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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. Senator Caffery will take the floor when the bill is taken up and is expected to occupy the remaining portion of the day, whatever time there may be left. Senator Proctor has given notice that as chairman of the committee on agriculture he will call up the agricultural appropriation bill on Tuesday.

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. The plan is to have all appropriation bills acted on as promptly as possible after they are reported, but when there are no bills of that character before the senate the subsidy bill will continue to

have right of way. 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. The opponents of the bill declare that in case of a renewal of the night meetings the friends of the bill will be compelled pose not to do this in case of further efforts to bring the bill to a vote by carrying the senate meetings into the

Much interest is felt in the effort lation 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, but there is now unquestionably a quite general acquiesence in the effort to be made for Philippine and Cuban legislation. Whether this is due to the fact that there has not been time to consider the bearing of these two proposed amendments sufficiently or to the general desire to avoid an extra session of congress, does not yet appear. Be that as it may, a majority at least of the democrats seem quite willing that a vote should be reached on both these provisions, Indeed, it is understood to be the position of Senator Jones of Arkansas and of his immediate supporters in opposition to the subsidy bill that there will be no obstacle to getting a vote upon any till before the senate, except the ship subsidy bill and possibly

The revenue reduction bill will come before the house tomorrow, with some prospect of an animated discussion. The ways and means committee has already determined on a recommendation for a disagreement to the senate amendments to the bill and that a conference with the senate be asked. But this determination has aroused considerable feeling among the majority members of the committee and this may Ind expression when Chairman Payne presents the report and

the oleomargarine bill.

moves for a conference. Following this matter, the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill will claim attention, the general discussion of fereign questions, particularly the Philippines, being still open. The army appropriation bill and the sundry civil bill also will receive consideration during the week.

### MARY IV AS RIGHTFUL QUEEN.

Declaration Made in a Poster Fastened to Palace Gates.

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 Victorie died. It was not signed and no one saw it posted at either place, but it is known to have been the handiwork of a member of the Jacobite league. Probably no action will be taken, but the incident explains why the legitimists were not allowed to put flowers on the statute of Charles I. January 1.

Gen. Manderson Better.

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

#### 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 Smalldeel and Bloemfontein.

Major Crawe, with a composite column traveling southwest, sighted the mountain on the morning of January He heard heavy firing and knowing that Colonel Pilcher's column was on the other side of the mountain he concluded that this office was in ac-Consequently he hurried forward, only to meet Boers streaming down and evidently retiring from Colonel Pilcher's lyddite shells. Immediately Major Crewe brought three fifteen-pounders and a pompon to bear on the Boers, who, however, were found to be so numerous that it was impossible to head them. Orders were given to return to camp, about two miles from the mountain. The column rested until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the march was resumed

Major Crewe was just touching the southern point of the mountain when a terrific rifle fire opened from a large force of Boers who were in ambuseade on the mountain. The fight soon became general. The Boers outnumbered the British five to one and were attacking them on both flanks and the rear. The British pompom jammed and became useless. Major Crewe grasped the situation and by a brilliant move got the convoy into a safe position.

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 Crewe was obliged to retire and abandon the pompom after the advance party had endeavored to save it and had sustained severe

A rear guard action was fought by Major Crewe into the camp, where the wagons had been laagered. personally superintended the retirement, the Boers harassing him throughout. Entrenchments

thrown up during the night. When morning came Major Crewe started to join General Knox, twelve to keep constantly in the chamber a miles southwest. The Boers immediquorum of their own. While they ately reattacked him, compelling him made frequent demands for a call of to fight a second rearguard action for the senate during the evening sessions a few miles. General Dewet personof last week, they always themselves ally commanded the Boers, estimated replied to their names when called. at 2,500. Major Crewe's force was It is now understood to be their pur- only 700. Eventually the British officer joined General Knox and returned to Bloemfortein. Lord Kitchener has highly complimented Major Crewe on the achmievement.

