

OPENING OF CONGRESS

The National Body Will Get Together for Its Short Session.

A SESSION OF STIRRING EVENTS

House Will First Determine the Question of Seating Roberts of Utah—Republicans Will Push the Currency Measure—Announcement of Vice President Hobart's Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The opening work of the session in the house promises to be crowded with stirring events. There is always a good deal of glamour in connection with the assembling of a new congress, which is a social as well as a political event. The galleries are always crowded and there is intense interest in the election of speaker, the swearing in of members at the bar of the house, the reading of the president's message, the biennial seat drawing, the introduction of bills and resolutions into the legislative hopper and the general clearing of decks for action later on.

But, as the committees are not appointed until just before the holiday recess, no actual business is transacted usually until after recess. This year it will be different. At the very threshold of the session will come the contest over the admission of Representative-elect Roberts of Utah, and later in the week the house will plunge into an important, and possibly a protracted, debate upon the financial bill which was prepared by the republican leaders last spring at Atlantic City.

The Roberts case has attracted the attention of the whole country. The republican leaders have adopted a plan of procedure which is designed to prevent Mr. Roberts from taking the oath of office until the facts in regard to his alleged polygamous practices have been investigated by a special committee.

Mr. Taylor of Ohio will make the objection to the admission of Mr. Roberts and will offer a resolution of his case to the committee. There is considerable scattered opposition to this method of procedure on the ground that refusal of the house to permit a representative-elect bearing proper credentials to be sworn in upon unproven charges would create a bad precedent and might result in chaos at some future time when political feeling ran high. But there are several precedents for this course in the case of members charged with disloyalty after the war, and these will be used in support of the procedure. Every member of the house has been bombarded with petitions in the Roberts case and there undoubtedly will be a large majority vote without regard to party lines in support of the plan outlined by republican leaders.

The announcement of Vice President Hobart's death will be made probably immediately after the Roberts case is disposed of and the house will adjourn out of respect to his memory. The drawing of seats and the reading of the president's message will occupy Tuesday. Tuesday night the republicans will caucus on the financial bill. It is the intention of the republican leaders to make this a caucus measure and proceed and pass it before the holiday recess.

The caucus will decide, if the present intention is followed, not to wait for the appointment of the committee on banking and currency, but to bring the bill into the house forthwith, probably under a special order from the committee on Wednesday.

The length of time to be given to debate has not yet been determined. By some it is thought that three or four days may suffice.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. THURSTON.

Fund Started for Orphans' Home Named After Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A movement for the raising of funds for a memorial orphan asylum for Cuban children which shall bear the name of Mrs. Thurston, the first wife of Senator John M. Thurston, and who died during a visit she made to Cuba, was started tonight in the Madison avenue Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Thurston Memorial association. The name of the proposed home is to be "The Thurston Home of Orphans and Homeless Children in Cuba," and General Vandervoort of Nebraska, one of the managers of the Cuban Mail Steamship company, has offered a tract of ground for the institution. General Vandervoort and Mrs. G. E. Andrews of Echo Lake, N. J., were the speakers at the meeting tonight. General Vandervoort told of the large number of orphans in Cuba and of the need of some institution to care for them. The home is to be an industrial school, he said, as well as a mission. It is especially fitting, he thought, that this work be started as a memorial to Mrs. Thurston, whose death, her friends believed, was caused by a broken heart the result of her visit to Cuba and seeing with her own eyes the conditions there.

The collection tonight was devoted to the fund and contribution slips were handed around on which a large number of members of the church pledged themselves to large amounts.

Passenger Rate War in Sight.

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TO DECIDE KENTUCKY'S VOTE.

Canvassing Board Begins Its Work at Frankfort Today.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 4.—At noon today the state board of election commissioners of Kentucky will meet to canvass the returns from the last state election and to decide whether Goebel or Taylor is entitled to the certificate of election. There is not much probability that the matter will be settled today and it may be Wednesday or later before a certificate is issued. Both sides express confidence, but no one can predict with accuracy the decision which will be arrived at by the board. The certified returns from the country boards, now on file, give Taylor a plurality of 2,435, but the democrats declare that enough of these votes will be thrown out and that Goebel will be awarded the certificate.

