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PROGRESS OF THE TARIFF BILL

Its Board in the Senate Considered Phenomenal.

The Sugar Schedule Will Likely Evolve a Long and Animated Debate—The Metal Schedule Not Particularly Objectionable to Democrats—Tilman's Sugar Investigation Resolution Will Probably be Passed To-Morrow—In the House.

Washington, May 30.—The impression was general about the Senate, at the close of the first week's discussion of the tariff bill yesterday, that the schedule would be reached to the close of the present week. The progress so far made, while it was much less marked yesterday than on previous days, is generally regarded as less than phenomenal, as moderate debates go. Senator Vest declared that the present bill is as far advanced now as was the Wilson bill after six weeks of discussion, while Senator Jones, of Arkansas, asserts that so much of the present bill was passed on the first day of consideration as was disposed of in the Wilson bill in three weeks. The Republicans generally concede that

GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, but they are not inclined to felicitate themselves too much until they see what policy is to be pursued when questions of more general interest are reached than have yet been broached.

The sugar schedule in all probability will excite more prolonged and animated debate than any other in the bill. The Democrats are making very extensive preparation for the discussion of this schedule, and several set speeches will be made upon it. The indications are that various other questions of general interest will be considered in connection with the sugar duty. Senator Pettigrew is contemplating presenting his amendment against trusts in this connection, and it is certain that the Hawaiian question will come to the front in an amendment providing for the continuance of

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY

with the Hawaiian Islands. With reference to the Hawaiian treaty there is no longer much room for doubt that provision will be made to continue the present treaty in effect. It is probable that this will be done by a direct declaration that nothing in the bill shall be construed as abrogating the treaty. The Republican members of the committee are contemplating this change. If Senator Pettigrew insists upon offering the amendment to this schedule he will precipitate one of the most interesting debates of the session. The Republicans are not yet decided whether they will caucus on

THE SUGAR SCHEDULE.

There is more or less talk to this effect. There are two schedules to be considered after the conclusion of that under present discussion before the sugar schedule can be reached. The metal schedule is not especially objectionable to the Democrats, containing as it does many of the Wilson bill rates, but it is more or less complicated and will necessarily consume time. The wool schedule will develop no little antagonism on account of the duty on lumber. There will be quite a determined effort to restore white pine lumber to the free list.

The Tillman resolution for a sugar investigation probably will be reported to the Senate Tuesday. It will be passed without difficulty, when taken up, according to the present outlook; but Senator Tillman will find opportunity to make another speech if there is any amendment at delay. The Senate will not be in session to-morrow, having adjourned over on account of December day.

HOUSE MAY BE LIVELY.

The attempt to embarrass Speaker Reed for the programme of inaction favored by the majority has become the settled policy of Representative Simpson and other members of the minority, and the sessions of the House this week will witness a continuation of these tactics. The conference reports on the Sundry Civil and Indian Appropriation bills are ready for consideration, and this week the leaders would like to dispose of them. But the difficulty now is that many of the members have gone home and at present there is no quorum in the city. This will interfere with the desire of the leaders to meet until Tuesday, when the House meets to-morrow and adjourns until Thursday. On that day, if a quorum is present, the House will proceed with these two conference reports and also the bill appropriating a special appropriation for the Government printing office.

HANNA MAD.

Senator Hanna was quite concerned to-day over the publication of a report to the effect that he had promised the Democrats that a pooling bill should be introduced out of consideration for the Republican assistance rendered the Republican party by the railroad companies in the recent campaign. "The report," he said, "is preposterous, and I indignantly deny it."

A FIFER FOR SIXTY YEARS.

Clarkburg, W. Va., May 30.—Old Buck Terkey, who lives on Kinchee creek in Harrison county, is seventy-six years old, and has been a fifer since a boy of sixteen. Long years before the war he served as fifer boy for the State militia, and was also fifer during the civil war, being in Jackson's brigade. He was fifer at the battle of Gettysburg. Notwithstanding his age, to-day he marched in line with the Custer Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and played on the same fife he had sixty years ago. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, and rides to-day as the oldest fifer in Harrison.

GENERAL MILES AT LARISSA.

Athens, May 30.—Dispatches from Larissa report forward movements of a suspicious character by the Turks. Major General Nelson A. Miles arrived yesterday at Larissa, visited the Greek lines and subsequently lunched with Crown Prince Constantine.

THE PT. MARION FIRE.