### which is to be made to secure legis- 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. T. Maybrick will be released from Alyesbury prison tomorrow (Monday.) At the United States embassy nothing is known about the matter, and Ambassador Choate when seen at his residence tonight declined either to deny

or confirm the rumor. Ever since Charles Thomson Ritchie, the new home sceretary, 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 efforts of Ambassador Choate, although made informally, have been unceasing. When Mrs. Maybrick was allowed the privilege of seeing her New York lawyer, Clark Bell, last summer, that gentleman told the Record correspondent that the chances for his client's release were more favorable than they had been at any other time during her twelve years' incar-

ceration. 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

### 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. On the plea of guilty the company was fined \$500, which was paid promptly.

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 Gregson of Chicago will be president.

Kitchner's Accusers Arraigned.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 9 .- Albert 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.

Reports Go Round London That Chamber-

lain Is Reconsidering.

Round Table Conference with Liberal

TALK OF THE RECALL OF MILNER

Leaders in Contemplation-The Storles 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

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, The Daily Mail says it is able to assert, on Mr. Chamberlain's authority, that the story is a fabrication and that the government recains the most absolute confidence in Sir Alfred Milner. "Mr. Chamberlair flatly denies," says the Mail, "that he has had any communication with any member of the opposition on the subject of the war."

Lord Roberts' dispatches are not regarded as giving any further elucidation of the conduct of the war, but they are interesting, as proving that throughout the campaign he never had sufficient men, horses or supplies to cover such a vast field of op-

Lord Roberts asserts deliberately that the permanent tranquility of the republic "depends on the complete disarmament of the inhabitants, a task difficult, I admit, 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."

There is a general idea that the dispatches 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 regaring 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. Should the diseaes spread it will necessitate changes in the military ar-

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

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

The Boers held up a Natal mail train near Vlakfontein. The few soldiers on board exhausted their cartridges and the Boers then robbed the passengers, afterward allowing the trai nto proceed.

### 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, expressing thanks for the condolences and expressions of loyalty, referring to his deep sense of the responsibility of his new position and announcing his determination to work for the welfare of all classes.

### 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. are: Lieutenant L. L. Dietrick, Cheyenne; Lieutenant Charles H. Burritt. Buffalo; Captain George R. Shannon, Laramie; Captain Thomas Miller, Buffalo; Captain Loren Cheever, Sheridan; Captain Ira L. Fredenhall, Chevenne. Of these officers, Dietrick, Burritt, Miller and Cheever are in th Philippines, Shanonn is in Cuba, and Frendenhall in China.

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 oneeighth. In addition to the buying by banking interests considerable stock was taken by traders on the notion that in some way the stockholders would receive valuable rights in connection with the Southern Pacific purchase. Halle & Stieglitz bought heavily all day. .

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. According to this story the Pennsylvania, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Northern Pacific are to be merged into one sys-

#### FINANCING BY UNION PACIFIC.

by the Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 .- A plan for financing the acquisition of controlling interests in the Scathern 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. The directors do not want to assume any direct burden on behalf of the Union Pacific, so will issue debenture bonds secured by the Southern Pa ific stock purchased, the bonds being redeemable at par at the company's option or exchangeable for Union Pacific stock at par within a limited period. It is also said that two Southern Pacific bonds may be exchanged for one Union Pacific.

Union Pacific was a market leader again today. Both common and preferred rose violently. Over 125,000 shares of common was sold. heaviest buyer was John W. Gates. All his brokers were on the floor. He bought 40,000 shares. Other heavy buyers were: Keech, Loew & Co., Jacob Field, A. Houseman, William Oliver, Wasserman Bros., C. A. Missing, Halle & Siglitz and Clarke, Dodge & Co. It is said that a large amount of stock was purchased by the interests recently in control of the Southern Pacific, and this list of brokers indicates that.

#### 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. The plan was to ignore the bill in its present form and to pass another entirely new revenue bill. But this was regarded as entirely too radical.