The Kentucky election law is capable of diverse constructions and the definite conclusion of the board will rest very largely upon how its members decide to construe certain portions of the statute. There is a loophole in the very sections upon which the republicans rely which may work against them. It is this: "The said state board shall be a board for examining and canvassing the returns." How the board will construe the word "examining" is a matter of doubt. The same words exactly are used in defining the powers of the various county boards, and under this wording they have claimed and used the power of rejecting votes which they believed illegally cast.

AFTER MR. ROBERTS' SCALP.

The Crusade Against Seating Him Opened in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The crusade in this city against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts as a representative from Utah culminated in a large-ly attended mass meeting in the First Congregational church this afternoon. As many prominent clergymen of Washington as were in a position to be present occupied seats on the platform or in the audience. Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the League for Social Service, of New York, under the auspices of which the meeting was held, presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Randolph H. McKim, rector of Epiphany church; Rev. Dr. Frank M. Bristol, pastor of the Metropolitan church; Rev. Dr. S. M. Newman, pastor of the First Congregational church, and Mr. A. T. Schroeder of Salt Lake City. Several other Salt Lake City clergymen were present, including Dr. T. C. Huff, superintendent of Methodist missions in Utah; Rev. G. L. Martin, a Presbyterian of Salt Lake City, and Dr. Sarah J. Elliott, who has lived in Utah as a deaconess in the Episcopal church for several years.

MANNING SAYS IT IS NOT SO.

Master Mechanic Denies Story of Alleged Changes.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 4.—Master Mechanic J. H. Manning of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific denies most emphatically the story from Omaha this morning to the effect that Master Mechanic M. K. Barnum of Omaha will assume charge of the Wyoming division and that he, Manning, has been asked to resign, because he made himself unpopular with the management of the road through his efforts to settle the strike among the boiler-makers at this place; that McKee, now at North Platte, is slated to take Barnum's place at Omaha and that an Omaha foreman is to go to North Platte. "I wish to say," said Mr. Manning today, "that I have heard of no change to be made in the master department. I have not been asked to resign."

WRECK ON UNION PACIFIC.

Overland Flyer Run Into at Bushnell While Taking Water.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 4.—What came near being a very disastrous wreck occurred fifty-three miles east of here last night. Union Pacific train No. 1, the Overland Flyer, running late, stopped at Bushnell to take water, and while there was struck by No. 101, the fast mail. The engine of the mail train tore half way through a dining car on the rear end of No. 1, but luckily the conductor, cooks and waiters were all in the forward end and escaped injury. Harry Dixon, a Cheyenne fireman, was knocked from the tank of the engine of No. 1 and seriously injured. The track was not cleared until this morning. Aside from the demolished dining car, one mail car and the engine of 101 were badly damaged.

Lieutenant Monroe a Mississippian.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Lieutenant James N. Munro, who has just affected the daring capture of Bayambang, Luzon, came to Minneapolis in 1890, and attended the University of Minnesota for three years, when he received the appointment to West Point from Congressman Fletcher. He graduated there in 1897 and was assigned to the First cavalry and joined his regiment in Arizona. He was then transferred to the Fourth cavalry, stationed at Walla Walla, Wash., and was active in the Coeur d'Alene country during the outbreak of the miners last year.

Webster Davis Starts Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Mr. Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, left here tonight for a trip to South Africa. He will sail from New York Wednesday morning and be away three months. He will spend a portion of the time in the Transvaal.

To Push Hawaii to the Front.

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THE WAR ABOUT OVER

Aguinaldo's Insurrection in Luzon Appears to Be Rapidly Collapsing.

INSURGENTS GLAD TO SURRENDER

Bayambang Falls Into the Hands of American Forces—Cheering News For Friends of Peace—Largest Number of Filipino Rebels that Have Yet Captivated.

MANILA, Dec. 2.—General Conen has surrendered 500 officers and men with rifles, several American and seventy Spanish prisoners and the garrison at Bayambang, province of Nueva Viscaya, to Lieutenant Monroe with fifty men of the Fourth cavalry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Considerable interest is felt here in the news that the insurgents at Bayambang have surrendered, particularly as the number is said to exceed that captured by the United States troops at any one time.

