

THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

MILLS' RESOLUTION REGARDING CUBA COMES UP FOR DEBATE

The Senator Makes a Fiery Speech in Advocacy of Armed Intervention in Favor of the Cubans—The House Removes Restrictions Against Ex-Confederates

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The displacement of the Cuban resolutions had no apparent effect in diminishing the attendance in the senate today, as was expected that the Mills resolution proposing the use of the army and navy in taking possession of Cuba and holding it until the people had elected a local self-government would occasion further debate.

A resolution offered by Hoar was adopted, requesting the president to transmit to the senate all dispatches, correspondence, etc., from November 5, 1875, to 1878, concerning the pacification of the pending conflict in Cuba.

Mills was recognized at this point in support of the Cuban resolution introduced by him yesterday. He said the resolutions heretofore before the senate were in the right direction, but very short steps.

He declared that the Monroe doctrine was a law of self-protection, and as such should be maintained. It was the same right of self-protection which the individual exercises in abating a nuisance or destroying a powder-house near his premises.

Jefferson had used similar words in declining to join England and sweep the French fleets from the seas if France persisted in holding the Missouri territory. Jefferson had said that the Missouri territory was the same Missouri which brought forth President Cleveland's Venezuela message.

Cuba stood as the key to the gulf, and our unvarying policy of self-protection has been to resist any transfer of Cuba to another monarchy. The United States had stood by as a jaller and prevented Cuba from going to France or England. And if we insisted on keeping Cuba in the possession of Spain, was it not the moral obligation of the United States to see that Spain gave Cuba fair representation in the selection of Spanish despotism was lifted from the Cuban people?

The senator read of atrocities attributed to General Weyler, and added: "This is the work of the atrocious scoundrel. He could not be in Cuba today if the United States would draw her sword. How the shame of our government is soiled by this, and how our children must blush to know that this government stands by while Spain, with the keys of her dungeons open to her, commits such atrocities."

Mr. Stewart asked if Spanish bonds were not a potent factor in resisting intervention, to which Mr. Mills replied that there was nothing in the surface of the matter did not know how far sugar stocks would be affected by action on the part of the United States. He said that the trade would suffer, but Mr. Mills declared that hundred billion dollars would be a small expenditure for the glory of releasing the prisoners on the other side of the world.

Referring to the objections coming from commercial sources, Mr. Mills quoted the words of "Goldsmith," "Honor falls when commerce ceases." He said that he had just received a letter asserting that "another fool had turned jingo," and asking him why he had not left jingoism to Mr. Lodge and Mr. Hoar. He said that after was signed "A Disgusted Democrat."

"Now, if I had the X ray," said Mr. Mills, "and used it in examining the pocket of the traitor of that letter I would find sugar stock there."

The senator closed with a figurative picture of Cuba lying like a cripple at our gate with her eyes closed and her hands clasped, crying, "Help us, help us!"

There was a ripple of applause as Mr. Mills closed.

Mr. Morgan followed with further evidence of the existence of war in Cuba. This brought out a protest from Mr. Hale, who pointed out that the Cuban resolutions had been formally recommended to the conference committee, the understanding being that the entire subject was re-committed. At the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's remarks Mr. Hale moved for the calendar and the senate resumed the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. The bill was completed with a session of ten minutes to the consideration of district attorneys, marshals, commissioners, etc.

The legislative bill was laid aside and a bill providing for the interstate commerce law so as to authorize the interstate commerce commission to proceed summarily by petition brought against any railroad company which may refuse to obey any requirement of the commission. At 5:35 o'clock the senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE

Restrictions Against Rebels Removed—Naval Appropriations Reported

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Senator Hill's bill to remove the restrictions against the appointment as officers of the army or navy of persons who held commissions in the regular army or navy before the rebellion and who subsequently took part in the war on the side of the confederacy, which passed the senate yesterday, was taken up in the house today after two hours' debate, with but one dissenting vote, that of Representative Maine. The Democrats refrained from participation.

Mr. Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee, who had charge of the bill, admitted it would subvert no practical purpose and was largely sentimental. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and Mr. Grov of Pennsylvania supported the bill ardently, as a graceful and generous act of the legislature, and when the vote was taken Mr. Boutelle alone voted against it.

The speaker appointed the following conferees on the Cuban resolutions: Hill and Adams, Republicans; McCreary, Democrat.

There being no other business before the house the committees were called.

Mr. Evans, Republican, of Kentucky, called up from the committee on ways and means a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, which authorized the sale of surplus liquor except under the brand by which they were known to the trade, designating the penalty to be payable by a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for six months and the forfeiture of the liquor.

