

THE SENATE AMENDS TREATY.

And Gives the Administration a Black Eye

Washington, Dec 14—The senate committee on foreign relations today held a special meeting and decided to recommend four amendments of the Hay Pauncefote treaty

The committee adopted an amendment suggested by Senator Foraker, which declares that the Hay Pauncefote treaty supersedes the Clayton Bulwer treaty and also strikes out of the Hay Pauncefote agreement article 3 which permits the submission of the Hay Pauncefote treaty to the other powers and invites their acceptance of it

Unless amended beyond any degree proposed in the senate by the responsible leaders, and resolved into such form as to make it an absolutely indisputable matter to be communicated, the pending Hay Pauncefote treaty will be submitted to the British government by the president

The communication will be purely pro forma, for the administration has not the slightest idea that the convention will be accepted by the British government Any expectation that the action of the senate yesterday upon the Davis amendment to the Hay Pauncefote treaty would result in the immediate retirement of Secretary Hay from the cabinet, is negatived by the fact that the secretary has not resigned, and according to his own statement, will not leave the cabinet at present

Estimates of Cotton Crop of United States 1900-1901.

New York, Dec 12—Having received many letters of inquiry concerning the probable total cotton crop of the United States for this year, on Dec 1st, we mailed 3,800 letters to selected and reliable correspondents—banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants, brokers, proprietors of public gins, railroad officials and planters, covering every cotton growing county in the south—seeking information

Up to this date, in response to our letters we have received 2,285 replies of average date Dec 6th, which we consider as reliable as any information that can be obtained on this subject, and we tabulate as follows:

Estimated total crop this year as compared with last year

Average of 218 letters makes decrease in Alabama, 13 per cent or crop of 909,420; crop last year, 1,044,000

Average of 249 letters makes increase in Arkansas, 8 per cent or crop of 810,609; crop last year, 750,000

Average of 16 letters makes decrease in Florida 15 per cent or crop of 43,500; crop last year, 50,000

Average of 419 letters makes decrease in Georgia, 4 per cent or crop of 1,254,640; crop last year, 1,309,000

Average of 63 letters makes decrease in Louisiana 8 per cent or crop of 575,000; crop last year, 625,000

Average of 332 letters makes decrease in Mississippi 20 per cent or crop of 1,168,500; crop last year, 1,239,000

Average of 253 letters makes decrease in North Carolina 4 per cent or crop of 538,560; crop last year, 561,000

Average of 197 letters makes decrease in South Carolina 6 per cent or crop of 865,740; crop last year, 921,000

Average of 82 letters makes decrease in Tennessee 10 per cent or crop of 351,450; crop last year, 355,000

Average of 453 letters makes increase in Texas, &c, 10 per cent or crop of 3,250,100; crop last year, 2,947,000

Total estimated crop 1900-1901, 9,788,910; total crop last year, 9,436,000

2,003 correspondents report that the crop has been more rapidly marketed, or shipped to market as quickly as in former years

282 correspondents report that a larger quantity than last year has been held on plantations, towns and cities for higher prices

Respectfully submitted, Latman, Alexander & Co

London, Dec 11—The Evening Standard says the battle between Gen Knox and the DeWet confederates, and that the former charge ground recently. Lack of definite information is attributed to absence of telegraphic communication with the scene of action. While the war office is reticent there are indications that the officials have received news suggesting considerable British success against DeWet

Beaufort, Dec 11—Two cases of hepatitis are reported on Paris Island, both patients being negroes, Henry Howard 30 years old and Buddy Stone, a boy. Fortunately the cases are both isolated, being on the Broad river shore of the island and remote from other habitations. The Port Royal naval station is located on Paris Island, but is several miles distant from the place the disease has appeared

The Towns of South Carolina.

At last we have the census figures for the incorporated places in South Carolina having a population of more than 2,000 but less than 25,000 people, and they present some surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant

There are 23 such towns and cities but from the list are excluded all unincorporated mill towns like Pelzer, Pacolet, Graniteville, Clifton and Piedmont, places which have shown, perhaps, the most remarkable percentages of growth of any communities in the state. Were these mill towns included in the count South Carolina would have as many towns of 2,000 people and upward as her much larger and more populous sister, North Carolina, which has 32. There is no reason that we can see why these mill communities, although not incorporated, should not have been separately enumerated and returned with the other towns of South Carolina. Their absence from the list unfairly minimizes the urban growth of this State in the last ten years

Charleston, of course, stands at the head of the list of South Carolina cities, its population previously reported, being 55,807 against 54,955 in 1890; a gain of 852, or 1 1/2 per cent

Columbia is the second city, with an accredited population of 21,108 against 15,353 in 1890; a gain of 5,755, or 37 1/2 per cent

Greenville comes third, with 11,460 people against 8,607 in 1890; a gain of 2,853, or 33 1/2 per cent

Spartanburg is a close fourth, with 11,395 people against 5,544 in 1890; a gain of 5,851, or 105.5 per cent

Sumter—and this will be a surprise to our friends in the Piedmont—is fifth, with a population of 5,673 against 3,865 in 1890; a gain of 1,808, or 46 7/8 per cent