Bayambang is the city to which Aguinaldo at one time contemplated retreating for the purpose of locating the rebel capital after he was forced to flee from Tarlac, but the American troops pressed him so hard that he was unable to carry out his intention. General Otis' dispatch of today, repeating information received from General Lawton, said it indicated that Bayambang had been captured on the 28th of November and it is thought this is the same place referred to in the Manila dispatch. No information regarding the surrender had been received at the war department up to an early hour this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The cabinet today discussed briefly the president's message, to which the finishing touches have been placed, except to that portion relating to the Philippines. This section of the message is being held up in the hope that the president may be able to announce the complete collapse of the insurrection before it goes to congress. Members of the cabinet are unanimously of the opinion that the rebellion is on its last legs and that any day may see the end.

"The Philippine question is solving itself," is the way one member put it today.

The president has decided not to send the message to congress until Tuesday, as the immediate adjournment of the senate upon the announcement of the death of Vice President Hobart would preclude its being read on Monday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Manila says General Lawton is at Bambang, twenty miles south of Bayambang, in the Cagayan valley.

He is in telegraphic communication with the insurgents over the wire in their possession, and commanders of the opposing forces are considering propositions made by telegraph looking to the surrender of the rebels to the Americans.

WILL OF HOBART IS FILED.

Widow and Son Receive the Bulk of \$2,500,000.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 2.—The will of the late Vice President Garret A. Hobart was filed in the Passaic county surrogate's office. The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be about \$2,500,000. Of the estate Mrs. Jennie Hobart, the widow, receives \$1,000,000 and one-half of the remainder after a number of bequests are paid, the son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., inheriting the other half when he attains his majority.

St. Joseph's hospital, the general hospital, the Children's Day nursery, St. Joseph's orphan asylum and Paterson orphan asylum, all of Paterson, receive \$5,000 each.

Hobart Tuttle, private secretary to Governor Voorhees and a brother-in-law of the vice president, receives \$20,000; A. M. Wilcox, a close friend of Mr. Hobart, receives \$10,000.

David Hobart, a brother of the late vice president, receives \$20,000 and to each of his two children is bequeathed \$10,000.

The executors of the will are the widow, Mrs. Jennie Hobart, A. A. Wilcox, E. T. Bell and Colonel William Harbour.

TO REVISE PENSION LAWS.

Senate Committee at Work Getting Evidence Ready.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senators Gallinger and Hansbrough, on behalf of the senate committee on pensions, have been engaged for the past day or two taking testimony under a resolution passed by the senate last session at the instance of Senator Hansbrough, instructing the committee to inquire into the wisdom of revising the pension laws. So far they have heard Secretary Hitchcock and Assistant Secretary Davis of the interior department, and Commissioner Evans and Assistant Commissioner Davenport, and they expected later to receive a statement from the commander of the Grand Army. The testimony of the officials examined favors a general revision of the laws by a non-partisan.

Priest Goes to Manila.

EL PASO, Dec. 2.—Archbishop Chappelle, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, passed through the city today on his way to Manila. He was met at the station by Vicar General Anthony Fortogue of the diocese of Santa Fe, and a number of priests. Before departing for the orient, Archbishop Chappelle acknowledged a deed before a notary, which conveyed to Father Fortogue all the property in the Santa Fe diocese, which was formerly presided over by the apostolic delegate.

May Cut Tax on Coffee in Brazil.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Arrangements are about to be opened with the view of allowing Brazil a reduction of about 10 per cent on the tax on coffee, on condition that French products are given the most favored nation treatment. Should the negotiations fail, the maximum tariff will be applied to Brazilian coffee.

LITTLE CHANGE IN HAYWARD.

Past Twenty-Four Hours Do Not Show Much Change.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 1.—The condition of Senator Hayward this evening shows little change from what it was twenty-four hours ago. He passed an uncomfortable night and has been very restless and uneasy today. Dr. Whitten spent most of the night at his bedside and has watched him closely during the day. At 6 o'clock tonight he issued the following bulletin: "Senator Hayward has had a very restless day, having slept very little. His temperature is 100, pulse 89, regular and softer than in the morning; respiration 24 and still intermittent. He is more conscious of his condition, as he manifested more concern about himself. Paralysis remains the same." The fact that the patient is more conscious of his condition is taken by Dr. Whitten as a good symptom, in that it shows that his mind is brighter and more free, indicating partial absorption of the clot, and yet if he becomes greatly concerned and worried the effect is likely to be unfavorable.