It Was Evidently a Robbers—Two Arrests on Suspicion. Morgantown, Va., May 30.—When the Blaine arrived here this morning, officers arrested two young men, named Steele and Kelley, on suspicion of being the parties who set fire to the buildings burned last night in Point Marion, Pa., twelve miles below here. The men were released after a preliminary hearing before the Mayor. The fire started in Titus' barber shop, an insurance; and communicated to Morris' three story building, insurance \$3,000; A. D. Frankenberg's residence, insurance \$2,000; J. L. Dillinger's store room, \$2,000; A. L. Stone, no insurance; A. M. Newcomer's tin shop, no insurance. The total loss is \$15,000. Six or eight men are here looking for incendiaries. Tools found on the railroad near the shop show the town was evidently accidentally fired by robbers.

SHE MAY RECOVER.

The Murderess of Annie Wheeler Talks With a Bullet in Her Brain. Montpelier, Vt., May 30.—It now seems possible that Mildred Brewster, who shot and killed Annie Wheeler yesterday and attempted suicide, may recover, though she has a 32-calibre bullet in her brain. Drs. Chandler and McGuire last night tried to remove the bullet, but failed to find it. Miss Brewster, however, during the last twelve hours has grown stronger, and regained consciousness this forenoon. Being asked by Dr. Chandler if she remembered what she did yesterday, she replied, "Yes," and inquired if Annie Wheeler was alive. When told she was not, she closed her eyes, but said nothing. The doctors asked her if she still wanted to die, and she said she did.

A BIG RAID

Made By Pittsburgh Police on an Anarchist Pic-Nic, and Forty-Seven Arrests—A Lot of Rifles Captured—Anarchist State Convention.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 30.—An anarchist picnic at a grove near Glenwood was raided to-day by the police, and forty-seven men taken prisoners. The charge preferred against the prisoners is disorderly conduct and breaking a city ordinance, which prohibits the sale of beer on a picnic ground. It is claimed that several rifles and a large lot of bullets were captured, which the men said were to be used in a shooting gallery which had not been erected at the time of the raid.

The picnic was being held in celebration of the release a few days ago of Henry Baur and Carl Nold from the penitentiary, where they had served four years for inciting riot at Homestead at the time of the big strike at that place. Baur and Nold, who were among those arrested, say the action of the police is an outrage and some one will be made to suffer for it.

The State Convention of the Socialist Labor party was held here to-day. Henry Parker and Edward Kumpfinger, of Philadelphia, were re-elected president and secretary respectively. State headquarters are to be removed from Philadelphia to this city.

W. H. Thomas, of Buena Vista, was nominated as the party's candidate for State Treasurer.

Resolutions were adopted denouncing the American Federation of Labor Unions as traitors to the class, and calling on all true Socialists to shun them as vipers.

A BIG CROWD

At the Annual Saengerfest, at Zoar, Ohio Yesterday. CANAL DOVER, O., May 30.—The annual Saengerfest is on at Zoar, Ohio, seven miles from here, and all day delegations have been coming on special trains from Ohio and Pennsylvania cities. There are not less than 2,000 members of the society from different points and it is estimated that with the visitors from this and adjoining counties, the crowd will aggregate twice this number. The fest will be continued all to-morrow and an interesting programme of entertainment has been prepared.

THE WHEELING

Made a Most Satisfactory Record on Her Official Trial Trip in San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco, May 30.—The four-hour official trial run of the gunboat Wheeling took place yesterday back and forth over a twelve-mile course in the bay, and at the finish her maneuvering powers were thoroughly tested. She ran the four hours at 231.4 revolutions per minute, with a steam pressure of 180 pounds, which gave her a speed of 12.75 knots per hour. Everything worked satisfactorily, her performance being even more creditable than that of her sister ship, the Marietta, less coal per horse-power being required and the engine and fire rooms cooler. This difference is due to the dissimilarity of boilers used in the two vessels. The Wheeling will be ready for delivery to the government in two weeks and the Marietta in three weeks from this date, when they will go to the Mare Island navy yard to be masted and to receive their batteries, boats and equipments.

POSTMASTERS COMMISSIONED.

Special to the Register. Washington, May 30.—Commissions have been issued to the following recently appointed postmasters: John Peacock, at Coalburg; Ezra L. Morrison, at Crown Hill; Ulysses G. Cook, at Oceana; Alfred H. Cole, at St. Mary's; Winfield S. Myers, at Summit Point; Willis S. Taylor, at Tunnelton; John C. Malone, at Horseneck; George Bonzo, at Matewan; William A. Harrison, at Silvertown; Clara B. Largent, at Upper Tract.

