

SIBLEY'S PHILANTHROPY.

Noted Pennsylvania Congressman Is Dividing His Salary Among Five Hospitals, Each to Receive \$2,000.

Franklin, Pa., March 4.—Shortly after the election Hon. Joseph Sibley, a congressman from the Twenty-seventh district, announced that he would divide his salary for his term between the five hospitals in his district. In fulfillment of this promise the officials of the projected hospital in this city have received a check for \$1,000 from Congressman Sibley, and a check for the same amount was received by each of the hospitals at Oil City, Warren, Bradford and Kane. At the end of his term each hospital will have received \$2,000. While Mr. Sibley represented the Erie-Crawford district he took similar action with his salary, dividing it among the labor organizations of the district.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Anonymous Letter Received from Manila Which Says That Officers of the Wrecked Charleston Were Intoxicated.

Washington, March 4.—Sensational charges are contained in an anonymous letter which has been received at the navy department from Manila. The communication relates to the wrecking of the Charleston and makes the serious statement that a number of officers of the vessel at the time of the disaster were under the influence of liquor. The correspondent who furnishes the information claims to have verified the allegations by diligent inquiry among the officers of the Charleston. The letter was not placed on the official files on account of the peculiar nature of the charges, but it has been referred to the judge advocate general of the navy with instructions from Secretary Long that the matter be investigated at once.

DYING BY THOUSANDS.

Epidemic of Smallpox Among Negroes in the South, Especially Mississippi, Has Reached an Alarming Stage.

Jackson, Miss., March 5.—Smallpox conditions in southern states have become so menacing that the health authorities have called upon the state legislatures for assistance and a general discussion is in progress with a view to uniform attack on the disease. The negroes throughout the south are dying by the thousands and the disease is growing in malignity. So widespread has the epidemic become in Mississippi that the legislature, now in session here, passed a compulsory vaccination law with an emergency clause, and in adjoining states similar laws are being urged.

AN ATTACK ON CORBIN.

Mr. Pettigrew Asks for the Record of the Court-martial That Tried the Adjutant General in 1864.

Washington, March 4.—When the senate convened Saturday Mr. Pettigrew introduced and the senate passed a resolution instructing the secretary of war to send to the senate the proceedings in the court-martial proceedings of 1864 against the then Lieut. Col. Corbin, now adjutant general of the army. The resolution also calls for other information bearing upon Gen. Corbin's military record.

Will Create a Storm.

New York, March 4.—Comptroller Coler Saturday attacked the office of the corporation counsel in a way that is likely to create a storm. He charged wholesale robbery and did not hesitate to say that bribery is rampant among the city officeholders who, he avers, seem to have made the trade of theft respectable and thereby avoid the fate of the late William M. Tweed.

Will Send Out 250 More Missionaries.

Kansas City, Mo., March 3.—The silver jubilee meeting of the Foreign Missionary society of the Christian church denomination is being held here. This society embraces all churches of this denomination in the central states. The society will enlarge its scope of operations and will send missionaries to Havana, Manila and Honolulu. In all 250 men and women will be sent to foreign fields.

Insurgents Plan a Guerrilla Warfare.

Manila, March 5.—Reports reach the Associated press from various sources, including army officers and the heads of commercial houses with agents throughout the island, of continued activity among the insurgents, who are endeavoring to keep alive the armed opposition to the United States and are planning to continue the insurrection with guerrilla warfare on a large scale when the rainy season begins.

A Fusion Deal in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., March 5.—The democratic, populist and silver republican state committees, after a session lasting far into the night, agreed upon a fusion deal for Kansas and silver republicans are to be accorded liberal recognition on the populist state ticket. The democrats are to have half of the electoral ticket and five state offices; the silverites one state office and the populists will retain eight state offices.

CRONJE RETURNS THANKS.

The Imprisoned General Is Grateful to Great Britain for Favors Received—Boer Troops Retiring.