Major E. B. Hayward, the senator's brother, together with his wife, arrived from Davenport, Ia., at 9:30 this morning and has been at his brother's bedside almost the entire day. The scene in the sick room upon the major's entrance was very affecting. Senator Hayward recognized his brother instantly and apparently made a supreme effort to speak to him. Failing to utter a single intelligible word, he burst into tears and could not be quieted for some time. Mrs. Hayward was finally prevailed upon to take a few hours' rest last night and as a consequence is feeling much better physically today. However, her concern about her husband's condition is as great as ever.

LIPTON WILL CHALLENGE.

If No One Else Wants to Try for the Cup Again, He Will.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Sir Thomas Lipton, speaking at the annual dinner of the Temple Yacht club at the Hotel Cecil this evening, Lord Charles Beresford presiding, referred in generous terms to his recent visit to the United States.

"No man," said Sir Thomas, "could have had fairer or better treatment. No man could have met with a more generous welcome than I had and received at the hands of the greatest and of the humblest in America. I can see no room for discouragement and unless some one else challenges, I shall certainly do so myself very soon. All I can say is that we had a fair and square race and got a fair and square licking."

AGUINALDO'S MOTHER ARRIVES.

Bandits Intended to Hold Her for a Ransom—To Sell to Aguinaldo.

MANILA, Dec. 1.—Aguinaldo's mother has arrived here and has been given shelter by Senor Legarde, a prominent amigo, who was secretary of the treasury before the outbreak, and who resigned when it came. It seems that Buencamino's party took refuge in a bandit village, which had offered Aguinaldo an asylum, intending to sell him to the Americans. The bandits assassinated half of Buencamino's guard and prepared to keep Aguinaldo's mother for ransom.

Bryan Takes No Part.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 1.—William J. Bryan's attention having been called to a report from Washington that it is hinted there that he was inclined to favor the nomination of Sulzer for speaker by the democratic congressional contingent, expressed himself as follows in the matter: "I have not said nor written anything for or against any candidate for speaker. I have not taken any part in the contest and shall not. The democrats in congress are entirely competent to settle the question of leadership for themselves, and I have no doubt that the caucus will make a wise selection."

Congratulations Over Samoa.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The Koalition Zeitung today publishes a letter from Emperor William addressed to Duke Albrecht, regent of the grand duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, in which his majesty congratulates Germany on the acquisition of Samoa and expresses hopes that, with God's help, the German colonies, "sustained by the intelligent and self-sacrificing solicitude of the people and supported by a strong fleet, may, in peaceful competition with other nations, advance on the road to prosperous development and prove a blessing to the fatherland."

Horse Thief Kills Himself.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 1.—A wildly tragic suicide of a Black Bull horse thief and allround desperado took place at noon today on a train on the Sioux City & Western near Sioux City. The smoking car of the train was crowded at the time. The man was Harry Rogers, who was being taken by Sheriff Sweeney and a deputy from Butte county, South Dakota, to the penitentiary. The prisoner was known as a dangerous man, one who would shoot or kill in a desperate attempt to make his escape.

Protest Against Seating Roberts.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 1.—At two o'clock today a group of citizens, which included more than thirty churches, a committee from the Ministerial union presented resolutions protesting against seating Brigham H. Roberts as congressman from Utah. The resolutions ask that if this cannot be prevented and expulsion is not possible, congress prepare the way for a constitutional amendment which shall forbid polygamy.

Status in Wreath Race.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The cruiser New Orleans has arrived at Colombo on her way to Manila. This brings her up to the cruiser Brooklyn for the first time since their ocean race to the Philippines began. The Brooklyn arrived at Colombo yesterday and will coal probably in time to get away ahead of the New Orleans. The latter has been gaining late, however, and has bettered her position by two days against the Brooklyn since leaving Aden. At this rate the indications are that the New Orleans will be the first to arrive at Manila.

CLOSE CALL FOR LIFE

Soldiers on a Transport Bail the Water to Keep From Sinking.

WATER VERY DEEP IN THE HOLD

Troops Reach Manila on a Transport After a Terrible Experience—All on Board Pressed Into Service—Steam Pumps Break Down and Buckets Are Used for Bailing Purposes.

