shelling. The garrison was worn out and its straits for food are shown by the fact that a patrol lost five men in order to capture twenty-six cattle.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A slate deal recently consummated in Washington county, N. Y., enables G. T. Matthews & Co., of Boston, to control the entire red slate product of the world.

The Anglo-American chess tournament was won by the American team by score of six games to four. This makes the third victory for the Americans.

The Florida State Board of Health blames the National Marine Hospital Service for the introduction of yellow fever, and decided hereafter to ignore its certificates.

Thirteen young girl students of the Western Seminary for girls, in Oxford, O., have been suspended for indecorous conduct in holding an initiation in a cemetery vault.

Albert R. Talbot, who was to have been best man at his brother's marriage to Miss Lucy Bigsaw, of Bath county, Ky., yesterday, changed places and became the girl's husband.

Clinton Liberal Institute, a college preparatory school and United States military academy, at Fort Plain, N. Y., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss will be about \$100,000.

Lawrence E. Walsh, the self-confessed lawyer of Robert Gilchrist, the Chicago barber a d song writer, persists in justifying his action on the ground that Gilchrist was a southerner and should not be permitted to live.

General Otis has imprisoned the editor of a newspaper of the extreme Filipino party for attacking the military government of the Philippines. The Filipino in General Young's district are becoming very aggressive.

Miss Mary McVane, of Belair, Md., aged fifty-four years, was the victim of an attempted assault by a negro early yesterday morning. Lewis Harris, a hostler, has been arrested, and is in the county jail, charged with the crime.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Kid McCoy were matched on Saturday to fight on July 4 25 rounds at catch-weights. Both men posted \$2,500 forfeit, with the understanding that they are to double this sum when articles are signed with the club which gets the match. The club has not yet been decided upon, but April 6 has been set as the time for receiving bids.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

In order to transact all the business on hand, the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church opened its session this morning at eight o'clock with devotional services conducted by Bishop Hurst.

Business was then taken up. O. M. Pullen was advanced to 2nd year studies. J. W. Bond was continued in 2nd year and left without an appointment to attend school.

Rev. J. Halpenney was continued in his superannuated relation. Rev. N. B. Masters was transferred to the Pennsylvania Conference and stationed at Marietta.

The report of missionary appropriations was read and adopted. Dr. Rees then announced that he had received \$25 on the Freedman's aid debt in yesterday's collections.

The committee on petitions and memorials then reported adversely on the petition to re-appoint the Norfolk section from the Virginia Conference, and their report was adopted.

The question of transferring three charges in that section to the Atlantic Mission Conference of North Carolina was then brought up and

Rev. L. I. McDonald stated that he was opposed to any change in the present boundaries. The conference Board of Mission Bounds and Board of Church Extension reported favorably on this proposition, and their report was adopted transferring three of the Virginia charges to the Atlantic Mission Conference.

Bishop Hurst then asked the support of the Virginia conference for an Extension Hall to be erected at the American University in Washington. The hall will cost \$250,000.

The committee on statistics was next called on for their report and it was as follows: Greenbrier district: Number of full members, 2,370; number of probationers, 412; number of local preachers, 18; value of church property, \$33,750.

Abingdon district: Number of full members, 3,149; probationers, 616; local preachers, 39; value of church property, \$28,275. Alexandria district: Number of full members, 1,696; probationers, 188; local preachers, 7; value of church property, \$62,500.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, March 26. SENATE. Rising to a question of privilege in the Senate today Mr. Hanna read an article from a Washington paper in which the statement was made that a republican member of the House said that the Porto Rican tariff bill would pass the Senate because a deal had been arranged to raise campaign funds for the republican party. Mr. Hanna said he did not believe any member of the House made the statement and he wished to denounce the statement as a deliberate, malicious lie.

Mr. Allen's resolution relating to deaths, disease, insanity and suicide among the soldiers in the Philippines was called up. It directs the Secretary of War to supply full information on the subject. There was a spirited debate between Messrs. Allen and Gallinger, the latter intimating that the purpose of the resolution was to injure the government.

