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PRETORIA, Dec. 11.—It is officially announced that Moloep, west of Mafeking, was bombarded December 11. Sharp fighting occurred.

The Boers attacked a British post at Mafeking during the night of December 19. After severe fighting the Boers were repulsed and retired to Suymans' fort.

PRETORIA STORY OF THE FIGHT Scandinavian suffer severely in the engagement. Cannon of Little Use.

PRETORIA, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made: "General Cronje reports that yesterday there was a heavy fighting between the Boers and the British forces."

Another official report from Captain Finlay says: "There were no signs of surrender. The burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under very heavy British fire."

The British were greatly assisted by balloons. Twenty-four ambulances were working backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp.

A telegraph operator at the Modder river wires: "Can and Maxim firing has been proceeding since 5:20 this morning. At 10 o'clock cannonading was proceeding and at 2 the fighting was reported to be very severe."

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from the Modder river says the firing reported by a telegraph operator at the Modder river was reported to be very severe.

SUCCESS IN FINDING BOERS Mounted Command Has No Difficulty in Locating the Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The War office has received the following dispatch: "From the officers commanding at Orange river, Thursday, December 14: 'Yesterday part of the mounted infantry, under Captain Bradshaw of the Yorkshire and Lancashire guides, under Lieutenant McFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutpan drift, about ten miles east of the Orange river, to reconnoiter and report the strength of the enemy reported to be holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Goemansberg. Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed; Lieutenant Griggson of the East Kents and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and several men wounded.'"

BRITAIN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND AS MUCH THROUGH CONSUL MACRUM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—United States Consul Macrum at Pretoria has called the state department that the Transvaal government has informed him that full reports will be given through the War office of the republic of the names and condition of the British prisoners who are held by the British officers. Macrum preferred a request for information on this point some time ago and was at first refused. Now, however, through the assent of the Boer government has been given. It is noted that its response is not complete. It will

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Distress Becoming More Acute. CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.—The distress in the famine-stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,500,000 persons have received relief.

Monument to Maine Victims. KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 15.—An effort will be made by the committee in charge of the undertaking to have the monument in memory of the Maine heroes, which is in course of erection here, unveiled at a time when the battleship Texas, with Captain Sigsbee commanding, can be present. It is proposed to have the battleship touch at this port on its return from Havana to Fortress Monroe, with the bodies of the Maine victims aboard, and the Navy department will be asked to grant this request.

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TILT BETWEEN KENTUCKIANS

Closing Day of Debate on the Financial Bill Proves Interesting.

BLUE GRASS ORATORS WASH DIRTY LINEN

Representatives Wheeler and Berry Abuse Each Other for the Education of the Republicans—Two Democratic Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The closing day of debate on the financial bill proved interesting. At the outset a spirited colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Berry of Kentucky, over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Later in the day Bailey of Texas, until recently the democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech, vigorously presenting the democratic view and eulogizing the time-honored and undying democratic organization.

In marked contrast with Bailey's utterance, Seudder of New York, who followed him, announced that as a democrat he believed in the gold standard and would vote for it. Payne and Dalzell also spoke during the day. The debate under the five-minute rule closes tomorrow.

Senator Wheeler of Kentucky and Williams of Illinois had spoken against the bill the severity of the debate was unexpectedly interrupted by a rather sensational personal clash between Berry and Wheeler, both democrats. Berry declared that he had been elected yesterday as a democrat in the recent Kentucky campaign.

"I regret the necessity of having to wash our dirty linen of Kentucky on the floor of the house," said Wheeler, "but I do not propose that our people shall be maligned and slandered without a word of protest."

Berry sat a few seats ahead of Wheeler, and the latter addressed himself personally to his colleague.

Berry declared that Berry represented neither Kentucky nor her people and that the people of his district would speedily rebuke him by retiring him to private life. The election of Taylor, he asserted, had been bought and paid for, with a railroad on one side and the plain people on the other. But despite this, he said, Governor Goebel would yet be seated.

"Yes, I use the word advisedly," said Wheeler, referring to his characterization of Goebel as governor, "for before the buds burst on any tree in Kentucky he will be his chief executive and he will have routed that nefarious gang who were the certificate of election by corruption, fraud and racialism."