Another proposition, and the one that met with most favor, was to report back the bill to the house tomorrow with a recommendation of nonconcurrence, but without a request for a conference. This would require the senate to ask for a conference if any was to be held.

## NO MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Wait Awhile for Creation of a Vacancy in the L'st 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. One reason is that there will be no vacancy in the list of generals unless General Miles is confirmed in the higher rank. Unless a vacancy occurs in that manner, it is predicted that it will be filled by the appointment of Colonel C. Bates, who was yesterday nominated a brigadier general. Such an appointment would prevent the appointment of Brigadier General Wade or Merriam to a major generalship for some time.

Under the present plan Brigadier General Schwan, nominated yesterday, will be retired immediately after his confirmation, and Colonel Daggett of the Fourteenth infantry will be appointed to the vacancy.

### 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. Sutherland of the Fifth district of Nebraska was the member

Attacks Statue of Virgin. LONDON, Feb. 7.-Hildberand de Britto Lyra, a relative of the presi-

of the sub-committee that took initial

action

dent 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 Matlock Bath, a place a few miles south of Mallock, in the county of Derby. Lyra suddenly appeared in the church this morning during service, jumped over the altar rails and attacked a statue of the Virgin Mary.

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. The ship subsidy bill was then taken up, and Messrs. Mc-Laurin and Morgan, both democrats, made speeches on it. Mr. McLaurin announced his intention to support the bill and Mr. Morgan opposed it in vigorous language. Packers deny the rumor

# HE GETS MORE TROOPS

Lord Kitchener to Be Reinforced by Thirty Thousand Mounted Men.

#### THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

fen 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

"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

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 remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served a year in South Africa is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the forces. The first consignment will leave on the Aurania February 19."

Lourenzo Marquez, Feb. 7.-The railroad has been cut by the Boers fifty-three kilometers from here.

The war office has notified the yeomanry recruiting stations that it is desired to enroll an additional 5,000 yeomanry CAPETOWN, Feb. 7 .- A party of

Imperial Yeomanry came into contact with the invaders near Prince Albert Cape Colony, and an officer and some men are missing.

The Gazette announces that General Brabant has been appointed to the command of the force being raised for the defense of Cape Colony, with on East Sixth street late Monday af-Colonel Giouard as his chief of staff. His headquarters will be at East London, from which point he will advance northward and westward, gradually clearing the colony of invaders and enabling the imperial forces to concentrate ultimately on the territory of the republics.

# WAY TO BEAT TWINE COMBINE.

Iowu 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. At a farmers' institute he displayed a piece of twine and a piece of rope, resembling a good quality of hemp. These, he explained, were made from velvet weed, or abutilon, which grows rankly on almost every farm and has been considered useless.

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. He picked up a few strands from the ground after they had lain there rotting since last summer and found them very strong. They were separated into threads as fine as the best hemp. He endeavored to secure a patent, but found that a discovery of that nature could not be patented. A machine for making it could be patented, but the use of the weed for making twine and rope must be left free to everybody.

### Want McKinley to Stay Away.

SAVANNAH, Ca., Feb. 7 .- The Condederate Veterans' association of Savannah passed resolutions against the invitation to President McKinley to attend the reunion of confederate veterans in Memphis. The association calls upon General Gordon, commander-in-chief, to name some other city than Memphis as the place for the reunion, and says it will not send delegates to Memphis if the invitation to the president is adhered to.

### 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 Christion of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice, and includes liberal legacies for the duchess of Albany and a number of the queen's grandchildren. The bulk her private fortune goes to King Edward and both Balforal and Osborne house are given to the king.

### Sioux Falls in Hard Luck.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 6 .- Andrew Carnegie has, through Senator Pettigrew, made a proffer of a \$25,-900 donation to the city of Sioux Falls for a public library building, but the conditions are such that it is doubtful if it can be accepted. A couple of years ago W. H. Lyon gave to the city a magnificent stone building for library purposes and to accept the Carnegie gift means the abandonment of the Lyon building.

