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$9,000,000, was passed without division and practically without debate.

Cockrell of Missouri, from the committee on military affairs, reported a substitute for Pettigrew's resolution calling for information regarding the Coeur d'Alene mining troubles last year.

The substitute calls upon the secretary of war to submit to the senate copies of all orders given to General H. C. Merriam and to all officers under him, and especially any proclamation of General Merriam, and as to the orders concerning the treatment of civilian prisoners. The resolution was passed.

A house bill authorizing the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company to use a certain right-of-way through the Fort Reno and Fort Sill military reservations was passed.

A joint resolution authorizing the secretary of war to receive for instruction Alameda Alfarro of Ecuador at the West Point Military academy was passed.

The resolution of Allen of Nebraska calling on the secretary of war for all orders and information concerning the collection of customs and revenues in the island of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines was passed with a slight modification.

The financial bill coming up in response to a statement by Teller to the effect that the pending bill was the product of a caucus and represented the views only of those who constituted the caucus and that it was most remarkable, the republicans should not defend the measure, Allison replied that he believed there would be full and free debate on the bill by members on both sides of the chamber.

Referring to Teller's speech on the bill, Allison said he had understood the Colorado senator to say that the results of the bill's passage would be the withdrawal of the greenbacks, the silver certificates and the silver dollars.

"I deny the statement," said Allison.

Allen—The house bill does that.

Allison—I am referring now to the senate substitute. That may be true of the house bill. I shall undertake later to show that these senate amendments are so made that it will not be possible for any secretary of the treasury to impound the greenbacks, silver certificates or silver dollars.

HEARINGS ON SHIPPING BILL

Representative of Seaman's Union Opposes the Measure Under Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The hearings on the shipping bill were continued today by the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries. A. Furuseth of San Francisco, in behalf of the International Seamen's union, spoke in opposition to the bill on the ground that it contained nothing to restore American sailors to American ships and give American boys their sea legs. He presented resolutions adopted by the American Federation of Labor opposing all subsidies and stating that the shipping industry was able to take care of itself and specifically opposing this bill until the shipping interests withdrew opposition to the eight-hour measure.

He presented also a general measure to amend the laws relating to American seamen and to improve the personnel of the merchant marine. He will be heard further at the next meeting.

A delegation from the National Board of Trade submitted resolutions adopted yesterday favorable to the bill. Similar resolutions by the American Association of Master Pilots also were presented. The committee decided in executive session to continue the hearings next Tuesday and Thursday, after that further hearings will be given.

Fractional Silver Coins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In response to a resolution of inquiry, the secretary of the treasury today sent a statement to the senate concerning the fractional silver coins produced in 1899. The statement places the total at $10,878,673. The secretary says: "Of this, $1,859,602 was from bullion which had accumulated at the mints—silver parted from gold. There were no purchases of silver bullion, except those under section 3520, which during the year aggregated 573,786 standard ounces, costing $293,941. From January 1 to September 8, the price paid for these partings was 50 cents per ounce. The seigniorage arising from this coinage was paid into the treasury. New coins manufactured during the year on seigniorage account amounted to $9,018,071. Of this, however, $2,889,000 was actually coined from bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, and though held for ultimate use as such bullion, at present furnishes a stock of subsidiary silver against which the uncurrent coins constantly coming into the treasury are exchanged."

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Postmasters:

Iowa—W. N. Burdick, Postville.

Missouri—William C. Kitchen, Bloomfield; Henry C. Wright, Webster Grove.

Navy—To be second lieutenants in the marine corps, Harold C. Reisinger, at large; Frank Edgar Evans, Wisconsin; Harry Randolph, at large; Thomas A. Mott, North Carolina; St. John L. Caffery, Louisiana; Henry D. F. Long, at large.

Navy Department Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The secretary of the navy sent to the senate a statement made by the paymaster general, showing the expenditures of that department from the $50,000,000 national defense fund. The paymaster general's statement shows that of the $50,000,000, $29,273,274 was allotted to the Navy department, expenditures to date aggregating $27,356,863 and outstanding obligations amount to about $1,180,000, leaving $1,436,410, which will be ultimately turned back into the surplus fund of the treasury.

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FAVOR CABLE LINE TO CUBA

National Board of Trade Convention Urges Congress to Provide for Competition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The first business which came before the National Board of Trade convention today was a report from the committee in regard to additional cable service to Cuba, presented by E. G. Preston of Boston. He stated that the service was now exclusively in the hands of the Western Union and additional facilities were needed and reported a resolution urging upon congress the passage of legislation which will allow the laying of a competing line between Cuba and the United States. The report was adopted.