Anderson is sixth, having 4,493 against 3,018 in 1890; a gain of 2,480, or 82 2/3 per cent

Rock Hill is seventh, with 5,485 against 2,744 in 1890; a gain of 2,741, or 100 per cent

Union—and here is another surprise—is eighth, with 5,400 people against 1,609 in 1890; a gain of 3,791, or 235 6/8 per cent

Greenwood takes ninth place over many older competitors. It has 4,824 people against 1,326 in 1890; a gain of 3,498, or 263 8/8 per cent

Florence follows as No 10, with a population of 4,647 against 3,395 in 1890; a gain of 1,252, or 36 9/8 per cent

Newberry is eleventh, with 4,607 against 3,020 in 1890; a gain of 1,587, or 52 5/8 per cent

Orangeburg has twelfth place, with 4,455 inhabitants against 2,964 in 1890; a gain of 1,491, or 50 per cent

Georgetown has passed Beaufort and taken the thirteenth place, but the number in this case is not un-lucky. Georgetown has 4,138 people against 2,895 in 1890; a gain of 1,243, or 42 per cent

Beaufort is fourteenth, with 4,110 inhabitants against 3,587 in 1890; a gain of 523, or 15 per cent

Chester is fifteenth, with 3,754 against 2,703 in 1890; a gain of 1,051, or 39 per cent

The sixteenth place is held by Laurens, with 4,029 people against 2,245 in 1890; a gain of 1,784, or 79 per cent

Gaffney follows in seventeenth place, with 3,937 people against 1,631 in 1890; a gain of 2,306, or 141 per cent

Abbeville is No. 18, with 3,766 inhabitants against 1,696 in 1890; a gain of 2,070, or 122 per cent

Aiken is nineteenth, with 3,414 inhabitants against 2,362 in 1890; a gain of 1,052, or 43 per cent

Darlington is twentieth, with 3,208 people against 2,339 in 1890; a gain of 869, or 34 3/8 per cent

Camden is twenty first, with 2,441 people against 3,533 in 1890; an apparent loss of 1,092, or 31 per cent

Summerville is twenty second, with 2,429 against against 2,219 in 1890; a gain of 201, or 9 1/8 per cent

Mt Pleasant holds twenty third place, with 2,252 people against 1,134 in 1890; a gain of 1,118, or 98 per cent

Yorkville concludes the list numerically and alphabetically with 2,012 inhabitants against 1,553 in 1890; a gain of 459, or 29 per cent—The State

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Washington, Dec 12—This Government has discovered that the Portentous outbreak of Measles, located on the Chinese coast and convenient to the Philippines, is one point of insurgent activity and probably the abiding place of one of the Philippine juntas. A further investigation is in progress

The Census Figures.

Population Statistics Given Out Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 13—The population of certain incorporated places in South Carolina, having a population of more than 2,000 but less than 25,000, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Town Name and Population. Includes Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Camden, Chester, Columbia, Darlington, Florence, Gaffney, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Mount Pleasant, Newberry, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Spartanburg, Summerville, Sumter, Union, Yorkville.

DISASTER TO BRITISH ARMS

London, Dec 14—The daily Express publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms. According to this report the Boers attacked the camp of Gen Clements, in the Barberton district, capturing the camp, killing a number of British officers and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter and is not generally believed.

IRISH RECEIVE KRUGER

Limerick, Dec 13.—The corporation of Limerick today conferred the freedom of the city upon Mr Kruger. The two members who opposed the proposal were bowled down.

CANADIANS COMING HOME

Cape Town, Dec 13.—Gen Kitchener has cabled to the authorities of South Australia asking that the wounded Imperial Bushmen, who are now convalescent, be returned to South Africa. Another contingent of Canadian troops started on their way home today on board the Roslyn Castle.

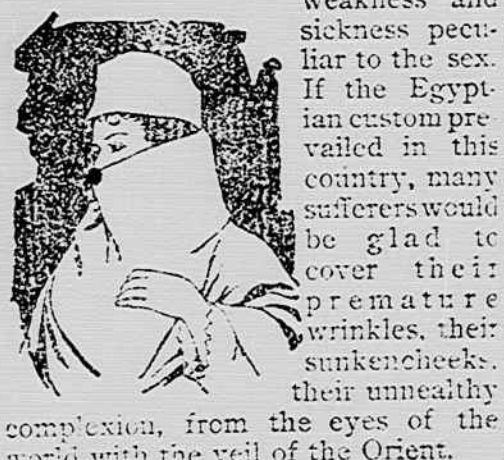
London, Dec 13—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says a rumor is in circulation in the Austrian capital that former King Milan is about to become engaged to Miss Atzei, an American heiress.

Havana, Dec 12—The committee of the Constitutional Convention are diligently preparing draft constitutions on the basis of the unitary, or centralized, form of government, with radical changes in the existing regime. It is thought that the final draft may be ready for review by the United States Congress during the present session.

Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 12.—The Nationalist convention today adopted resolutions strongly favoring abolition of landlordism in Ireland and transfer of the soil to the occupying proprietors; amending the constitution of the United Irish League and making the Nationalist convention an annual fixture; asking funds from America and inviting Michael Davitt and Thomas Sexton to return to parliament.

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