London, March 5.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Osofontein, March 4: "Gen. Cronje, on behalf of his party and commandant Wolmarans, on behalf of 4,500 other prisoners, asked the British officers to thank me for the consideration and kindness with which they have been treated. Gen. Clements reports that he advanced troops, holds Aeltertang, and that railway communication would be opened to Joubert's siding to-night. The enemy is still in force at Norval's Pont bridge. Gen. Gatare says the number of Boers at Stormburg is daily diminishing. Col. Baden-Powell reports that all are well at Magersfontein and that the enemy's activity was being met with equal activity on the part of the defenders. The position is unchanged at Osofontein, except that frequent heavy showers have materially improved grazing, to the benefit of the horses and transport animals."

Boers Retire Before the British.

Dordrecht, Cape Colony, March 5.—Gen. Brabant's colonial division, after a night's march, is now attacking the Boers in a strong position at La Boschagies Nek, on the road from Dordrecht to Jamestown. The engagement is proceeding with great vigor and the Boers are gradually retreating before the British shell fire, from three positions. A heavy rifle fire is being exchanged where the British are engaging the Boers on the right flank.

THIS MAY MEAN PEACE.

President Kruger Has Left Pretoria to Hold a Conference with President Steyn, of Orange Free State.

London, March 4.—President Kruger is said to have left Pretoria with the intention of meeting President Steyn. The place where they will meet is not mentioned, but is believed to be somewhere in the Orange Free State. Those in South Africa who are conversant with the effect the recent reverses have had on the Boers express the opinion that the meeting of the two presidents is preliminary to a suggestion of negotiations for peace. But if this is the case, it must be due to the pressure brought to bear upon the presidents by the burghers and Afrikaners in the British colonies rather than in the personal inclinations of the presidents, as all the available information depicts them as being as determined as ever to persist in the war until the resources of the republics are much more enfeebled than they seem to be at present.

TO COIN THE SILVER.

The Bullion Purchased Under the Sherman Act to Be Made into Coins at the Rate of \$4,000,000 a Month.

New York, March 5.—It is the intention of the treasury department, as soon as the pending financial bill becomes a law, to expedite as fast as possible the coinage of the silver bullion purchased under the Sherman act still remaining in the treasury. There is still on hand bullion purchased under this act costing \$78,000,000, and represented by that amount of treasury notes outstanding. The department has been coining this bullion into dollars at the rate of \$1,800,000 a month. The financial bill authorizes the coinage of enough of this bullion into subsidiary coins to bring the total subsidiary coinage up to \$100,000,000. This will require about \$25,000,000 in subsidiary coins. In addition to this the department proposes to increase the coinage of silver dollars to \$4,000,000 a month.

A "ROUND ROBIN."

The Milwaukee Methodist Ministers Rebuke President McKinley for Drinking Wine at a Banquet.

Milwaukee, March 5.—The Milwaukee Methodist Ministers' association has just learned that President McKinley drank wine at a banquet tendered him here October 13, and the ministers individually have sent him a rebuke in "round robin" form. They refuse to make any of it public except this sentence: "We have a hard enough fight against the liquor traffic all the time without having to face the additional influence of a Methodist president who comes to our city and at a public banquet drinks every kind of wine on the menu."

Five Burned to Death.

New York, March 5.—Five persons were burned to death and three were injured badly yesterday morning in a fire which occurred in a seven-story lodging house at 44 to 48 Bowery. The dead are: Charles Buttie, 40 years old; John Clark, 50 years old; Edward Doyle, 35 years old; Henry Jackson, colored, 35 years old, and one unidentified man, about 50 years old.

Opposed by Ex-President Harrison.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 4.—In response to the question whether he had, as reported in conversation with friends, expressed opinion adverse to the Porto Rico bill, Gen. Harrison said: "Yes, I regard the bill as a most serious departure from the right principles."

TO RELIEVE PORTO RICO.

President McKinley Urges Congress to Give the Island All Moneys from Customs Receipts.

