

ALLEN CHANGES HIS MIND

Persuaded by the President to Remain in Porto Rico.

The Governor Discusses Conditions in the Island—Capacity for Self-Government Manifested by the People—Peaceful and Industrious.

When Charles H. Allen, Governor of Porto Rico, went to the White House yesterday he was firmly resolved to resign his office, but when he departed, an hour later, after having had a conference with the President, he had completely reversed his decision.

Before Governor Allen saw the President yesterday morning he made the statement that he did not intend to return to Porto Rico. It is said that Mrs. Allen is not well pleased with life on the island, and that he is one of the reasons why the Governor desires to remain in the United States.

Governor Allen was asked yesterday concerning his return to this country and the affairs in the island, and said: "Yes, it seems very pleasant to get back home after nearly a year in the tropics. You recall, perhaps, that my commission as Governor of Porto Rico was dated April 18, not very far from this time. It has been a year of exceedingly active work, interesting and absorbing because it has been the working out of one of the most interesting experiments ever undertaken in the way of colonial government."

"In our case it was a novel experiment to attempt to implant a civil government based upon American institutions in a country where the people had been under very different rule for nearly 400 years, of a different race, language, habits, and religion. It was, therefore, necessary to have a person of education and evolution which I have no doubt has been watched by those interested in such questions with as much interest perhaps as upon the part of those actually engaged in the work."

"If I may be considered impartial in the matter, and as not in any degree referring to myself, I am sure I will not be misunderstood by you in saying the people of Porto Rico are to be congratulated upon the character of the men whom the President persuaded to go to that island to carry on a peace service. I can testify, as I cheerfully do, to the diligent and painstaking work which they have carried on under conditions most wearing and entirely unappreciated by those who, in the nature of things, could not know of the difficulties surrounding the position."

"During the period to which I refer a civil government, based upon the law of Congress, complete in all its departments, working along as smoothly as could possibly be expected, has been established in Porto Rico. The people have carried on by themselves a general election. A full legislative session has been had, and I have had the pleasure of presenting to the President the bound volume of the first book of laws passed by the Legislature of the island, and I am satisfied a careful examination of the character of the legislation will prove complimentary to the capacity of the people."

"I ought to mention, however, that I believe Senator Foraker held better than he knew in the organic law governing the island, and I feel, after a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the situation, that the law itself, interpreted in the spirit in which it was made, will be found to work quite satisfactorily in Porto Rico for some time to come."

"A commission from Porto Rico has recently been in Washington, and has attracted some notice through the newspapers," was suggested to the Governor.

"Yes. Any legislation new to a country is accepted with great reluctance, naturally. The Foraker bill provided for the collection of customs at a rate of 15 per cent of the full tariff, but it also provided that the collection of customs should cease in the island in March, 1902, unless sooner repealed by resolution of the Legislature of Porto Rico to the President, meaning that it had enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the necessities of the government of Porto Rico."

"It therefore became the duty of the Legislature to provide such legislation against the time when the treasury of that island would no longer have the benefit of the customs receipts. Such a law was enacted. It became popularly known as the Hollander bill, as it was largely prepared under the direction of Dr. Hollander, the Treasurer of the island. It was based very largely upon the systems of taxation in the States of the Union, modified so far as possible to meet the peculiar conditions of the island. But by necessity it was a very radical departure from the methods of taxation in effect under Spanish rule, by which the poor people were made to unduly bear the burdens of running the Government, while the rich escaped to a very large degree."

"Each protest, so far as it related to specific charges, was listened to and explained. The bill provided for a maximum tax of one-half of 1 per cent for municipal purposes upon the taxable valuation of the island. It is confidently believed that sufficient revenue

will be derived from this measure to carry on the Government economically, and that when its bearings become known it will not prove the bugbear which apprehension has pictured it. At all events, there is a Legislature of the island, which will be in session for the second time next fall or winter for the purpose of remedying any defects, if such are found, in this or any other measure."

"The fact of it is, American people have very little conception of the heights to which personal politics can attain, unless they have had experience among the Latins. It is exceedingly unfortunate that partisan papers in the island, through personal argument, should seek to array any portion of a common country against the other."

"The administration of the island has in all respects desired the co-operation of all good citizens. It is required of those who aspire to hold municipal office that they should be loyal to the American Government, and that fitness for office with such loyalty should be the fundamental endorsement rather than that of some political leader."