The resolution was referred on the subject of Mr. Allen's resolution. Mr. Allen hotly resented the insinuation. Mr. Gallinger thought the resolution should go to the military affairs committee.

"Where it will be strangled," retorted Mr. Allen, who then proceeded to say he was tired of that idea in both the Senate and House on the part of so many men that they are bigger than the people who send them to Congress. The public was entitled to the information.

The resolution was referred on the subject of Mr. Hawley and the Alaska bill, on motion of Mr. Carter, was considered. A bill was reported favorably from the committee on judiciary fixing the salaries of the chief justices and associate justices of the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma at \$4,500 each.

Also a bill fixing the salary of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States at \$15,000 per year, that of the associate justices at \$15,000 and that of the circuit judges at \$9,000.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to define renounce and also imposing a tax upon and regulating the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation thereof.

In response to a resolution the Secretary of War today sent to the Senate a communication relative to the coming elections in Cuba. The Secretary states that the qualification of voters has not yet been prescribed; that the coming elections are to be held for the purpose of choosing officers of the several municipalities in the island, and that the elections will be in charge of election boards composed of citizens of Cuba.

It was expected that the bill making appropriations for the support of the army would be taken up the first thing today, and Mr. Hull, chairman of the military committee, was on hand with that bill and demanded its immediate consideration, but the democrats called for the regular order and the Speaker had to sustain them, and so a number of pension bills passed Friday last in committee of the whole were passed.

After the last of the pension bills was passed the House proceeded to the consideration of the army bill. Mr. Hull said the total amount appropriated was \$111,600,364, as compared with estimates at \$128,302,183.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News. Rome, March 26.—The Pope has expressed to Archbishop Waleis, of Dublin, his satisfaction over the visit of the Queen to Catholic Ireland, accompanied by the Catholic Earl of Denbigh. The Pope recommends a cordial welcome to the Queen and expresses his hope of better days for Ireland.

Algiers, March 26.—Field Marshal Sir Donald Macleod died here early this morning. He was 76 years old. He was commander-in-chief of the Indian forces from 1881 to 1885.

London, March 26.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Balfour, the government leader, announced that he would ask for a committee to investigate the war office contract scandals.

London, March 26.—The Mercury says the Queen is about to write another volume of her "Recollections," the proceeds from the new volume to go to the war fund. The paper also asserts that her Majesty has ordered a gown ornamented with diamonds for use during her visit to Ireland.

Rome, March 26.—Cardinal Masella, who had been seriously ill for some days, is dead. He was born at Viterbo in 1833 and was made Cardinal in 1896. Masella is the third cardinal to die since the beginning of the year, the others being Jacobini and Canonici.

The Situation in South Africa. London, March 26.—Nothing comes to break the dullness of the war news. Preparations for the advance of the Transvaal are evidently well under way which accounts for the silence.

Mafeking was "all well" on March 13, but this was four days before Plumer was reported repulsed at Lobatse. The possibility of the Boers having made an assault on the beleaguered town since then causes extreme anxiety.

London, March 26.—A dispatch from Bloemfontein says that Roboia's somewhat prolonged halt at Bloemfontein rendered imperative by conditions in the territory already occupied. There is danger of annoyance to the line of communication unless the territory beyond the advancing forces is rendered absolutely secure. The dispatch also says: "The military regime is being conducted with great smoothness but recent investigations show that caution must be exercised dealing with persons apparently loyal."

Cape Town, March 26.—Five per cent. of the 4,000 Boer prisoners here are found to be of British extraction. London, March 26.—The government has decided that the present plans for reinforcements are sufficient to end the war and today orders for further enlistments of yeomanry were cancelled.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—Mrs. F. M. Golden was still with her husband at the Capital Hotel today and has become partially reconciled toward him. A relative, who is a minister, has told her that Golden is doing right in confessing that it may be the means of saving the lives of innocent persons. Mrs. Golden became angry with her husband for confessing and turning State's evidence, but it is now said that she herself will testify and may corroborate much of her husband's statements. Gov. Taylor's furniture from the executive mansion has all been packed and loaded on a car ready for shipment. Just what this portends cannot be learned, but politicians say it means some sudden change of pose by Gov. Taylor.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A Chinaman named Wing Wah was found hanging in a laundry in Westchester, N. Y., this morning. The body was decomposed and the man had apparently been dead four or five days. At first it was thought to be a case of suicide, but after an investigation the police found strong evidence that it was a work of Chinese highlanders, against whom the deceased had testified for obstructing a work of Chinese in the neighborhood.

