

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Senate to Dispose of Appropriations Quickly to Make Way for Subsidy Bill.

POSSESSIONS MAY GET ATTENTION

In the House Revenue Reduction Likely to Inspire Vigorous Debate—Hazing Practice May Be Considered Any Time—Other Matters in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—If consideration of the naval appropriation bill is completed Monday, as it is supposed it will be, the ship subsidy bill will be called up by Senator Frye and that bill will continue to receive the attention of the senate during the remainder of the day.

There will be no effort to prevent displacement of the subsidy bill by the appropriation bill. The committee on appropriations hopes to be able to report the fortifications appropriation bill by the time the agricultural bill shall be disposed of and the army appropriation bill is expected to be reached later in the week.

No decision has been reached yet as to whether there will be renewed effort to secure night sessions in the considering of the subsidy bill, but the present indications are that there will be no further immediate attempt in that direction.

Much interest is felt in the effort which is to be made to secure legislation in connection with the army appropriation bill in regard to the Philippines and Cuba. It has been always supposed that any attempt in either direction would open up the entire colonial policy of the administration and lead to interminable debate.

The revenue reduction bill will come before the house tomorrow, with some prospect of an animated discussion.

MARY IV AS RIGHTFUL QUEEN.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Daily Mail makes the following statement: A notice declaring Edward VII an usurper and Mary IV the rightful queen was posted on the gates of St. James palace and at the guild hall on the night Queen Victoria died.

OMAHA, Feb. 11.—General Charles F. Manderson had gained so much yesterday that he was able to partly dress and sit up. He was much better than at any time since his illness began.

SWARMS OF BOERS.

Major Carew's Column Encounters Them—and Fierce Fighting Follows.

EAST LONDON, Cape Colony, Feb. 11.—Details have been received here of severe fighting at Tabaksberg mountain, forty miles east of the railway and about midway between Smaldef and Bloemfontein.

Major Carew, with a composite column traveling southwest, sighted the mountain on the morning of January 31. He heard heavy firing and knowing that Colonel Picher's column was on the other side of the mountain he concluded that this office was in action.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening the Boers charged the position and turned both flanks. The British ammunition became exhausted and Major Carew was obliged to retire and abandon the pompong after the advance party had endeavored to save it and had sustained severe losses.

MAY RELEASE MRS. MAYBRICK

Will Be Given Her Freedom After 12 Year's Imprisonment.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A special cablegram from London to the Chicago Record says: A well authenticated report reaches the Record correspondent tonight to the effect that Florence T. L. Maybrick will be released from Alcatraz prison tomorrow (Monday).

Ever since Charles Thomson Ritchie, the new home secretary, came into office last November efforts to secure the release of Mrs. Maybrick have been active and have continued up to within a very few days ago.

The authorities conversant with the attempts to secure the famous prisoner's freedom assert that if at last she is to be given her liberty this may be regarded as due to the influence of King Edward and may be interpreted as a token of appreciation of American sympathy over the death of Queen Victoria.

Armours Pay for Quail.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—Through B. C. Eldridge of South Omaha the Armour Packing company pleaded guilty in Justice Green's court to the charge of violating the state game laws. A car of quail was found in the company's possession last week, and proceedings were begun by local members of the Fish and Game Protection association.

Packing Plant to Resume.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 9.—The packing houses in this city, which were closed down last summer on account of a disagreement among the stockholders of the Chicago Packing and Provision company, have been bought by a new company and will be started up immediately.

Kitchener's Accusers Arraigned.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 9.—Alfred Cartwright, editor of the South African News, who was arrested yesterday charged with criminal and seditious libel contained in a letter accusing General Kitchener of secretly instructing his troops to take no prisoners, was formally arraigned in police court here this morning and remanded in £2,000 bail.

WILD RUMORS AFLOAT

Reports Go Round London That Chamberlain Is Reconsidering.

TALK OF THE RECALL OF MILNER

Round Table Conference with Liberal Leaders in Contemplation—The Tories Denied—The Mouthpiece of Colonial Secretary.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Public attention has again turned to South Africa by the dispatch of reinforcements and the publication of Lord Roberts' mail dispatches.

Rumors have been in circulation that Mr. Chamberlain has reconsidered his South African policy and was contemplating a round-table conference with Mr. John Morley and Sir William Harcourt and the recall of Sir Alfred Milner.

Lord Roberts asserts deliberately that the permanent tranquility of the republic depends on the complete disarmament of the inhabitants, a task difficult, but attainable with time and patience.

Looking at all the circumstances, Lord Roberts says the campaign is "unique in the annals of war" and he pays the highest tribute to the gallantry and worth of the troops, declaring that "no finer force ever took the field under the British flag."

These have suffered considerable excision at the hands of the war office. They do not throw any further light on the summary retirement of General Colville or any other matters regarding which the public is anxious to hear.

The appearance of bubonic plague at Capetown seems likely to add to the difficulties of the situation. The authorities there have decided upon a wholesale extermination of rats.

Today Sir Alfred Milner makes another earnest appeal to employers to allow as many men as possible to enroll in the colonial mounted defense force.

From Delagoa Bay it is reported that the Boers have occupied Ermelo and Carolina, which until recently were Boer depots.

OUTLINING THE KING'S SPEECH.