Mr. Connelly (Republican of Illinois) was in sympathy with the purpose of the bill, but objected to the word knowingly as qualifying the sellers of these surplus liquors. That word would furnish the loop hole by which offenders could escape conviction.

The word "knowingly" was stricken from the bill, 25 to 55, and the bill was passed.

The senate joint resolution for the disposition of certain property now in the hands of the receivers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was adopted.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS

CHOOSE NATIONAL DELEGATES AND EXPRESS PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES

New Yorkers Will Strive to Keep the Honor Within the State Boundaries, and Instruct for Morton—Minnesota Desires the Nomination of McKinley

Associated Press Special Wire.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Republican convention has finished its labors. The preliminary sparring that has been going on for weeks under the name of a caucus and the forces that have been dormant for two years kept within the state boundaries the honor of the presidential nomination of the greatest state in the union, by casting the largest number of votes in the electoral college, for that endorsement goes to Governor Levi P. Morton.

The delegates at large will be Thomas C. Platt of Tioga, Warner Miller of Herkimer, Chauncey M. Depew of New York and Edward L. Dwyer of New York.

Although the convention had been called to meet at the Hotel Hamilton, the delegates at large will be Hamilton Fish of Garrison, Frank S. Witherbee of Port Henry, C. H. Babcock of Rochester and Daniel McMillan of Buffalo.

For the completion of the equipment of new vessels, \$237,000. Under the bureau of construction and repairs, \$1,250,000 for the repair of vessels, and an additional sum of \$350,000 is made immediately available for work urgently required on the navy yards.

Senator Clarence Lexow was made chairman of the committee on resolutions. The convention was in session only fifty-three minutes when the adjournment was taken until 7:30 in the evening.

The committee on contested seats met after the convention adjourned this afternoon. The first contest was between the Eighteenth New York district. The Platt adherents asked for at least one-half the delegates.

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CONTINGENT, WITH TWO MORTON BANNERS, TOOK THE PLACE OF THE MCKINLEY MEN.

It was a question of King's square. The superior force of the Morton men soon made their side of the issue more prominent.

Chairman Southwick at this point began the use of the gavel and five minutes commanded order sufficient to be heard.

Upon a motion of the previous question the chairman put the Kings county man's amendment to the vote.

The chair announced the vote as 631 against and 109 votes for the amendment and then there was a wild cheering.

The full report of the committee was then adopted by a viva voce vote.

Senator Lexow then announced that the platform was ready, and stepping to the front recited the following:

The Republicans of New York, in convention assembled, again declare their firm and unyielding adherence to the doctrine of reciprocity with American industries in protection to the products of the American farm and protection to American labor.

We believe in a reciprocity with other nations which shall give our producers and manufacturers an opportunity to dispose of their surplus products and to obtain articles we need from those countries on the most advantageous terms.

The agitation for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 seriously disturbs all industrial interests and calls for clear statements of the Republican party upon this question, to the end that the trade of this country at home and abroad may again be placed upon a sound and safe foundation.

Into that a prospect of international agreement as to silver coinage and while gold remains the standard of value, the Republican party of New York declares itself in favor of the firm and honorable maintenance of that standard.

We believe in a business administration of the government, on business principles, for the benefit of the suffering business interests of this great people. For nearly forty years the progress of this nation has been blocked; all branches of trade have suffered, and the workmen have been deprived of reasonable and living wages.

It is the duty and privilege of the Republican party to promptly mend this unbroken chain of misfortune by electing a business man for the presidency, and we ask the aid of thoughtful Republicans everywhere, to aid in this great and meritorious work.

On this platform we present Governor Levi P. Morton as New York's Republican candidate for president. He is in every way fitted for the high honor and he is peculiarly the man for the hour.

He has been a business man, with business men. He would prove a business president for the nation, and each of these positions he has filled with honor and credit.

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LOOKING FOR NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER.—Chicago Chronicle.

ALONG THE RAILROAD LINES

TRANSCONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION OBJECTS TO PRACTICES

Agents of Other Lines Must Not Be Employed as Southern Pacific Agents—The Atlantic and Pacific Company Inaugurates an Era of Retrenchment

Associated Press Special Wire.

CHICAGO, March 24.—The chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger association has issued an order to the Southern Pacific calling upon it to stop certain practices in the sale of tickets.

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WIRE WAIFS

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OF THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT RECOMMENDED

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., MARCH 24.—In the Minnesota state Republican convention, held today in exposition hall, in which Harrison was named as the presidential candidate.

Associated Press Special Wire.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The office of the county clerk was closed for the day by a judgment for \$3,549,280 was filed against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway today, in response to a writ of mandamus issued by the state supreme court.

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