AFTER NINETEEN YEARS

A Deal Is on for the Recovery of Stolen Millions.

For \$50,000 Cash, and No Questions Asked, It is Stated That Two Millions and Three-Quarters of Securities Stolen from the Manhattan Savings Bank, of New York, Nineteen Years Ago, Will be Returned.

New York, May 30.—Nineteen years ago the country was startled by the report of the biggest bank burglary known in the history of the world. It occurred Sunday, October 27, 1818. The Manhattan Savings Institution, of this city, was robbed of securities valued at \$2,747,700 and \$11,000 in cash.

With the exception of a few of the bonds offered for sale some time ago, none of the securities have been recovered. It was believed that they had been buried or destroyed.

That the securities are still in existence is known here. A short time ago

NEGOTIATIONS WERE OPENED

between men said to represent the burglars and President Joseph Bird, of the Manhattan Savings Institution, for their return.

The burglars have made a demand for \$50,000 and no questions to be asked, with the understanding that the securities are to be handed over in good shape and that immediately after their delivery the money shall be paid in cash. President Bird, who at the time of the robbery was paying teller of the Manhattan Savings Institution, said to-day that \$50,000 had been asked for the return of the bonds, and although the bank officials would like to get them back, he declared they

WOULD NOT PAY THAT AMOUNT.

Continuing, Mr. Bird said: "Many of the securities are worthless to-day, I should say, since the government came to our assistance some time ago by an act of Congress authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to reissue duplicates in place of the stolen United States bonds."

"There was a number of other bonds issued by cities and corporations, however. Some of these are due soon, and of course we would like to have the originals, as it would make it easier for us to collect the moneys involved."

"I refer particularly to the Yonkers City seven per cent. coupon bonds. There were \$118,000 Yonkers bonds stolen, and out of that amount we have received \$98,000, which leaves \$20,000 due."

Mr. Bird stated that he believed the offer to be

MADE IN GOOD FAITH

and the case has been placed in the hands of the bank counsel. Those who participated in or were connected with the robbery were Jimmy Hope, John Hope, Patrick Shevlin, the watchman of the bank, William Kelly, Peter Emerson, alias "Banjo Pete," John Nugent, a policeman, Eddie Golding, alias "Eddie" Goodie, John Tracy and Johnny Dobbs. Of these, Jimmy and John Hope are living in this city. The others are all either dead or in prison.

DEATH OF RUIZ

The Commission Sitting at Havana. Concludes Its Sessions—Two Reports—A Mysterious Secret Messenger from Washington.

Havana, May 30.—The commission conducting the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Ruiz closed its labors at an early hour yesterday. A mysterious messenger from Washington came from Tampa on the steamer Mascotte this morning, but did not land. Mr. Fishback, secretary of the commission, accompanied by General Lee's son, went on board the steamer before she sailed and held a brief consultation with the stranger, and it is supposed that they delivered to him the report of the commission and other highly important dispatches from Consul General Lee and Mr. Calhoun, who was selected to investigate Dr. Ruiz's death, to be conveyed to the State Department at Washington.

Messrs. Calhoun, Fishback and Congosto will leave next Thursday for New York direct.

Of the two reports understood to have been sent from Havana to-day by the commission investigating the death of Dr. Ruiz, the one by Mr. Calhoun, who represents the United States, and the other by Dr. Jose Congosto, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, who acts for the Spanish government, the former will, it is said, agree with the statement of Consul General Lee that Ruiz died from concussion of the brain, the result of violence after solitary confinement of more than thirteen days, regardless of his treaty rights.

Consul General Lee declined at yesterday's session of the commission to question the witnesses, who were interrogated only by the Spanish reporter. Consul General Lee will shortly make a report on the Ruiz case, and Mr. Calhoun will make a further report on other matters, such as the money question, the state of the insurance, the condition of American industry, and the general suffering due to the war.

Consul General Lee's position is just what it was in February last. He holds that Spain is responsible, since Ruiz died, because he was deprived of his treaty rights.

AN APPEAL TO RUSSIA.

London, May 31.—The Athens correspondent of the Standard says: "King George paid a visit to M. Onou, the Russian minister, yesterday (Saturday), and after a two hours' interview sent a long telegram to Emperor Nicholas urging him to intervene on behalf of Greece."

DURRANT TO HANG.

Sacramento, Cal., May 30.—Theodore Durrant will hang on June the 11th, one week from next Friday.