British Cabinet Council Holds Session to Frame the Document.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The cabinet meeting today will presumably settle the terms of King Edward's speech at the opening of his first parliament, February 19, which may be expected to partially repeat his majesty's speech to the privy council on accession day.

Recommend Wyoming Men.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Senators Warren and Clark and Representative Mondell of Wyoming have recommended for appointment as officers in the regular army under the new reorganization act all the Wyoming men now in the volunteer service.

Union Pacific's High Figure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A new high figure was scored by Union Pacific common today, when 129,400 shares sold up to 95, a rise of three and one-eighth.

Another Railroad Combine.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The Tribune tomorrow will say that according to reports received here today a new Milwaukee & St. Paul deal is being planned, with President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern left out.

FINANCING BY UNION PACIFIC.

Plan for New Acquisition Is Agreed on by the Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A plan for financing the acquisition of controlling interests in the Southern Pacific on behalf of the Union Pacific was today agreed upon by the executive committee of the Union Pacific, which will make an official announcement tomorrow.

Semi-official admissions made tonight are already directly in line with what has already been published. The Central Pacific will be taken out of the Southern Pacific system and annexed separately to the Union Pacific.

Union Pacific was a market leader again today. Both common and preferred rose violently. Over 125,000 shares of common was sold. The heaviest buyer was John W. Gates. All his brokers were on the floor.

WILL OPPOSE SENATE BILL.

Republicans Discuss War Revenue Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The republican members of the ways and means committee met this afternoon to formulate a plan of action relative to the war revenue bill, but no definite conclusion was reached beyond the decision to nonconcur in the senate amendments.

The action of the senate in substituting an entirely new bill for the bill as it passed the house, is looked upon as a distinct invasion of the prerogative of the house to initiate revenue legislation and at the meeting today some of the members favored radical action to sustain what they consider the constitutional rights of the house to originate revenue legislation.

Another proposition, and the one that met with most favor, was to report back the bill to the house tomorrow with a recommendation of non-concurrence, but without a request for a conference.

NO MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Wait Awhile for Creation of a Vacancy in the List of Generals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—It is said at the war office that no more general officers of the army will be appointed until the senate has acted on those sent in on Tuesday.

FOR BRANCH MINT IN OMAHA.

House Committee Will Favorably Report the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures decided to report favorably the bill establishing a branch mint at Omaha and appropriating \$100,000 therefor.

Attacks Statue of Virgin.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Hilberand de Britto Lyra, a relative of the president of Brazil, Dr. Campos Salles, was incarcerated in an asylum for the insane today after committing a sacrilegious outrage in a Roman Catholic church at Mallock Bath.

Morgan Opposes Subsidy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The senate had both day and night sessions today. At the day session the pension bill appropriating \$144,000,000 was passed after a few minutes consideration.

HE GETS MORE TROOPS

Lord Kitchener to Be Reinforced by Thirty Thousand Mounted Men.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

Ten Thousand of the New Troops Will Be Available Soon—Hard Pressed on All Sides British Commander Looks to England for Assistance.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office:

"In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the government has decided, in addition to the recently equipped forces for South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 more mounted troops, beyond those already landed in Cape Colony.

Recruiting for the imperial yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is believed 10,000 will soon be available.

"The South African mounted constabulary, including those recruited in the colonies, may be relied upon to extend to 8,000, and the new colonial contingents to replace those withdrawn will probably reach 5,000.

The Gazette announces that General Brabant has been appointed to the command of the force being raised for the defense of Cape Colony, with Colonel Gouard as his chief of staff.

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WAY TO BEAT TWINE COMBINE.

Iowa Farmer Discovers That Velvet Weed Fiber is as Strong as Hemp.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—A special to the Times-Herald from Creston, Ia., says: State Senator Clark of Page county has made public a way to beat the twine combine.

The discovery that the weed could be thus utilized was made by D. D. Weir, a farmer, living near Clarinda. Mr. Weir discovered the strength of the fibre of the weed about two months ago.

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Army.—To be lieutenant general, Major General Nelson A. Miles.

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Rumor as to Queen's Will.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The latest rumor regarding Queen Victoria's will is that it bequeaths £140,000 each to the duke of Connaught, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice.

Sioux Falls in Hard Luck.

SIWOX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 6.—Andrew Carnegie has, through Senator Pettigrew, made a proffer of a \$25,000 donation to the city of Sioux Falls for a public library building.

MRS. NATION STARTS EARLY.

Smashes a Saloon at Daylight and is Landed in Jail by Police.

TOPEKA, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Nation launched her crusade against the joints at an early hour this morning. She rose at 4:30, and soon afterward started out on a tour of joint-smashing.

"The next place visited was 'The Senate,' at 406 Kansas avenue. The women entered without resistance, but a colored man quickly seized Mrs. Nation and took her hatchet away.

The senate saloon which was wrecked was one of the handsomest and most complete in its equipments of any in the city. It is fitted up with a handsome cherry bar, and the great mirror which hung on the north side was valued at fully \$500.

At the police station Mrs. Nation was booked as a "joint smasher." The others were released. Her case was continued till Thursday with bond, the charge preferred being that of "instigating a riot."

SAYS HE IS CHARLIE ROSS.

Man Walks Into Chicago Police Station and Tells Strange Story.

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MILES GETS HIS REWARD.

President Names Present Major General for the Higher Rank.

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