#### MRS. NATION STARTS EARLY.

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

TOPEKA, Feb. 5 .- Mrs. Nation lauched 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. Accompanied by Mrs. J. P. White and Miss Madeline Southard, she attempted to enter the place at 830 Kansas avenue. The man on duty at that early hour was taken unawares, but managed to disarm Mrs. Nation and bolt the door before any of the party could enter. Mrs. Nation said her friends caught hold of her arm here

and prevented her going in through

the window.

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. Somehow in the scuffle Mrs. Nation was struck on the right temple by the hatchet, but the blow did not disable her, and she at once seized the hatchet carried by Mrs. White. She turned over two large slot machines and smashed the glass in the front of each. She soon made a wreck of the large refrigerator, and after that turned her attention to the iquor and fixtures behind the bar. A keg of beer came in the way of her hatchet and the contents completely drenched the skirts of Mrs. Nation. At this juncture the colored porter fired his revolver at the ceiling to frighten the crusaders and attract attention from the outside. Policeman Graham was attracted to the place by the noise and escorted Mrs. Nation to the police station, Here Mrs. Nation and her little band of followers held a short prayer meeting and lectured those in

harge at the time. 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. Probably \$1,500 worth of property, mostly made up of cherry bar and handsome fix-

tures, was destroyed. 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 "instituting a riot."

The case against Mrs. Nation for attempting to smash the Unique saloon ternoon was dismissed.

# SAYS HE IS CHARLIE ROSS.

Man Walks Into Chicago Police Station and Tells Strange Story.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 .-- Eugene I. Gowell visited detectives headquarters here today and announced that he was the long sought for Charlie Ross, who was kidnapped from Germantown, Pa., in 1874.

"I remember nothing of the kidnaping because I was drugged and it left my mind temporarily a blank, said Gowell. "I do have a dim recollection of comfortable surroundings and a home by a running brook, however. I was brought up in Los Angeles, Cal., believing Mrs. Cara Robbins, with whom I lived, to be my mother. She married one John or William Gowell, and I took her husband's name. The fact that I was only an adopted child was told me by my half-brother, Clarence. Some years ago I left home and have since traveled about the country. Mr. and Mrs. Gowell still live in Los Angeles. Some time ago I told my story in Logansport, Ind., and was adjudged insane for my pains."

### MILES GETS HIS REWARD.

President Names Present Major General for the Higher Rank.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 .- The president sent the following nominations

Army-To be lientenant general, Major General Nelson A. Miles. To be Major General-Brigadier Samuel M. B. Young, U. S. A.; Colonel

Adna R. Chaffee, Eighth cavairr, U. S. A. (major general U. S. V.); Brigadier General Arthur McArthur, U. S. A. (major general, U. S. V.)

Kidnaped at St. Joseph. ST. JOSEPH, Mich, Feb. 6 .- Vina

Mills, the 14-year-old daughter of Geo. A. Mills of Benton Harbor, was kidnaped from here Friday evening. It was supposed the divorced wife of Mills came from Chicago and took the child away, but telegraph messages and searching parties have failed to reveal her whereabouts. Mr. Mins had the custody of Vina, and as he is well-todo some think the child is kidnaped for ransom.

He Cannot Sleep.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 6.-George W. Woodruff of Rossville, has not slept for seventy-three days. Four years ago Woodruff, then robust. weighing 200 pounds, became troubled with sleeplessness that would extend over several days at a time. These periods finally developed into weeks and then into months

Must Not Be Armed.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 6.-Mrs. Nation has engaged the Y. M. C. A. auditorium for a lecture here next Saturday. Secretary Johason of the Y. M. C. A. provided in the contract that she was not to use her hatchet in the hall. The saloon keepers lere say they will kill her it she attacks