A BIG EXPEDITION

Successfully Landed on the Coast of Cuba.

The Supplies Were Shipped from Wilmington, N. C., and Represented \$75,000 in Money—Sixty-Two Men Were With the Munitions of War—The Story Told by One of the Crew of the Successful Vessel.

Wilmington, N. C., May 30.—The Messenger to-day prints a detailed account of the loading of the tug Alexander Jones and her departure with the schooner John D. Long on a Cuban filibustering expedition. The facts were obtained from a member of the crew of the Alexander Jones, which returned to port several days ago. His story substantially is as follows:

"On Thursday night, May 13th, the Jones took on a cargo of rifles, machetes, rapid-fire guns and ammunition at the wharf of the Wilmington, Newburg & Norfolk railway, in the southern limits of the city. Before she had entirely finished her cargo a report was started that

OFFICERS WERE APPROACHING

and that the revenue cutter Merrill was getting up steam. Taking alarm at this the Jones pulled out and started down the river at 10:45 p. m., and in a few hours crossed the bar and anchored outside. The schooner John D. Long having meanwhile been loaded with coal and other material at the Wilmington & Weldon railroad wharf, was shortly afterward towed out to sea by the tug Jacob Brandon, going past the revenue cutter Colfax. On the schooner were General Nunez and another officer of the Cuban army, a Cuban pilot and Captain John O'Brien, of the filibustering tug Dauntless. At the sea buoy they went on board the Jones, anchored near-by, and Captain O'Brien took charge of

THE EXPEDITION.

A hawser was made fast from the Jones to the schooner and early Friday morning the tug steamed to the south with her tow. The Jacob Brandon returned to South Port. On the way down the coast no port was entered, but off Palm Beach, on the coast of Florida, sixty-two Cubans were taken on board. The Jones then towed the schooner to the Bahamas and in the vicinity anchored in the open sea on Tuesday, May 18th. On Thursday morning, May 20th, the filibuster Dauntless hove in sight and came alongside the Jones and the schooner. She coaled from the schooner, took a cargo of arms from the Jones, and with Captain O'Brien in command, headed for the Cuban coast, about sixty miles away. She left the Jones between eight and nine o'clock Thursday night, made

A SUCCESSFUL LANDING

in Cuba, near Matanzas, and after an absence of twenty-four hours exactly returned to the Jones, took another cargo of war material and started for Cuba Friday night.

On the last trip General Nunez and the sixty-two Cubans left the Jones and went on board the Dauntless, and left with Captain O'Brien when the Dauntless left with her second cargo, the Jones coaled from the schooner, towed her off Cape Canaveral, Florida, and turned her loose. She sailed back and got into Southport yesterday morning.

The cargo carried out of here was valued at \$78,000, and is said to have been the second largest ever landed in Cuba.

The member of the crew above referred to, says there is no truth in the story that the Jones was chased and fired on by a Spanish war vessel. The Jones never saw the smoke of such a war vessel while on her trip.

A VIOLENT ATTACK

By El Diario on Commissioner Calhoun and General Lee.

Havana, May 30.—In a leading article this morning, El Diario de la Marina makes a scathing indirect attack upon Commissioner Calhoun by criticizing articles which have appeared in a Washington newspaper over the signature of Mr. Pepper, who, in the guise of an intimate friend of President McKinley and Mr. Calhoun, accompanied the latter to Cuba.

El Diario de la Marina maintains that many incidents of the interior working of the mixed commission, which are wholly private, have been divulged in Mr. Pepper's letter, thus tending to compromise Mr. Calhoun. The paper also resents Mr. Pepper's unfriendly attitude toward Spain in his reports on the Cuban question, expressing disgust that, while he blames Spain for the natural result of the war, he has no word of censure for the Cuban insurgents, whose torches are destroying the wealth of the island.

In closing his article El Diario de la Marina calls attention to the fact that two New York newspapers whose Cuban representatives are scarcely favorable to Spain, maintain bureaus in Havana under the same roof with the United States consul general, intimating without much delicacy that the correspondents of these newspapers are virtually under the wing of General Fitzhugh Lee, and draw most of their inspiration from him.

Mr. Fishback, accompanied by Mr. Pepper, went into the interior to-day to visit Guanajay. Mr. Calhoun spent the day with General Lee at the American consulate.

Captain General Weyer went from Tampa to Juncaro on Friday, but returned to Juncaro to-day.