Wheeler closed by declaring emphatically that Taylor had not been elected, but he had secured by irregular methods a certificate of election, but that when the calcium light of the courts was turned on this proceeding it would be William Goebel who would be seated in the executive chair.

Colonel Berry was quickly on his feet as Wheeler closed and responded savagely, personally and with much feeling. He said the speech just heard was typical of the intolerance of that Kentucky element which would not brook any freedom of opinion. He did not need the influence of the gentleman or his backers. Four times he had been sent here and he would return again. Shaking his finger at Wheeler, he exclaimed: "You are cringing at the feet of Goebel, and I tell you that your scalp is taken now by Goebel."

When reference was made to the irregularity of the Louisville convention Wheeler sought to interrupt, but Berry waved him off, declaring that the gentleman had participated in the discreditable and had stood up in support of Wheeler. He then declared that he would not be intimidated by the opposition, with policemen about him.

Wheeler interjected a flat contradiction of this, but, not heeding interruptions, Colonel Berry proceeded in his fiery recriminations, declaring that Wheeler was as bad as Goebel himself.

Wheeler gained a minute to reply, defending the regularity of the Louisville convention and saying that only a few thugs and toughs were excited.

The tension over the affair was relieved at this point by a point of order from Representative Cox of Tennessee.

"What is the point of order?" asked the chairman.

Object to having this Kentucky side show thrust into a financial debate," said Cox, gravely, "to the edification of the republican side."

This caused a laugh and the heat of the exchange between the two Kentucky gentlemen was dispelled.

At the evening session Clayton, democrat of New York, announced his intention to vote for the financial bill. In response to unfavorable reference, which had been made to the democratic chairman, he said there were many of that belief in New York, and the number was growing constantly. The others who spoke for the bill were: Sulloway of New Hampshire, Bingham of Pennsylvania, Mudd of Maryland and Minor of Wisconsin.

Among those who spoke against the bill were: Robinson of Nebraska, Lloyd of Missouri, Snodgrass of Tennessee, Rucker and Robb of Missouri and Neville of Nebraska.

To Limit Witnesses in Clark Case. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today met for the purpose of preparing, if found practicable, a program for the examination of witnesses in the Clark and Scott cases. The committee, after adjourning without reaching any definite conclusion, leaving the matter again in the hands of Senators Chandler and Pettus as a subcommittee. The committee feels obliged to limit the number of witnesses in the Clark case, as far as possible, because of the cost of bringing witnesses from Montana. The hearing upon the legal aspects of the Quay case will take place tomorrow.

Senate Confirms Nominations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations: C. T. Stranahan of Lewiston, Idaho, agent for the Indians of the Nez Perce agency in Idaho.

Postmasters—Missouri: C. Drew, Appleton City; C. L. Gray, Carterville; B. C. Klumkemyer, LaGrange; C. L. Mowder; Brainerd; J. C. Robertson, Mountain Grove; A. Bierwith, Cape Girardeau.

The senate also confirmed numerous appointments and promotions in the army.

LAW FOR HAWAIIAN LAND OWNERS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Via San Francisco, Dec. 15.)—The full text of Attorney General Griggs' opinion regarding the sales of local government lands after annexation has been received and does not make any change in the situation. It is generally thought that the only hope of the purchasers who paid large sums in to the Hawaiian treasury for lands is in special legislation by congress.

There will be claims for money paid for lands and if the land is finally taken away as provided by Griggs' opinion, the present holders, who have erected buildings, will want reimbursement for their losses.

The transports Ohio, Indiana, St. Paul and M. B. Perry, carrying the Thirty-eighth and Fortieth infantry, have left for Manila, and the Garonne, with mules, will leave tonight. The Wyefield has arrived from San Francisco, having lost only one animal on the way.

The Interland Telegraph company, which intends to use the Marconi wireless telegraph between islands, has incorporated for \$100,000 with all the stock subscribed. Work on the system will begin at once.

Shenandoah Revivals Close. SHENANDOAH, Va., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The big revival meetings have closed. The total number of converts were 650. At the end of a collection of \$150 was taken up and presented to the two evangelists. The revival lasted a month.

New Building for a Newspaper. CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Union Republican of Corning is building an office of brick, two stories, into which it expects to move January 1.

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