"It has been unfortunate that a desire for sensational items should be so strong in the Northern papers. Some disturbances have occurred, but never with such serious results as has often occurred in the United States. Brawls of brands, looting and howling crowds on the streets, a few stones thrown, some rattling sticks along the pailings, have been sufficient to occasion sensational cables to the North, which, though denied promptly, have been circulated to the discredit of the island."

"Porto Rico will prove a valuable asset of the United States. Civil government has been in operation only a year. During that time it has been absolutely self-sustaining. It has not cost the people of the United States one penny. All its bills have been paid from its own resources. It has money in the bank, and there is general feeling of content. This view does not apply to the coffee districts. There is financial distress there, and a good deal of it, and the situation is so involved that there is considerable perplexity to know what to do. It is generally thought by those best competent to offer an opinion that liquidation is the only solution. And this is always said with a feeling of pity for those whose condition is thus discussed. On the other hand, the sugar people are certainly making a good deal of money. Already three enterprises involving as many million dollars are contemplated, and I am told by reliable persons that they are sure to be consummated."

"Political agitators may retard the development; may make capital, naturally timid, reluctant to engage in Porto Rico, but the possibilities of a large return are so great that the development can only be retarded; it cannot be prevented altogether."

NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT.

A List of Appointments and Promotions in the Army.

The President yesterday made the following army promotions and appointments:

Regular Army—Frank E. Nye, to be Assistant Commissary General with the rank of colonel; L. Smith, to be Deputy Commissary General with the rank of lieutenant colonel; Robert L. Bullard, to be commissary with rank of major; Michael S. Murray, to be commissary with rank of captain.

To be quartermasters with the rank of captain: William C. R. Colquhoun, Jeremiah Z. Dore, Francis H. Schneider, Abraham S. Rieckham, Nathan P. Betschler, Amos W. Kimball, Jonathan N. Patton, Daniel Arnold.

To be colonels of cavalry: James H. Bell; to be major of cavalry: Henry F. Kendall; to be captains of cavalry: Hugh D. Berkeley, Thomas G. Carson, Edward R. Cassatt, John W. Craig, Hamilton B. Hawkins, George F. Hamilton, Frank Parker, William H. Paine, Harry H. Patton, Francis J. J. Parker, Albert E. Saxton, Charles G. Sawtelle, Jr., George Vidmer, Klara W. Walker, to be first lieutenant of cavalry: Robert B. Powers; to be second lieutenant of cavalry: William S. Martin.

To be colonel of infantry: Greenleaf A. Goddard and Sumner H. Lincoln; to be lieutenant colonels of infantry: Henry A. Adams and John G. Loeffe; to be majors of infantry: William C. Butler, James S. Rogers, Charles G. Starr, Silas A. Wolf, and George S. Young; to be surgeons with rank of major: William B. Baxister, Volunteer army—To be surgeons with rank of major: Samuel C. Krafts, Frederick A. Washburn, Jr., Edward A. Romig, and James S. Wilson; to be assistants, surgeons with rank of captain: Kenyon M. Honer, Wharton B. McLaughlin, Thomas T. Jackson, Harold L. Goffin, John C. Greenewalt, James W. Madara, Milton Vaughan, H. Brookman Wilkinson, Nelson Miles Black, and Albert H. Eber.

Twenty-ninth Regiment, Howard C. Tatum, to be second lieutenant. Thirty-second Regiment, William H. Clifton, Jr., to be first lieutenant, and Gus Hadwiger, to be second lieutenant. Thirty-third Regiment, Thomas W. White, to be second lieutenant. Thirty-fourth Regiment, Frank E. Siem, to be second lieutenant. Thirty-fifth Regiment, Charles R. Wood, to be first lieutenant. Forty-fourth Regiment, Harry R. Frost, to be second lieutenant. Forty-fifth Regiment, Walter S. Wilshire, to be second lieutenant. Forty-seventh Regiment, Rudolph E. Stryker, to be first lieutenant. Forty-eighth Regiment, Amos A. Carrier and Adolph J. Wakefield, to be second lieutenants.

THE MERRIMAC DESTROYED.