A report from the committee on railroad transportation was submitted by F. B. Thurber of New York, in which it was pointed out that an adjustment of rates advantageous to shippers and to the railroads could be made if the law permitted the railroads to make agreements under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Mr. Thurber asked that the action of the board last year on this subject be reaffirmed. This was agreed to.

He also submitted a report indorsing senate bill 1439, introduced by Mr. Cullom, with an amendment allowing railroads to have associations for the maintenance of fair rates for the transportation of persons and property, said rates to be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission. After a long discussion the report was adopted.

A resolution was also adopted favoring the passage of an anti-scalping bill. The board also adopted a resolution favoring legislation by congress remedying abuses of the second class mail matter, which stands in the way of the adoption of 1-cent letter postage. A resolution was adopted favoring the immediate adoption of local 1-cent letter postage on drop letters.

EPIDEMIC OF PTOMAINE POISONING.

Occurs on Transport Rio Janeiro Enroute to Manila.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Acting Commissary General Weston has received several reports in regard to the epidemic of ptomaine poisoning which occurred on the transport Rio de Janeiro on its last trip out to Manila with the Thirty-fifth volunteer infantry.

There show that the fresh meat, which caused the poisoning, was of the best quality when placed aboard the ship, and that the packing was carefully and properly done by experienced packers. It was thirty days after the meat was shipped before the poisoning occurred, long enough for the ship to have reached Manila if it had not been delayed on the voyage.

The meat was not relaid in Honolulu and the usual care of skilled stewards was not had on the transports, owing to the fact that the ice boxes were opened frequently during the day for purposes other than securing beef. Colonel Baldwin, commissary at San Francisco, affirms that fresh meat can safely be kept across the Pacific with proper care and suggests a new plan for ice boxes.

Lawton's Body at Indianapolis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The two Indiana senators and several of the representatives in the house from that state called upon Secretary Root to request that a change be made in the program arranged for the Lawton funeral ceremonies, so as to admit of the remains of the late general lying in state at Indianapolis one day. Secretary Root telegraphed General Shafter at San Francisco to so amend the itinerary arranged by him. The remains are expected to arrive at San Francisco on the transport Thomas today.

Date for Meeting Set.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Senator Butler, chairman of the national executive committee of the people's party, today issued a call for a meeting of that committee to be held in Lincoln, Neb., Monday February 19, for the purpose of naming a time and place for holding the national convention of that party. The executive committee consists of three members from each state.

To Boycott German Meats.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—According to reports from United States consuls in Europe, the butchers of Germany and Austria are about to combine to keep out of those countries American meats. The Austrian butchers already have taken steps to convene a congress of butchers to take steps to meet our competition in meats, among other things.

Gompers Before Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The house committee on labor today heard President Gompers of the Federation of Labor and the representatives of other labor organizations in favor of the bill to prohibit interstate commerce in convict-made goods.

To Cure Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fail to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Soldiers Dishonorably Discharged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—General Wade, commander of the Department of the Lakes, issued an order today appointing a court-martial to investigate such matters as may properly be brought before it at Fort Wayne, Mich., and directing that the following four privates be dishonorably discharged: Private George H. Van Houten, Company F, Second infantry, found guilty of violating the thirty-second article of war; Private Thomas D. Havlin, Troop D, Sixth cavalry, found guilty of desertion; Private James Lovett, Company M, Fifth infantry, found guilty of fraudulent enlistment; Private Stephen C. Carroll, Company M, Fifth infantry, found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good military discipline.

Texan Would Condemn Congress.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 25.—Today in the house of the Texas legislature a resolution was introduced condemning congress for its course in the Brigham H. Roberts case. The resolution was introduced by Representative Wells and occasioned some debate, but was finally referred to a committee, to be reported on as soon as possible.

FOR INDIAN SUPPLY DEPOT

Ten Thousand Dollar Provision Placed in Indian Appropriation Bill.

MEASURE WILL PROBABLY PASS HOUSE

Sums of Money Set Aside for Support of Several Indian Schools in the Western States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman Sherman of the house committee on Indian affairs reported the Indian appropriation bill today. It carries in round numbers $7,500,000. The bill includes a provision for the Indian supply depot at Omaha as follows:

"For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act of June 7, 1897, that the secretary of the interior shall within one year after the passage of this act establish and thereafter maintain at the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, a warehouse for Indian supplies from which distributions shall be made to such Indian tribes of the west and northwest as the secretary of the interior may direct, $10,000."