Two hundred and sixty-five striking menists resumed work at the plant of Siemens & Halske Electrical Works, at Chicago this morning. Wednesday night will see another hundred at work. The men claim they have been a recognition of the nine hour day plan. This agreement, it is believed, forecloses the settlement of the general strike in Chicago.

Mrs. Adeline Elder was murdered at her home at Oil City, Pa., last night by her husband Amos, who made his escape. Elder is a shiftless fellow and he became angered last night when his wife told her she would support him no longer. During the quarrel that followed Elder shot and killed the woman.

The New York Steamship "Vidar" came ashore near Cape Henry, Va., this morning. The life savers boarded the vessel, but she appeared to be in no immediate danger, the crew refused to desert her. The Vidar was bound from New York for Norfolk.

Firemen entered the postoffice at Luzerne, Pa., early this morning and made a desperate effort to blow open the safe, but failed. The explosion caused several serious injuries, who saw five men run by the building and escape in the darkness.

The Niagara frontier is being patrolled night and day by U. S. government agents to prevent smuggling of Chinese into the country from Canada.

The mills of the Pierson Flour Milling Company at Lawrence, Kan., were damaged by fire this morning. Loss about \$150,000.

THE RECENT LYNCHING. The lynching at Emporia, on Saturday, is the topic of conversation in this State, and criticisms of every variety are made. Many citizens disapproved in emphatic language the action of the governor in allowing the troops to leave Emporia under the conditions that existed there, while a large number of those who freely expressed themselves indoned this action.

The governor declares that he has carried out his duty, and that he was distressed at the outcome of the affair. An hour before the lynching, the release of a Sheriff Lusk between Judge "Food" and Sheriff Lusk. State Attorney Powell, Commissioner Squire, Treasurer Wyche and about 15 other leading citizens and officials, Major O'Grady, of Richmond, in command of the militia, had wired Governor Tyler that more soldiers were needed, but the Governor answered that he would not send them unless demanded by the local officials. At the conference it was decided that it would be better to let the soldiers go, because of danger of a clash between them and the citizens.

In the meantime the passions of the mob had been further inflamed by whistling and firing being constantly augmented. Judge Gooden says that some of his best friends threatened to lynch him and blow up his residence, and the soldiers were not withdrawn, and his wife was almost hysterical in consequence. Instantly upon the departure of the troops the mob proceeded to its work. O'Grady, the white tramp who was lynched with Cotton, was responsible for the latter's escape from the jail at Portsmouth while the negro was under sentence of death for murder three months ago. The body of the negro Cotton has been taken to Norfolk. There have been six lynchings in Virginia during the little more than two years Gov. Tyler has been in office. The lynching in Patrick, where three of the parties implicated in the mob's action were convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary; in Carroll, the cities of Alexandria and Newport News, and lastly, O'Grady and Cotton at Emporia Saturday. The record is probably the worst ever made during a like period.

A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "Trust-made bills passed by Congress or advocated by the republican majority may result in the election of Mr. Bryan. Capital gossip also deals with other reasons favorable to the Nebraska.

THE PHARMACEUTICALS.—At the meeting of the State Board of Pharmacy, in Richmond, on Saturday, James L. Avis, of Harrisonburg, was re-elected president, and Mr. E. R. Beckwith, of Petersburg, re-elected secretary. The Board is much obliged at the present by the legislature of so many bills allowing persons to practice without standing examination, and will urge upon the individual members through their representatives in the law on this matter involved in the law on this subject and of endeavoring to obtain the assurances of their representatives that they will oppose special legislation along this line in the future.

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