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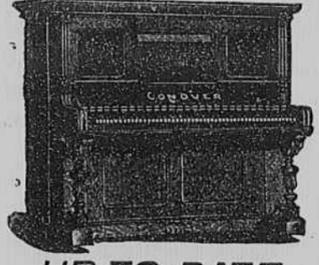
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THE TALK HAS STARTED.

Senate Begins Discussion of the Arbitration Treaty.

GIFT-OF-GAB MORGAN AGAIN AIRS HIS VIEWS AGAINST PEACE AND GOOD WILL BETWEEN TWO GREAT NATIONS—HE STILL CLAIMS THAT THE TREATY WOULD RESULT IN ENGLAND'S ADVANTAGE.

Washington, March 18.—Immediately after the Senate went into executive session this afternoon, Senator Davis, for the committee on foreign relations, submitted a report on the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain with certain amendments made by the committee. He offered a resolution that the treaty, as amended, be ratified; and this started the discussion.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, took the floor immediately and began a vigorous speech against the ratification of the convention. The statements of the Senator from Alabama were largely repetitions of the speeches made by him on the subject during the last session, when the unsuccessful effort was made to ratify the treaty. He took the ground that it would be unwise and impolitic for the United States to tie its hands by a treaty of arbitration of any sort whatever so long as the other contracting party was Great Britain. That country, he contended, was the general enemy of all nations; its hand was raised against all other powers in its struggle for territorial aggrandizement, and its fight for the valuable possessions of the world. There was in this treaty, he argued, a hidden pitfall into which the United States was about to plunge and he urged the Senators to refuse to sanction a treaty that gave our natural enemy every advantage, a treaty that was useless and formulated in response to a sentiment that ought not to exercise the slightest control in the management of the affairs of the nation.

Mr. Morgan spoke also for his colleagues on the committee, Messrs. Mills and Daniel, but it is probable that before the debate has proceeded very far both of these men will have something to say for themselves.

The chances are that the debate will continue through several days.

GREEK VESSEL SUNK.

A Touch of Actual War in Cretan Waters.

Vienna, March 18.—The government has received advices that the Austrian gunboat *Sebenico*, has sunk a Greek schooner with a cargo of munitions of war, and a number of Cretan insurgents on board. The *Sebenico* was under orders of the British admiral commanding the British squadron in Cretan waters, patrolling off Cape Dia, Crete, when the schooner hove in sight. The schooner was hailed by the gunboat and the insurgents on board in reply opened fire upon the *Sebenico*, whereupon the latter turned her guns upon the schooner and sank her.

Canea, March 18.—The proclamation issued by the foreign admirals announcing the conditions under which autonomy will be granted to Crete promise the adoption of measures to regulate the working of complete autonomy for the island, and guarantees to everyone, of whatever race or religion, perfect liberty and security of property. The proclamation concludes by saying: "A new era is opening for Crete. Let all persons lay down their arms. The powers count upon the co-operation of Christians and Moslems alike to aid in the task which promises to insure order and prosperity."

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A FINAL STATEMENT.
 It is said that Jackson and Walling are preparing one.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 18.—The Post this afternoon prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Alexandria, Ky., saying that Jackson and Walling are preparing a final statement of the Perry Bryan murder, which will be sent to Governor Bradley.

The name of Dr. Wagner, of Bellevue, who was confined in the Lexington Insane Asylum shortly after the murder, it is said, will figure in this confession. The two men allege that Wagner knew more of the case than was ever told or even suspected.

The question as to the whereabouts of the head will be touched on lightly, and it is hinted that Wagner, were he seen, would tell something interesting concerning its disposition. The prisoners will readily to their inability to restore the head of the murdered girl.

SUGAR GOING UP.
 New York, March 18.—Sugar prices were advanced to day. Members of the trade were surprised, and could assign no reason to justify the advance, except the proposed increase in duties under the tariff. The advance was 1-8 cent per pound for all grades of hard refined sugar, and of the soft grades, numbers one to six were also 1-8 cent higher, while 1-6 was added to the price on numbers seven, eight, twelve, fourteen and fifteen. This change puts granulated at 4 5/8 cents, which is the highest price it has touched in many months.