The insurgents dynamited a passenger train between Santa Clara and Esperanza. The baggage car was capsized and the locomotive and three passenger cars were derailed, but no lives were lost.

KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

Nashville, Tenn., May 30.—Delegates to the convention of National Travelers Protective Association, which meets in this city Tuesday, June 1st, for a five days' session, are arriving. Several thousand are expected to attend.

A THREATENING SITUATION

In Kentucky, Caused by the Anti-Toll Gate People.

CINCINNATI, May 30.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Owingsville, Ky., says:

The situation is threatening to-night. Garner's gate is in danger from reinforced raiders. To-day a leading citizen of Montgomery county stated that the free truckers in that county have threatened to come to the assistance of their brethren in Bath county, when the troops leave, and wreak vengeance on the officers at Owingsville and on informer Joe Black.

At to-morrow's trial Mayor Allen will concentrate troops in the court room. Nearly every citizen of Owingsville is armed and in every house there is one or more double barreled shot guns loaded with buckshot. It is the general opinion to-night that had not the soldiers been brought here there would have been much bloodshed.

OFF THEIR GUARD.

A Levee Broke, Just South of Baton Rouge, Early Yesterday Morning, and Much Farm Land Will Be Flooded.

New Orleans, La., May 30.—A crevasse resulting from over confidence and relaxation of vigilance, occurred at five o'clock this morning in the levee at Conrad's Point, four miles by rail below Baton Rouge, on the east side of the Mississippi river. At 2 o'clock this morning information was received at Baton Rouge that the levee at Conrad's sugar house was leaking badly and that a crevasse was likely to occur at any moment. There had been a feeling of almost perfect security throughout that section, and the thought of a crevasse had not entered into the calculation of things likely to take place. There were no laborers within call, as they had all been discharged and sent to their homes.

The levee authorities at Baton Rouge hastily gathered together a force of men and placed them on barges of material which happened to be anchored along the front of the Burton saw mill, and by four o'clock a tug was towing the barges and material to the scene of danger. At six o'clock, shortly before the barges arrived at the plantation, the levee burst with a loud report, and the water, in a stream forty feet wide and seven feet deep, began pouring through the break and spreading rapidly over the fertile lands in the vicinity. The officials of the Poncechartrain levee district and of the Illinois Central railway are on hand with large forces of men and unlimited supplies of material, and will no doubt succeed in closing the break before any very serious damage is done to the adjacent plantations.

GREEK HOPES.

A Feeling That a General War May Yet Occur.

London, May 31.—The Athens correspondent of the Times says:

"Turkey's continued arming and reported Russian preparations, with other rumors of a bellicose character raise the hopes of some of the Greek newspapers that Greece may yet benefit from a general European war. But the majority of the nation, sobered by a sad experience, is only desirous that Europe should protect Greece against her conqueror."

"There is no reason to fear that either Bulgaria or Serbia will abandon the policy it has followed thus far. The Turkish troops who have been sent to the Servian and Bulgarian frontiers are only intended to replace those who were withdrawn just before the war began."

"The reports of alarming anti-dynastic troubles, published abroad, caused surprise here, as there is no sign of any such movement, nor is any prominent politician likely to commit himself to an anti-dynasty programme."

"It appears that the Prince of Wales has expressed his personal desire that the Crown Prince Constantine should come to London for the jubilee festivities; and this is regarded as indicative of English good will toward Greece."

HARD LINES FOR GREECE.

London, May 31.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says to-day:

"From a Russian source comes news of a conspiracy against King George, of Greece, far more deeply rooted than was supposed. There is undoubted evidence that Premier Ralli and his colleagues in the cabinet are gravely implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty."

"The Kolnische Zeitung says that Greece will be compelled to pay a large indemnity, to reduce her army to 20,000 men and to give up her fleet."

TORTURED.

Robbers Invade a Residence at Bridgeport, Harrison County, Manacle and Injure the Occupants, and Then Fire the House.

Special to the Register. Clarksburg, W. Va., May 30.—A terrible crime was committed near Bridgeport last night. Three unknown men entered the house of Henry Foresight and gagged and bound him. They then horribly tortured him and took all the money they could find. They then fired and burned his house. Foresight managed to crawl out, and neighbors took the manacles off of him. He is in a serious condition. The robbers have not been captured.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Harper's Ferry, W. Va., May 30.—Word comes here to-day of the awful death of John Frazier, of Nullington, Friday. Frazier was struck by a bolt of lightning and was so badly injured that he died yesterday. The bolt struck some hoed which he carried upon his shoulder and set fire to his clothing. He was in a blaze when passers by went to his rescue, and after a hard fight the flames were extinguished. He was 22 years of age.