Dynamite Used to Remove the Wreck at Santiago.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, April 6.—The collier Merrimac, which was blown up and sunk in the harbor by Constructor Hobson while Admiral Cervera's fleet was inside in 1898, was successfully destroyed with a ton of dynamite today.

IMPROVED MIND.

The Food Grape-Nuts. A famous woman says, "I am so much in love with Grape-Nuts that I presume I shall have trouble selling them about the new food. You certainly will make an everlasting fortune from the sale of it. The article has become the best known cereal on the market."

LIMITED BY WATER RATES

M. C. Markham on Railroads' Power to Fix Freight Charges.

An Interesting Statement Made Before the Industrial Commission—The Tariffs Prescribed by Vessels on Rivers, Lakes, and Ocean.

M. C. Markham, assistant manager of the Illinois Central Railroad, in his testimony before the Industrial Commission yesterday, gave some interesting facts concerning the inability of the railroads to enforce given rates, stating that the power of the railroads was circumscribed by the water carriers, and that the maximum they could charge was prescribed by the river, lakes, and ocean carriers.

Mr. Markham said that prior to 1870 the Mississippi River and its tributaries transported the greater part of the freight and passengers, but that since then the construction of the large railroad mileage in the Mississippi Valley had year by year gradually decreased the volume of traffic handled on the river. In 1870 there were only 27,382 miles of railroad in eighteen States in the Mississippi Valley, as compared with over 109,000 miles in 1900. As the mileage of the railroads increased and their facilities for handling freight and passenger traffic became greater, the river traffic has appreciably declined. This trend was illustrated, not only by the decreased movement from the trade centers situated on the river, but by the withdrawal or non-existence of some of the steamboat companies which operated on the river in the 80's and earlier.

"Lines of railroad," he said, "run close to the river on both sides nearly all the way from New Orleans to St. Paul, and from New Orleans to Louisville, and there are other lines of road which detour from the river, yet connect the chief trade centers and control the traffic formerly taken to the river by rail and thence forwarded by boat."

While this would seem to indicate that the railroads had sufficient control of the traffic to be able to dominate the water carriers and fix rates arbitrarily, Mr. Markham says that the Mississippi and its tributaries are still a potent factor in diminishing railroad rates and revenues, and their influence in this respect was not confined solely to the traffic between the trade centers situated on the river. The complexities and necessities which confront the railroads in rate making are such as to make this river influence almost continuous with the Rocky Mountains on the one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other.

The recognized principle for rate construction advanced from long practical experience born of strife, competition, and rate wars between rail carriers, the demand of rival markets, and the commercial necessities of trade, had rendered it imperative that certain fixed relations should be established in railroad rates. For instance, the river made the rates from St. Louis to Memphis or New Orleans. The railroads running between these two points, to get a share of the traffic, must necessarily fix rates approximating those of the river.

Chicago was not situated on the river, but it would be placed at a disadvantage as regards the Memphis or New Orleans trade if it were not put upon a relatively fair rate plane. Then, the railroads running from other towns situated on the river, such as Cairo, Louisville, and Cincinnati were obliged to make rates approximating those made by the boats, and inland towns whose trade may be affected by these make claims on the railroads which serve them for such adjustment of their rates as will equalize their disadvantages.

This system would spread, step by step, until almost the entire Northern country had partaken in a measure of the low rates made necessary in the first instance by the river influence. Nor was this all, for, taking the converse of the situation described, the rail carriers were confronted with a condition that abridged their power to uphold their rates. The inland towns of the Southern States as much as in the Northern States. By these means, industrial enterprises remote from the river were enabled to trade at business centers in competition with those on the river; and, further, inland towns remote from the river were enabled to interchange trade between each other at much more favorable rates than the railroads would be justified in making if the river influence did not exist.

In speaking of rates of traffic east of the Toronto-Buffalo-Pittsburg line, Mr. Markham said that the rates of traffic destined to the Southern States might be affected by the ocean carriers and from north Atlantic and Southern ports. "Railroads running into the Southern States by the Virginia gateways," he said, "have to measure their rates by these if they should prove to be lower than those made by the influence of the Mississippi River."

"The Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and the Erie Canal," he said, "virtually dominate the rail carriers' rates on traffic interchanged between the Eastern and Western States. The rail rates between Chicago and New York are adjusted in competition with those established by the lakes and canals."

WITH MUSIC AND DANCING.