Y. M. C. A. DEBT.

Fine Result of the First Day's Work by the Canvassers.

Subscriptions to apply towards the floating indebtedness of the Young Men's Christian Association were reported at the association office yesterday as follows: A Friend (conditional upon the whole amount being raised and paid), \$25.
 F. B. Thomas, \$10.
 H. A. Meacham, \$10.
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 W. B. Caldwell, \$1.
 J. E. Cannaday, \$1.
 W. B. Douglas, \$1.
 C. H. Kessler, \$1.
 Total, \$109.

Only a limited number of men were able to work yesterday and the management are very much encouraged with so good a beginning. It is hoped that a much larger amount may be secured to-day.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Long List of Decisions at Richmond Yesterday.

Richmond, Va., March 18.—The following were the proceedings in the Virginia supreme court of appeals to-day:

Reese & Co., vs. Bates, circuit court of Norfolk county. Reversed.
 Baltimore Steam Packet Company vs. Williams et al., and N. Y. & P. railroad vs. Williams and others. Corporation court city of Norfolk. Reversed.
 Bolton et al., vs. Vellines, Chancery court city of Norfolk. Affirmed.
 Freeman's administrators vs. Duttons. Circuit court of Culpepper county. Reversed.
 Sulphur Mines Company vs. Phoenix Insurance Company. Law and equity court, city of Richmond. Affirmed.
 Pryor vs. Commonwealth. Circuit court of Montgomery county. Affirmed.
 Burruss vs. Hines. Law and equity court city of Norfolk. Reversed.
 Jameson vs. Rixey and others. Circuit court of Culpepper county. Reversed.
 Cheatham et al., vs. Gower et al. Circuit court of Chesterfield county. Reversed.

Kerfoot's executor vs. Shenandoah Valley Bank. Application for mandamus. Mandamus denied.

Tatum et al., vs. Ballard. Law and equity court city of Richmond. Affirmed.

Ellett vs. McElhee. Law and equity court city of Richmond. Decree reversed.

Mathews vs. Traders' Bank of Lynchburg. Corporation court city of Lynchburg. Reversed.

Merocock Insurance Company vs. Fortoria Novelty Company. Corporation court city of Danville. Affirmed.

Ballou et al., vs. Ballou. Corporation court city of Lynchburg. Reversed.

Temple's administrators vs. Wright. Circuit court of Brunswick county. Reversed.

Coloke Woodenware Company et al., vs. Coffee Machine Works. Law and equity court city of Richmond. Appeal and supersedeas.

Boyd and wife vs. Cleghorn et al., writ of error and supersedeas, to the circuit court of Smyth county.

Watts vs. Krowl. Writ of error and supersedeas. Circuit court of Tazewell county.

Worsham vs. Commonwealth. County court of Alleghany. Writ of error refused.

Jennings vs. Bank of Radford. Circuit court of Pulaski county. Appeal refused.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company vs. Clowes. Circuit court city of Richmond. Writ of error refused.

Floyd vs. town of Wytheville. Circuit court of Wythe county. Writ of error refused.

Smyth vs. Commonwealth. Hustings court city of Radford. Writ of error refused.

Darden vs. Ferguson, further argued by Jackson Guy for appellant and submitted.

Shields vs. Mahoney, argued by T. R. Boland for appellant and continued until to-morrow.

The next cases to be called are Brown vs. Cheek's executor; Wildberger vs. Cheek's executor, and Cassey vs. Cheek's executor, Nos. 68, 69 and 70 on regular docket.

A DEEP SEA TRAGEDY.

French Steamer Goes Down and Seventy-eight Lives Lost.

New York, March 18.—The French line steamship *Ville de S. Naire*, which sailed from this port March 6th, bound for the West Indies, foundered at sea.