The same bolt struck a wire fence, and following the fence to a shed, nearly killed a hog in the shed.

WILL BE A LIVELY WEEK.

The Extensive Programme at the Tennessee Centennial.

Several States Will be Represented by Their Governors and Staffs and Detachments of Troops—The National Travelers Protective Association Will Meet Friday. The Negro Building to be Dedicated Saturday.

Nashville, Tenn., May 30.—To-morrow the bank clerks of the State will visit the exposition. The South Carolina Press Association will attend in a body. One hundred and fifty members of the order of railway conductors and ladies accompanying them will be entertained at the Exposition.

Tuesday is Tennessee day and Governor's day. An extensive programme has been arranged. Governor Taylor will deliver an address, and other prominent Tennesseans will speak. Several Governors, their staffs, and companies of State troops will attend. Governor Russell, of North Carolina, and staff escort are on route. It will be a day of speeches, parades, entertainments and social receptions, and will close with

THE GREATEST DISPLAY

of fireworks and illuminations of buildings yet witnessed.

Wednesday the Republican League of Tennessee and Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., division of Alabama and Tennessee and Tennessee department, C. A. R., will hold meetings in the auditorium. Wednesday afternoon the beautiful building erected for the use of the press and all duly accredited newspaper men will be opened formally with elaborate ceremonies and an exquisite luncheon.

Friday has been set apart for the National Travelers Protective Association, which will be in annual session from June 1st to 6th.

THE CONVENTION

will meet that day in the auditorium. President John Thomas will deliver the address of welcome. Hon. John Lee, national president T. P. A., will respond. Governor Taylor will also deliver an address, which will be responded to by Hon. Henry T. Kent. In the afternoon the ladies attending the T. P. A. convention will be given a reception in the Woman's Building. Mrs. V. L. Kirkman officiating.

Saturday will wind up a busy week with the formal dedication and opening of the Negro Building. Many of the leading and most prominent negroes of the South are expected to make speeches. An immense parade will be held and the attendance promises to be large.

SOUTH CAROLINA EDITORS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 30.—About noon to-day the South Carolina Editorial Association and ladies accompanying arrived upon the association's annual excursion. The visitors will remain here four days.

BONDHOLDERS

Will Vigorously Oppose the Proposed New Issue of Certificates by the Receivers of the B. & O. Road.

Baltimore, Md., May 30.—The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will apply to the United States Court this week for authority to issue \$680,000 additional receivers' certificates. The certificates will bear interest at the rate of five per cent. They will be a lien prior to mortgage and also to the \$5,000,000 six per cent. receivers' certificates issued June 1, 1896. It is understood that they will be a lien on gross earnings and will be retired by annual payments, not to exceed \$200,000, out of gross earnings.

The obligations will be turned over to the Carnegie Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, in payment for the 40,000 tons of steel rails recently purchased by the receivers. It is understood that the Carnegie Company has already negotiated the sale of the certificates through a Baltimore financial institution.

The issue of additional receivers' certificates will be vigorously opposed by the bondholders, and the indications are that a stubborn legal battle will begin when the receivers file their application in the United States Court.

DISTRESS AT EL PASO.

A Fear That the Rio Grande Has Changed Its Course.

EL PASO, Tex., May 30.—Fully 2,500 people have been driven from their homes in this city and East El Paso, and 2,000 of that number are in destitute circumstances. It is impossible at present to estimate the damage done by the flood, but it is great, and especially so because a very large percentage of the sufferers are poor laborers. The river has changed its course considerably and those who for years have watched the antics of the erratic Rio Grande say that when the flood recedes it will be discovered that the river has shifted its course, leaving about fifty blocks of El Paso on the Mexican side of the stream.

AT THE TOMB OF LAFAYETTE.

Paris, May 30.—To-day Ambassador Porter, former Vice President Stevenson, Senator Wolcott, Gen. Paine, Retiring Consul General Morse, Henry Vignaud and Theodore Stanton, honorary secretary of the American University Dinner Club, with a number of members of the club and embassy and consulate officials, went to the tomb of Lafayette, and placed there a magnificent wreath and other floral decorations.

The Weather.

Washington, May 30.—Forecast for Monday:

For West Virginia—Fair; cooler; northerly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy weather; probably without rain; cooler; brisk northwesterly winds.