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THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Appropriation and Supply Measures
Hold the Boards.

Washington, Feb. 29.—It is expected that both the naval and army appropriation bills will be reported to the senate during the present week, and it is intended to take them up for consideration as soon as possible regardless of all other legislation and henceforth to give the supply bills rights of way to the exclusion of all other matters. The bill authorizing the erection of a joint building for the use of the state department and the department of justice and the department of commerce was called up today by Mr. Fairbanks. It is understood that Mr. Gorman will seek to secure various amendments to the measure. Tuesday will be devoted to the bill regulating the shipment of government supplies, and a vote will be taken on that before adjournment that day.

It is not expected that the confirmation of General Wood will be considered during the week, owing to the absence of Senators Foraker and Blackburn, both of the committee on military affairs and both interested in the case, though on opposite sides. It is the general expectation that the case will receive attention next week.

At the request of Mr. Beveridge next Thursday has been set aside for consideration of legislation in the interest of Alaska. There are several bills pertaining to that territory on the calendar. Mr. Beveridge, however, will not press these bills if there are appropriation bills ready. The committee on privileges and elections will begin its investigation into the Smoot case on Tuesday, and it is also expected that the special committee appointed to inquire into the charges against Senator Dietrich will proceed with its work during the week.

The first week in March finds the house with a very small proportion of the big supply measures awaiting its action. The naval was the eighth of the general appropriations bill that have been disposed of at this session. The remaining supply bills will be given precedence over other measures, as it is the desire of the leaders to clear up all the regular business of the house as early as possible.

ORDERLY PROCEEDINGS

Cubans Show Their Competency to
Conduct Elections.

Havana, Feb. 29.—The congressional elections, the first ever conducted entirely under Cuban auspices, were quiet and well conducted. Predictions of disturbances at certain points caused some apprehension, but so far as reported nothing unusual occurred.

Secretary of the Interior Yero and Gen. Rodriguez, commander of the rural guards, received despatches throughout the day from all parts of the island and declare not in a single instance was disorder reported.

Cienfuegos, which was the scene of disturbances during the campaign, was no exception to this freedom from disorder. Rural guards had been placed there with a view to their quick availability should they be needed, but they were found to be unnecessary.

The conduct of those in charge of the polling places was excellent.

The ballots were printed on the American plan. The government officials say that the peaceful election shows the competency of the Cubans for self-government.

The day was particularly quiet in Havana and the vote was rather light in the majority of the hundred polling places. Considerable activity was shown, however, and many carriages were used to bring the voters to the polls. The order issued by the mayor against masking and the like on what would ordinarily be the biggest day of the carnival appeared unnecessary.

According to reports from the larger cities, the Republicans elected all of their congressmen and provincial councillors in Santa Clara province and a majority of those in Matanzas province, while in Pardel Rio they were divided. The Liberal Nationalists won practically everything in Havana and Santiago provinces, while the moderate Liberals prevailed in Puerto Principe. In Santiago the main contest was between the moderate Liberals and the Radicals.

While the liberal representation in the lower house of congress appears to have been increased by several seats, the small Republican majority in the senate will prevent any radical change of policies.

Ended Long Mourning.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 29.—Lying beside the grave of his wife, which he had invariably visited, rain or shine, three times a week since her death eight years ago, the body of George T. Cook, a retired contractor, was found in Cave Hill cemetery Sunday. Death had been caused by a bullet wound in the right temple and the dead hand still clutched a revolver, one chamber of which was empty. Cook was fifty-five years old and had grieved constantly since his wife's death.

Militia Saved Negro.

Jackson Miss., Feb. 29.—The Greenwood military company has arrived at Jackson having in charge Albert Baldwin, a negro, who is alleged to have killed Engineer Fogarty of the Valley road two weeks ago. The negro was captured at Batesville and was to have been taken to Tutwiler. When Gov. Vardaman learned that he was to have been burned he acted promptly to save the negro. He and Adjt. Gen. Fridge went with the Greenwood company on a special train to Batesville. They met with no resistance.

England's War Budget.

London, Feb. 29.—War Secretary Forster's explanatory statement of the army estimates was issued last night. The estimates for the coming year are \$144,500,000 against \$172,500,000 last year. The principal reduction is in this year's estimate for South Africa, which total \$3,070,000.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

The steamer Queen bound from San Francisco to Victoria, took fire at sea and fourteen lives were lost.

Confirmation of the election of Gen. Rafael Reyes to the presidency of Colombia by a majority of three electoral votes has just reached Colombia.

The recent eruptions of Santa Maria volcano in Guatemala has choked the channel of Asumacua river to such a degree that navigation is prevented.

A popular movement to increase the Russian fleet has found expression in a proposal to build twenty-four torpedo boats at a cost of \$200,000 each.

Negotiations are now proceeding between the governments of Russia, Austria and Italy with a view to reaching a complete understanding concerning the questions affecting the Balkans.

While the Japanese report that their fleet was unscathed in their latest attack on Port Arthur they are not using every endeavor in attempting to prevent details of any injury to the Japanese fleet from leaking out.

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