Of the eighty passengers and crew only four are known to be saved. These arrived here yesterday on the schooner *Hilda*, after a week's drifting about the Atlantic in an open boat, during which thirty-four of the thirty-eight occupants went mad or died of starvation.

MINORITY VOTED DOWN.

Amendments to Tariff Bill by Democrats All Rejected.

THE DINGLEY TARIFF BILL WILL BE REPORTED TO THE HOUSE TO DAY—MANY AMENDMENTS WERE ADOPTED YESTERDAY. SAUSAGES OF ALL KINDS WERE PLACED ON THE FREE LIST. DUTY ON TOBACCO WAS INCREASED.

Washington, March 18.—The tariff bill will be reported to the House to-morrow. So far as Chairman Dingley and his Republican associates can influence action, the final vote on the measure will be taken in the House on the 31st. The bill will be called for consideration on Monday next.

The Democrats manifested considerable opposition at to-day's meeting to reporting the bill before Monday next, their contention being that in justice to the minority it should be retained in committee until that time. Mr. Wheeler urged that if the bill was to pass the House on the 31st instant, it were better to call it up on Friday. As the Democrats were not a unit respecting this it was not agreed upon.

A number of changes were made to-day in the bill. An addition was made to paragraph 127, relating to iron and steel anchors, as follows: "Anti friction ball forgings of iron or steel or of combined iron and steel, 45 per cent. ad valorem; welded cylindrical furnaces made from plate metal, two and one-half cents per pound was added to paragraph 14.

Paragraph 208 of the sugar schedule has been made to read as follows: "Sugars not above 16 Dutch standard, etc., testing not above 75 degrees, one cent per pound; and for every additional degree 3-100 of a cent per pound additional and fractions of a degree in proportion." The provisions relating to molasses was amended so as to read: "Molasses testing above forty degrees and not above 56 degrees, 5 cents per gallon."

Paragraph 212 relating to leaf tobacco, was amended to read: "Provided that if any tobacco imported in any bale, box or package, or in bulk, shall be the growth of different countries or shall contain exceeding 15 per cent. thereof of leaves," etc.

Paragraph 214, the duty on manufactured tobacco not otherwise provided for is increased from 40 to 65 cents per pound.

Snuff and snuff flour was increased from 40 to 65 cents per pound.

Sausages of all kinds were stricken from the meat schedule and placed on the free list.

Paragraph 311 relating to plain and woven fabrics of single jute yarns was changed so as to make the weight 7 instead of 8 ounces per square yard, where the duty was placed at 7-8 of a cent per pound ad valorem.

The duty on bags or sacks made from plain woven fabrics of single jute yarn was changed to one and one-eighth cent per pound and 15 per cent. ad valorem. Several changes were made in the paper schedule.

All the foregoing amendments were offered by the Republicans and adopted by a strict party vote.

A number of amendments were offered by the minority members of the committee and promptly rejected. Mr. Wheeler, for example, moved that bagging and cotton ties be placed on the free list. Later on he offered another amendment placing barbed wire on the free list.

Mr. Swenson moved to strike out the differential duty in the sugar schedule. He explained that in levying tariff duties the rates ought not to be imposed so as to give a monopoly of the American market to any combination or trust. He maintained that it was distinctly understood that the American Sugar Trust, in combination with Claus Spreckels, had the absolute control of the American market for refined sugars. His amendment shared the fate of the other minority reports.

Mr. McLaurin moved that a duty of 2-12 cents per pound be placed on all importations of raw cotton. Rejected.

Mr. Wheeler's amendments to place sulphuric acid and black made from bone, used in the manufacture of quinine, on the free list were defeated.

Mr. Wheeler then offered another amendment to reduce the duty on white pine and hemlock from \$2 to \$1 per 1,000, which was rejected, as was also his amendment to place "other woods" in the paragraph relating to posts, railroad ties and telegraph poles, on the free list.

There was also a strict party vote on the rejection of Mr. McMillan's amendment to substitute the wool schedule of the present law for the schedule in the bill reported Monday last.