Washington, March 3.—The president sent a message to congress Friday recommending the appropriation of the moneys which have been received through the customs from Porto Rico since the United States took possession, under the treaty, to be used for general purposes for the relief of the Porto Ricans.

To relieve the great distress in Porto Rico, caused by the hurricane, Secretary Root, by direction of the president, has authorized the use of \$1,225,000 remaining from the emergency war fund. This authorization was made about ten days ago as the result of a special report from Gen. Davis showing the starving condition of natives. The matter has been kept very quiet, because in the absence of a specific appropriation for this purpose the authorities feared criticism from those not familiar with the true state of affairs in Porto Rico. Gen. Davis has been directed to utilize the money in clearing up the plantations, so that the farmers may proceed with the raising of crops. This will enable many natives to go to work at once, and thereby put sufficient money in circulation to temporarily relieve existing suffering.

IT IS AN URGENCY VISIT.

Secretary Root's Hurred Trip to Cuba Was in Response to a Request from Gov. Gen. Wood at Havana.

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Root and party left Washington Friday for a flying trip to Cuba. The party had a special car over the Southern railroad. It is expected that the trip will occupy about two weeks, allowing for a week's tour around the island of Cuba. The army transport Sedgwick is on her way to Tampa and the party will embark on her for Havana. It is gathered from rather urgent communications that have been received here from Havana that notwithstanding the apparent serenity of conditions in Havana and Cuba generally, Gen. Wood has reason for grave apprehension as to the future; not because of the possibility of outbreaks, but rather owing to the extreme gravity of important questions that are pressing from all sides for immediate decision.

English Edition of Topeka Capital.

Topeka, Kan., March 3.—Sir George Newnes, publisher of the Westminster Gazette and the Strand Magazine, has made arrangements to bring out an English edition of the Topeka Capital during the editorship of Rev. Charles M. Sheldon. A cablegram announcing this fact was received here yesterday and the arrangement means the exploitation of the most interesting newspaper experiment of the century by the progressive British publisher.

Banks Want the Bonds.

New York, March 3.—Government bonds are advancing because of the demand of banks which want them to refund into two per cent. bonds under the new currency bill, to take out of circulation. Predictions of the increase in bank note circulation range from \$50,000,000 to \$300,000,000. Many state banks are said to be contemplating becoming national to take advantage of the proposed law.

Dog Mail Carriers for Alaska.

Washington, March 3.—The post office department will attempt the establishment of an entirely new and shorter mail route for Alaska. It will employ dog sledges going overland from Katmai, about 600 miles from Sitka, to Cape Nome by way of Hushagak, through practically unexplored territory. The distance will be shortened 1,200 or 1,300 miles.

Havana an Orderly City.

Havana, March 3.—The meagerness of crime and disorder among the 200,000 people of Havana surprises northern visitors. The arrests for the last month averaged only 45 per day, nearly all being for petty offenses. Drunkenness is very rare among the people of the island, and is peculiarly prejudicial to health in this climate.

Every Movable Thing Swept Away.

Guadalajara, Mex., March 3.—The recent earthquakes which were felt throughout southern Mexico caused the sea to roll inland on the Pacific coast and cover the country for a distance of more than one mile from the beach. Every movable thing in its path was swept away.

Drastic Punishment Administered.

Rangoon, British Burmah, March 3.—British punitive expedition sent to avenge the murder of Kiddle and Sutherland, British commissioners, has captured the whole group of villagers implicated in the affair. Sixty of the villagers have been killed and 2,000 houses have been burned.

"Sounding" the Spanish Government.

Madrid, March 3.—It is said here that the representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Germany have sounded the Spanish government to ascertain its intention regarding the Philippine islands not included in the cession to America.

SAVED FOR HIS CHILDREN.

The Late Cornelius Vanderbilt Put a Clause in His Will That Keeps \$3,000,000 from Executors of His Estate.