MANILA, Nov. 29.—When the transport Manuense anchored in Manila bay this morning, thirty-three days from San Francisco, there were several feet of water in its hold and 400 grimy, greasy, hungry, exhausted soldiers and sailors who had been passing buckets of water since November 17, night and day. First Assistant Engineer Dunleavy was under arrest and, according to Lieutenant Colonel Webb Hayes' official report, the chief engineer would also have been under arrest if there had been anyone to replace him.

The colonel's report also declares that the captain of the vessel told him that the only thing which brought them through was the fact that the men were greenhorns and failed to realize their danger, while experienced seamen would have deserted the ship and taken to the boats in mid-ocean.

The Manuense is a chartered ship flying the British flag. It carried three companies of the Thirty-first infantry. It belongs to a firm of which Senator Perkins of San Francisco is alleged to be a junior member. The officers say the firm bought it for \$45,000, and they assert efforts were made to sell it to the government for \$150,000. It started from San Francisco, accompanied by the transport Pekin, which carried the remainder of the regiment, and encountered heavy seas to Honolulu without accident.

After starting it developed that the ship was undermanned and soldiers had to be detailed to act as firemen, coal-passers and waiters and to do other work. Before reaching Honolulu the crew concluded that the ship was not safe and the majority agreed to desert. Though they were closely watched many of them succeeded in getting away and the Manuense left Honolulu with less than half its crew. The captain of the transport told Colonel Hayes November 17 that the vessel had sprung a leak and an investigation resulted in finding several feet of water in its hold.

The steam pumps were tried, but failed to work, and there were no hand-pumps on board. However, forty-six buckets were found, others were improvised and the soldiers not employed in working the ship were organized into five shifts, and, stripped and forming lines, they began bailing, the officers working with the men, passing the buckets which were sent up to the deck by a windlass. The longest time a shift could stand was two hours and often the period was not longer than half an hour. The bailing continued until the ship anchored here.

The same day the leak was discovered the machinery collapsed and the electric lighting plant and evaporating, distilling and refrigerating apparatus failed to work. There were no lamps and the few candles found were exhausted after a few days. During the last week of the passage the Manuense was in utter darkness at night. It had been rolling in heavy seas all the way, but November 22 it encountered a typhoon and pitched and tossed alarmingly.

IOWA OFFICIAL COUNT.

Returns on Candidates Except Those Heading the Ticket.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 29.—The state executive council today completed the official count of the returns from the last general election, excepting those on governor and lieutenant governor, which go to the legislature for official verification. The figures follow: For state superintendent of public instruction, Richard C. Barrett, rep., 235,687; B. P. Holst, dem., 179,623; D. S. Dunlavy, pro., 7,571; C. Wirth, pop., 1,089; Mrs. E. Pardee Travis, socialist labor, 795; W. C. Edgerton, united Christian, 401; for judge of supreme court, John C. Sherwin, 179,431; H. F. Johns, pro., 7,666; L. H. Weller, pop., 1,783; F. W. Darner, united Christian, 405; scattering, 12; for railroad commissioner, Edward A. Dawson, rep., 237,667; W. H. Calhoun, dem., 179,444; A. B. Wray, pro., 7,579; Robert L. Dunning, pop., 1,735; N. Heisel, socialist labor, 756; C. Z. Lindley, united Christian, 407.

NEBRASKA PIONEER DEAD.

Former United States Senator Thomas W. Tipton Expires.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Thomas W. Tipton, one of Nebraska's first United States senators, died in this city this evening at 8:30, after a long illness.

He was born in Cadiz, O., August 5, 1817, and was elected to the legislature of Ohio in 1845, but after some time settled in Nebraska. He was elected a delegate to the Nebraska constitutional convention, and became, in 1860, a member of the territorial council. Subsequently he studied for the ministry and was appointed chaplain of the First Nebraska and served during the civil war. He was United States senator from Nebraska from March 4, 1867, till March 3, 1873.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but burial will undoubtedly take place in this city. At the time of his death Mr. Tipton was about completing his reminiscences of the politics of Nebraska for the state historical society.

Wins After 35 Rounds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Kid Brode of Cleveland defeated Dave Sullivan of Boston in a twenty-five round fight tonight before the Broadway Athletic club. Sullivan, in the opening rounds, assumed the aggressive, but at no time offset his adversary's defensive attacks and counters.