GREEK DIPLOMAT SNUBBED.

London, March 18.—A news agency here is authority for the statement that the Greek charge d'affaires, Metaxes, visited the foreign office yesterday and waited for a long time, though unsuccessfully, for an interview with Lord Salisbury. The Daily Chronicle this morning gives prominence to an article referring to what it terms the "grave discourtesy" shown in the treatment of Mr. Metaxes.

THE WRONG ONE DEAD.

Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—A special from Fayetteville to the Tribune says: George E. Bennett, formerly of Pennsylvania, committed suicide here last night by taking laudanum. He left a letter attributing his rash act to the unfaithfulness of his wife.

RUSSIAN TROOPS EN ROUTE.

Constantinople, March 18.—A Russian steamer conveying a battalion of troops to Crete, has passed through the Dardanelles.

A DARING SCHEME.

A Houston Kidnapper Meets With a Timely End.

Houston, Texas, March 18.—The most daring attempt at crime ever known here was frustrated this morning at 3 o'clock when detectives killed Walter Hughes as he was in the act of entering the house of Frank Dunn, a wealthy resident of this city.

The police received information some time ago that a scheme was on foot to kidnap Dunn's little daughter. The purpose of the kidnappers was to keep the girl in captivity and demand \$40,000 ransom for restoring her to her parents.

Detectives have been on guard at Mr. Dunn's house for several nights, but no developments occurred until this morning, when it was discovered that a man was attempting to force one of the windows of the Dunn residence. One of the officers inadvertently attracted the attention of the murderer, who, finding that he was discovered, drew a revolver and fired twice at the detective. The detectives then opened fire and the intruder fell dead.

Hughes was a railroad man, but lately has been working as a carpenter. He had rented a house near Dunn's, and under the floor of one of the rooms had dug a cave in which the kidnapped child was to be secreted until the ransom was paid. At a point some distance from the city Hughes had arranged a number of tin boxes where he intended to direct that the ransom money be deposited. Hughes also intended to give notice that if any watch was kept over these depositories it would result in the death of the child.

When Hughes' body was searched a revolver, a keen-edged butcher knife and a bottle of chloroform were found. An immense crowd had gathered in and around the morgue where the body lies. Mrs. Hughes has been arrested, but will not talk.

FITZ IN THE PENITENTIARY.

The Fistic Champion Was Only There as a Guest, However.

Carson, Nev., March 18.—Fitzsimmons retired at midnight last night. He did not sleep well; his muscles twitched and his arms ached. He got up at 7 o'clock this morning and took a tub down. He complained of sore joints, but otherwise never felt better.

He dined at the penitentiary to-day as the guest of the warden. In accommodations can be secured Fitzsimmons and party will leave to-night for the coast.

After showing in San Francisco he will work his way to New York, giving exhibitions and settle down in Gotham and retire from the ring. His wife insists upon this concession and Fitzsimmons is willing to give in for the sake of his family. The town is forlorn this morning.

There is a driving snow storm from the southwest. Nearly all the visitors have departed. The kinetoscope apparatus has been taken down and crated for shipment, and the chairs removed from the arena, and all traces of the battle disappearing. By to-morrow Dan Stuart's staff will be the only stragglers left in the city.

CORBETT AT HOME.

San Francisco, March 18.—Corbett arrived in this city on a special train last night. There were very few at the station when the ex-champion alighted, and he at once entered a cab and was driven to his home. This morning he shows no ill effects of his contest with Fitzsimmons. He is up and around and appears to be in his normal condition. It is said that he has no plans for the future and that he has cancelled all engagements.

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WITH TORCH IN HAND.

Cuban Insurgents Make Another Successful Raid Near Havana.

New York, March 18.—A special from Havana to the Evening Sun says: "Firing was heard in the direction of Guanabacoa all last night, and at midnight flames were seen in that direction. It is rumored here that Gen. Rodriguez' band made another daring attack upon the place and raided the interior of the city and burned three houses occupied by Spanish officers. It is supposed that the object was to capture some of the leading officers, and much excitement exists. The fighting is said to have continued all night. At times the firing was very heavy, indicating that large forces were engaged."