New York, March 3.—By making bequests to the executors and trustees of his estate, Cornelius Vanderbilt saved for his three surviving children almost \$3,000,000. It was paragraph 19 of the will that knocked out all commissions. The executors and trustees are the wife of the testator, Mrs. Alice G. Vanderbilt, William K., his brother, Chauncey M. Depew and E. V. W. Rossiter. For her services Mrs. Vanderbilt received besides her husband's personal property and most of his real estate, \$2,000,000 in cash and an annuity of \$250,000. William K. Vanderbilt received \$100,000, Chauncey M. Depew \$200,000, and E. V. W. Rossiter \$50,000. Had they received the compensation fixed by law Mrs. Vanderbilt would receive additionally \$750,000, Chauncey M. Depew would receive \$550,000, William K. Vanderbilt \$650,000 more, and E. V. W. Rossiter \$700,000.

UPROAR AMONG EDITORS.

Acrimonious Discussion Over the Price of White Paper Causes Confusion at the National Convention.

New Orleans, March 3.—The principal occurrence of Friday's session of the National Editorial convention was a speech by Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, of the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Col., on the subject of the paper trust. Mr. Patterson said a protective tariff system had made it possible for a few manufacturing concerns to get control of the entire white paper supply of this country. Quite a scene was caused when Editor J. F. Lanning, of the Legal News, Norwalk, O., interrupted the speaker to dispute his statement that woodpulp was protected by the tariff. Several delegates denounced Mr. Lanning, saying his methods were those of the politician and in the midst of the confusion the session adjourned. T. A. Daniel, of Alameda, Cal., and Ewing Herbert, of Hiawatha, Kan., read interesting papers in the early part of the session.

DISMAYED THE FILIPINOS.

Col. Anderson's Men Ambushed a Body of Them Near Batangas, Killing 24 and Wounding Many Others.

Manila, March 3.—Col. Anderson, with the Thirty-eighth infantry, employing the insurgents' own tactics, ambushed the enemy near Batangas. Through spies Col. Anderson learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass a certain road. He posted his soldiers, concealed among the trees lining the road, and when the enemy arrived the Americans volleyed unexpectedly, killing 24 insurgents, wounding 50 and capturing several. Some arms and ammunition also were captured. The effect of this blow has been salutary. The enemy in that locality is dismayed.

Driver and \$7,000 Mail Bag Missing.

New York, March 3.—Post office inspectors are seeking William Carr, driver of a United States mail wagon in Long Island city. A bag of registered mail, containing thousands of dollars—some reports saying \$7,000—was stolen and looted. Carr, who has disappeared, is believed to be the guilty man.

Paid Ten Thousand for a Wife.

Kokomo, Ind., March 3.—William Harness, a wealthy farmer near here, who a few months ago offered \$10,000 for a wife, has closed a bargain. He is 76 years old and two days ago was married to the 16-year-old daughter of a farmer near Winamac, Pulaski county. Harness gave the girl \$10,000 just before the marriage.

Thousands Going to Join the Boers.

Brussels, March 3.—There are at this moment no fewer than 5,000 European adventurers en route to the Transvaal to help the Boers. The majority are Frenchmen. Dr. Leyds assured his Belgian friends that during the course of March these auxiliaries would increase the total Boer force to 100,000.

Looks Dejected and Miserable.

Orange River, March 3.—Gen. Cronje and wife passed here last night en route to Cape Town. He looks dejected and miserable and is much grayer. He entered the refreshment room, and taking his seat at a table, covered his face with his hands for a few moments, as he engaged in prayer.

Supplies Reaching Ladysmith.

London, March 3.—A dispatch from Gen. Buller was received at the war office announcing that 75 wagonloads of supplies are now entering Ladysmith, the first 11 wagons containing hospital comforts.

Arrested as Rebels.

Rensburg, March 3.—The greater part of the Dutch residents at Colesburg have been arrested as rebels. The Boers yesterday were in full retreat northwards with a British force following them.

Gen. Cronje Reaches Cape Town.

Cape Town, March 3.—Gen. Cronje was received by Gen. Sir Frederick Forestier-Walker and a representative of Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony.