UNCLE SAM WILL NOT AGREE.

Hitch in the Samoan Treaty Over Minor Points.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The United States has declined to accept the agreement as to the disposition of the Samoan islands reached by Great Britain and Germany. It was possibly the leaking out of some information to this effect that gave rise to the report circulated in European capitals recently of the development of a serious hitch in the negotiations.

As a matter of fact there is no serious hitch and the reasons which influenced the state department here in rejecting the British-German arrangement when it was submitted for approval related entirely to minor matters and touched rather upon the form than the substance of the arrangement.

Having rejected the tentative treaty submitted by the other two powers, our government has in turn, and at the instance of the other parties, prepared and submitted a draft of a treaty which it is hoped will be acceptable to all three powers. This is now before the foreign offices at London and Berlin for consideration and it is confidently believed here that it will receive unanimous approval, not differing in principle, as already stated, from the original project.

UNION PACIFIC LANDS SOLD.

Clearance Sale of Real Estate in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 28.—A clearance sale of lands held by the receivers of the Union Pacific Railroad company in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah was held here this morning by Master in Chancery Abbott. The lands in question were purchased by Judge Cornish, vice president of the Union Pacific Railway company, for \$14,000. The property sold was lands not covered by previous foreclosures and this sale disposes of all lands in the hands of the receivers.

On Wednesday the hospital building at Ogden will be sold and December 6 the salvage of the hospital at Denver will be sold also.

There still remains to be sold in addition to the hospital property at Ogden and Denver, some stocks and bonds. It is expected this will be done and the receivership finally closed within two or three months.

RACE THROUGH THE BIG HORN.

Burlington Awards a Contract and U. P. Is After a Route.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 28.—Information received here states that the Burlington railroad recently awarded a contract to Messrs. Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins of Beatrice, Neb., to construct a grade for a line of railroad from Talooka, on the Alliance-Billings line, to Cody City, in the Big Horn basin, work upon which will be commenced as soon as a force of laborers and teams are gotten together.

It is also announced that the Northern Pacific is about to let the contract for a line of road through the basin and is making every effort to reach that section first. The building of one or both roads would open to development of the richest agricultural, mining and stock-raising sections in the west.

BRYAN WILL BE THE CANDIDATE.

So Says Richard Crocker in an Interview Before Departure for Europe.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Richard Crocker, who is to sail for Europe tomorrow, was interviewed today at the democratic club. He said:

"I want to say before my departure for Europe that Mr. Bryan will be the standard-bearer for the democratic party in the next campaign. The fight will be made against trusts and imperialism and Mr. Bryan is the only man to lead such a campaign. I am sure he will give him his heartiest support. No running mate for Mr. Bryan has been selected yet, although several names have been under discussion."

Contracts for Six Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Contracts for the six new 3,500-ton cruisers were awarded today at the navy department, in accordance with the recommendations of the board of construction, one to each of the following firms: William R. Trigg, of Richmond; Lewis Nixon of Elizabethport, N. J.; the Bath Iron Works of Bath, Me.; the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, Cal.; and Neafie & Levy of Philadelphia. All the boats are to be constructed in accordance with the department's designs.

Kansas City Girls Strike.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Three hundred girls and women, members of the Garment Makers' union, struck at Swofford Bros. Dry Goods company's factory today because of a difference over wages, and later marched through the streets. The women claim they were locked out, while the firm says the women made a formal demand for a restoration of the piece system of payment, and when it was refused struck.

Combine in Montana Sheep.

BILLINGS, Mont., Nov. 28.—Consolidated Montana Sheep and Lamb company, which has been amalgamating the sheep industry of the state with a capital of \$10,000,000, now has options on 500,000 head of sheep and 500,000 acres of the best sheep raising land in the state. The Montana representatives are Cole Waters and Edward Morrison of this city, while Bert Reize of New York is counsel and organizer.

Death of an Ex-Governor.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28.—A private dispatch received from Galveston, Tex., announced the death of Samuel H. Elbert, ex-Governor of Colorado, in that city. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Elbert was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1833. He was a delegate from Nebraska to the convention which nominated Lincoln for president in 1860. President Grant appointed Mr. Elbert governor of the territory of Colorado in 1873. He was elected chief justice of the supreme court of the state when Colorado was admitted to the union in 1876, and he served one full term.