FIRE IN DISPATCH OFFICE.

Richmond, Va., March 18.—About 1 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the mailing room of the Dispatch building, and before it was subdued a loss of some \$2,000 was sustained. The room was on the third or editorial floor of the building, and W. P. Chesterman, managing editor, the only person on the floor at the time, was cut off from the stairway and had to make his way to the street on the fire escape. The paper issues as usual to-morrow, all the machinery being intact.

FRENCH VESSEL AGROUND.

Toulon, March 18.—The French transport ship *Auvergne*, having on board troops, arms, stores, etc., destined for Canea, Crete, is aground and it has been necessary to land the men and stores in order to float her.

FOR GOVERNOR OF CRETE.

Paris, March 18.—The Echo de Paris publishes a rumor that the governorship of Crete will be offered to Prince Henri of Orleans, who is now in Abyssinia at the head of an exploring expedition.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

Two Very Short Sessions at Washington Yesterday.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBT—MR. LODGE WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE THREE ISLANDS IN THE WEST INDIES—THE HOUSE IN SESSION SIXTEEN MINUTES.

Washington, March 18.—A large number of bills, most of them survivors of the last Congress, were introduced in the Senate to-day and referred.

The constitutional amendment for popular election of United States Senators was re-introduced by Mr. Turpie, who announced his purpose to address the Senate upon it next Monday.

Mr. Gear, from the committee on Pacific railroads, reported the bill, which was pending last session, for the adjustment of the Government debt through a commission, to consist of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General—the settlement to be submitted in writing to the President for his approval or disapproval, and not to be binding unless approved by him. He desired to have it read "unfinished business" for a month hence; but objection was made by several Senators and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Mr. Lodge offered a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire and report whether the islands of St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, in the West Indies, can now be purchased from the Danish government, as by the treaty of 1857, and whether, if they be not purchased by the United States, it is probable that they will be sold by the Danish government to some other power.

At the close of the morning business the Senate, at 1 p. m., proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and at 2:15 p. m. adjourned until to-morrow.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House reassembled at noon pursuant to adjournment, a very large proportion of the members being present, and the public galleries were well filled.

The Speaker laid before the House the recommendation of the Postmaster General for an appropriation of \$200,000, to be immediately available, to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the postal Congress which will assemble in Washington in May next. The department finds itself in the embarrassing position of having the congress on its hands with no means to provide for its reception and entertainment.

Mr. Henderson stated that the committee on ways and means would not be ready to report before to-morrow, therefore he moved that the House adjourn until Friday.

This was agreed to without division, and at 12:16 the House was declared adjourned by Speaker Reed.

FIVE BIG PLUMS.

Faithful Republicans Rewarded by Their Master.

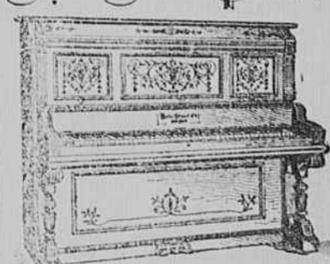
Washington, March 18.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:
 Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, to be minister to Mexico,
 William Osborne, of Massachusetts, to be consul general at London.
 J. K. Gowdy, of Indiana, to be consul general at Paris.
 J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, to be assistant Secretary of Agriculture.
 P. S. Heath, of Indiana, to be first assistant Postmaster General.

AN AUSTRIAN PROTEST.

Vienna, March 18.—The Austrian government has made a protest to the portes against the outrages committed by Moslems in the vilayet of Uscoib, in European Turkey. The Neue Freie Presse publishes a rumor that Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek troops in Crete, has left the island.

NO WOMAN SHOULD READ THIS unless she is interested in the welfare of her husband or sons. If she is, she should tell them that Schiller, 28 Salem avenue, has received his brand new stock of spring clothing, plaids, plain and worsted suits, an dis selling the best \$6 to \$10 suits in the city.

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