PROBLEM OF THE TRUSTS.

Industrial Commission Finally Makes Its Report to Congress Regarding Industrial Combinations.

Washington, March 2.—The industrial commission submitted to congress a preliminary report on trusts and industrial combinations, together with testimony, review of evidence, charts showing effects of prices, etc. The commission makes the following recommendations based on such information as it now has:

Promoters and organizers of corporations or industrial combinations which look to the public to purchase or deal in their stocks or securities should be required to furnish full details in regard to their business necessary for safe and intelligent investment. Any prospectus which fails to give this information or which gives false information should be held legally responsible. The nature of the business together with the powers of the various officers should be expressed in the conditions of incorporation which should be open to inspection. It is recommended that the larger corporations should be required to publish annually a properly audited report, showing in reasonable detail their assets and liabilities, with profit or loss; such report and audit to be under oath and to be subject to government inspection.

With regard to the interstate commerce commission, it is recommended that it be given authority not only to prescribe the methods of keeping accounts of railroads and to demand reports in such details as it may require, but also to inspect and audit such accounts; that the decisions of the commission be made operative at a day fixed in the decisions and to remain so unless reversed by the United States courts on appeal; that the commission be authorized to prescribe classifications of freight articles and to make rules and regulations for freight transportation throughout the United States and that penalties for violations of the interstate commerce act should be appropriate fines against the carrier and not imprisonment of officials.

W. C. T. U. ASSAILED.

Noted Woman Educator Says the Temperance Women Are Not Posted on Evil Effects of Alcohol.

Chicago, March 2.—Thursday's session of the department of superintendence of the National Educational association was enlivened by a lively three cornered discussion between Prof. W. O. Atwater, of Wesleyan university; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of Boston, national organizer of the W. C. T. U., and Y. W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Jessie Bolte, of Winnetka, Ill., a delegate. The regular programme at the morning session was laid aside and Mrs. Hunt given the courtesies of the meeting to answer Prof. Atwater's paper on "Alcoholic Physiology and Superintendence" read by him yesterday. Mrs. Hunt denounced Prof. Atwater for "making public statements as to the effect of alcohol on the human system which were not the result of personal investigation" and accused him of gross misrepresentation throughout.

As soon as Mrs. Hunt had concluded, Mrs. Bolte was reorganized. "The members of the W. C. T. U. do not know what they are talking about," said Mrs. Bolte amid considerable uproar, "when they make such remarks." She strongly protested against the illustrations and literature in the school physiologies in regard to the effects of alcohol, and which she says were the result of legislation sanctioned and urged by the W. C. T. U., "the members of which were not experts."

THE BRIDE IS PROSTRATED.

Miss Warten Too Willing to Marry a Man Who Impersonated Capt. Clark, of the Battleship Texas.

New Orleans, March 2.—A man who gives several names and has told a number of conflicting stories, is held by the police. It is charged that he impersonated Capt. Clark, of the battleship Texas, which is now at this port, and induced Miss Bertha Warten, of Cincinnati, to marry him. Miss Warten was stopping at the St. Charles hotel where she made the acquaintance of the man. After a courtship of two days, the wedding was celebrated yesterday. Last night "Capt. Clark" went aboard the battleship and by his actions aroused the suspicions of the officers. He was locked up and this fact led to an investigation by Miss Warten's relatives. The bride is prostrated.

Four Persons Killed.

Plainville, Conn., March 2.—A passenger train, southbound, on the Northampton division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, due in this city from Shelburne Falls, Mass., at 6:55 last night, went through a washout about two miles north of here and four persons were killed and seven more or less injured.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Washington, March 2.—The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows that the total receipts for the month of February were \$45,631,265, and the expenditures \$37,738,472, leaving a surplus for the month of \$7,892,793.

Circulation of National Bank Notes.

Washington, March 2.—The monthly statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that the total circulation of national bank notes at the close of business February 28, 1900, was \$249,434,878, an increase for the year of \$6,532,511, and for the month of \$2,447,685.