Entertainment of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Tonight.

The entertainment this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall under the auspices of Division No. 6 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians promises to be a most enjoyable affair. The programme will be in two parts, the first, consisting of a number of vocal and instrumental selections and a cakewalk. The second portion of the programme will be devoted to a hop.

Those who will contribute to the musical part of the program are: Misses Mary O'Dea, Margaret Dore, Adelaide Rover, Mary Lott, Ruth Norris, Ellen O'Dea, and Collette Garner; William Murphy, Miss Miller, Miss Laura Norris, Miss Joseph Holohan, Miss Brink, and Clarence Hill, and James Nolan. The entertainment will be in charge of the following committee: Floor: T. P. O'Dea, Harry Burns, T. Scanlon, P. Casey, and J. G. Turner; Arrangements: William E. Carr; Chorus: John A. Gleason, Treasurer: William J. White, Secretary: J. Frank O'Meara, James Nolan, Patrick McCormack, D. J. Jordan; Reception: V. J. Fritzel, Thomas Maud, D. A. Mahoney, P. F. Meany, P. J. O'Dea, J. Condon, James O'Brien, and A. Bennett. The "Pride of Washington," Herrick's March Beer, is the most popular beer brewed. Phone West 34, Arlington Bottling Co., for a

The Saks Stores. Beginning tomorrow we shall bring to the front important lines that were side-tracked a little by Easter goods. In the delay you are to be the gainer, for the prices we shall name to quickly make up for the temporary stagnation are unusually low. We bespeak specially thoughtful reading of this Saks and Company.

Closing Out Our Entire Stock of Furniture. (Sixth Floor, West.) In our storekeeping we aim to maintain every department at the high standard of our reputation. We find we cannot do justice to the Furniture except at the sacrifice of some older, longer, established feature of the house. It is bulky—requires room that we cannot afford to give it—room that other departments are entitled to in the expansion that accompanies a multiplying business. So we shall close out the Furniture stock—every stick of it—Sacrifice a promising outlook for a prosperous reality. Every loss is somebody's gain. This is yours. The prices have been cut, not a little—but deeply—for the room's wanted immediately—and we're earnest about the clearance.

Parlor Tables. 300 Oak and Mahogany-finished Tables, in variety of the latest shapes and all sizes; highly polished. Former Prices \$25 to \$18.50. SPECIAL \$15 to \$12.50. Music Cabinets. Mahogany-finished Music Cabinets, with doors; highly polished and strongly made. Former Prices \$25 to \$18.50. SPECIAL \$15 to \$12.50. Hall Racks. Quarter-sawed Oak Hall Racks, with mirrors; big line of sizes and styles; highly polished. Former Prices \$15 to \$25.50. SPECIAL \$10 to \$12.50. China Closets. 25 Pine Quarter-sawed Oak China Closets, in oak, mahogany-finish, and rattan; strong and comfortable for houndir, library, and all sizes and shapes. Former Prices \$15 to \$25. SPECIAL \$10 to \$12.50. Bureaus. Mahogany-finished Maple, Oak and White Enamel Bureaus; in various sizes; highly polished and well finished. Former Prices \$15 to \$25. SPECIAL \$10 to \$12.50. Couches. 50 Plain and Tufted Couches, covered in art velours and imitation silks; in many different styles and shapes; strongly made. Former Prices \$10 to \$20. SPECIAL \$7.50 to \$13.90. Dining Chairs. 500 Oak Dining Chairs; some with leather and others with cane seats; good styles and strongly made and braced. Former Prices \$7 to \$8. SPECIAL \$5 to \$6.75. Book Cases. Oak Book Cases; some open and others with glass doors; finely finished and handsome pieces of furniture, as well as very convenient. Former Prices \$10 to \$18. SPECIAL \$7 to \$12.50. Costumers. 500 Oak and Mahogany-finished Costumers; strongly made; full size. Former Prices \$5 to \$8. SPECIAL \$3.50 to \$5.75. Tables. 200 Oak and Mahogany Tables, in many different styles and sizes; all strongly made and neatly finished. Former Prices \$10 to \$18. SPECIAL \$7 to \$12.50. Ladies' Desks. Oak, Mahogany-finish, and Solid Mahogany Writing Desks; in many patterns; all new and very attractive. 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