

# FINAL NOTE ON GOLD

Senate Finance Bill is Passed, 46 For to 29 Against.

## FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Amendment Adopted Leaving Door Open to Bimetallism by Concurrence of Leading Commercial Nations—Some of the Amendments Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—By the decisive majority of 46 to 29 the senate yesterday passed the bill.

Prior to the final passage amendments were considered under the tentative rule. Only two of these amendments were adopted, one offered by the finance committee, keeping the door open to international bimetallism, and by Nelson of Massachusetts, providing for national banks with \$25,000 capital in towns of not more than 4,000 inhabitants.

The vote taken on the various amendments offered were practically along party lines. Chandler, republican of New Haven, voted for the bimetallism amendment, but against the bill.

A special dispatch to the Times from Chief Clerk Natal, dated Tuesday, February 13, says: "General Littleton has succeeded to the command of the Second division during the illness of General Clerly, who is suffering from blood poisoning. Colonel Northcott of the 11th brigade temporarily commands the Fourth division."

The secretary of the treasury is to set apart a fund of \$100,000,000 for the redemption of these notes and maintain this fund at a figure not below \$100,000,000.

The secretary of the treasury is also authorized to refund the bonded indebtedness of the United States in thirty-year bonds bearing 2 per cent interest, the principal and interest of these bonds to be paid in gold.

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# UNLIMITED FAITH IN "BOBS."

English Do not Harbor a Doubt He Will Succeed.

## A TEST VOTE FOR GOLD

Chandler's Amendment For Commission-ers to Bimetallism Conference Lost.

Final Vote on Amendments and the Bill Yet to Come—Aldrich Says Democrats are Not Bimetallists, but Silverites—Those Who Spoke Previous to the Ballot.

Throughout its session the senate, on the 14th, had the financial bill under discussion. Until 2 o'clock the debate proceeded under the ten-minute rule, and the debate was spirited and interesting.

The democratic senators arraigned the republicans for reporting the amendment, declaring they were insincere and that the proposition was intended to hoodwink the people and catch votes.

## LIVE STOCK CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

First of the Kind in the History of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Governor Merriam, director of the census, today appointed Charles J. Martin of Denver, and secretary of the National Live Stock association, a special agent in charge of the taking of a classified census of live stocks for the census.

This will be the first time in the history of the country that a classified census of live stock will have been taken.

## CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Understood that McKinley Favors Free Trade With Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Representatives Payne, Grosvenor and Dalzell, members of the ways and means committee of the house, today had a conference with the president on the subject of the pending Porto Rican tariff.

It is understood that the president assured them that while he was rather of the opinion that there should be a tariff on the island and the United States, he had no disposition to intrude his views upon congress, and if it was the opinion of the committee and a majority of both houses that there should be a small or nominal customs charge on Porto Rican goods entering the United States, he would willingly accept their judgment.

## HE WAS A WALKER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The body of Sergeant Morris J. Cohen of the Twentieth Kansas regiment of volunteers, who was killed in the battle of Calocan, Philippine islands, arrived in Jersey City today.

Expect Wool to Rise.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 16.—Wyoming wool growers are holding their wool clips for 23 cents per pound. This fact was ascertained by an eastern wool buyer, who just returned from a trip over the state.

## ENGLAND BUYING MORE MULES.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—The British army agents have let another contract for 2,500 mules, to be delivered at this port as fast as the animals can be purchased.

## WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The plan for reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service on a civil service basis was defeated and tabled in the house committee on foreign affairs today by a vote of 7 to 7.

## WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of James Allen of Kansas, to be commissioner of the International Exposition at Paris; also a number of army nominations, including Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Cummins of the Twenty-seventh infantry, to be colonel of that regiment.

## IOWAN PLACED AT THE HEAD.

Buffalo, Feb. 16.—The American Carnation society, composed of prominent florists, began its annual convention here today. These officers were elected: President, Robert Holliday, Iowa; vice president, William Weber, Maryland; secretary, Albert Herr, Pennsylvania; treasurer, V. Dorner, Indiana.

## Doa Minors Military Post.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The senate committee on military affairs has favorably reported the bill for the establishment of a military post at Doa Minors, Ia.

## Indiana's Foul Play.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The Standard prints a lengthy statement, signed by Mrs. Charles A. Chickering, widow of Representative Chickering, who was killed in New York on Tuesday, in which it is stated she believes that Mr. Chickering was the victim of foul play.

# TAYLOR TAKES INITIATIVE.

Inaugurates Legal Measures Against Beckham and Castleman.

## UNCLE SAM'S OFFICIAL AT SEWARD SHY A TRIFLE OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS—ONE OF HIS BONDSMEN DROPS DEAD WHEN INFORMED OF THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE POSTOFFICE.

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Wolcott, speaking on Chandler's amendment, suggested that this was the existing law, and asked Chandler to withdraw it, but Chandler declined, saying that if the amendment was existing law it could do no harm to adopt it.

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