Congressman Mercer drew several amendments to the bill, but the above was finally agreed upon by him in this form not subject to point of order, as it would be if it contemplated new legislation. It is expected that it will go through the house without any opposition and will be held in the senate by Senator Thurston.

The bill also carries the following appropriations for Indian schools: Flandreau, S. D., $58,050; Genoa, Neb., $50,100; Pierre, S. D., $25,050; Rapid City, S. D., $16,750; Sac and Fox agency, Iowa, $12,500; Shoshone Indian school, $29,225.

According to these figures each Indian pupil attending an Indian school costs the government $167 annually. The bill also carries an extra appropriation of $15,000 for the insane asylum at Canton, S. D.

Genoa Indian School.

J. E. Ross, in a communication to the senate committee on Indian affairs, asks for the following appropriations for the Indian industrial school at Genoa, Neb., of which he is superintendent: Construction of school building, $30,000; superintendent's office, $1,500; superintendent's cottage, $3,500; reappropriation for repairs on the school hospital, $3,500; constructing independent heating plant for school hospital, $2,000; reappropriation for horse barn, $1,500; construction of cottages for employes, $3,000; improvements and repairs, $2,500.

At a meeting of the senate committee on Indian affairs today, Pettigrew's bill to cede to the general government lands in Gregory county, South Dakota, outside of the Fort Randall military reservation, was discussed at length. Pettigrew stated that the lands were semi-arid and were only fit for cattle grazing. He thought these lands should be opened to settlement, as at present they were not earning any money, nor were they taxable. He doubted if they were put up for sale whether they would bring more than 50 cents an acre. Others of the committee thought it might be a good thing to cede lands to the state of South Dakota to be used as the state might elect, but rather than take definite action now it was deemed advisable to ascertain the character of the lands, not only in Gregory county, but in other counties of the state bordering on Nebraska, with a view of disposing of the whole question of cession in one bill. To this end the secretary of the interior will be called upon for a report.

Superintendent Avery of the Crow Creek Indian school is expected here tomorrow. Mr. Avery comes here to confer with officials concerning charges made against Agent Stephens. The latter is now in the city.

Public Buildings for Nebraska.

Chairman Mercer of the public buildings and grounds committee stated today that the bills looking to the erection of new public buildings in Nebraska had been referred to the supervising architect for a report. He said that until reports had been received he could not state whether there would be any legislation for Nebraska or not.

Arrangements for the funeral of General Stanton, which will take place at Arlington cemetery Saturday, are being made by the War department in conjunction with General Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee of the senate. A delegation from the military affairs committees of the house and senate will attend and it may be arranged to have an address or two at the graveside.

Senator Thurston, just before adjournment today, introduced a bill to pension Marietta Elizabeth Stanton, widow of the late General T. H. Stanton, at $200 per month.

Senator Thurston introduced bills today to pension Marcena Pinchin and to remove the charge of desertion standing against the name of Andrew P. Jenkins.

E. J. Cornish of Omaha is in the city.

C. H. Townsend, clerk at headquarters, Department of the Missouri, is in the city.

W. H. Schenck was today appointed postmaster at Daily, Dixon county, Neb., vice X. Martin, resigned, and Thomas Brooks at Eudell, Custer county, Neb., vice William Lewis, resigned.

An order was issued today discontinuing the postoffice at Stella, Allamakee county, Ia. Mail will be sent to Wauken.

TEN LOCOMOTIVES WRECKED

Fearful Explosion of Dynamite Occurs in Jersey Central Yards at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 25.—A fearful explosion of dynamite occurred in the yards of the New Jersey Central railroad at Ashley, a suburb of this city, at 9 o'clock tonight, killing Frank McLaughlin of Mauch Chunk, aged 27; M. Bird of Ashley, aged 22; William Buckley of this city, aged 28, all brakemen, and fatally injuring two unknown men. Engineer John Rehrig of Mauch Chunk was badly injured. Engineer John Roughley of Ashley was severely scalded. William Brown of Ashley, night boss at the roundhouse; Brakeman Thomas Rowe of Newtown, and Flagman Michael Coyle of Ashley were badly injured.

The accident was caused by the loss of control of a heavy freight train, consisting of twenty-four freight cars, which was coming from Mauch Chunk to Ashley. The train was in charge of Engineer John Rehrig. While descending the steep grade down the mountain control was lost and the heavy train dashed into a helping engine standing in its path. The shock exploded a car containing thirty boxes of dynamite and the eighteen cars in the train were wrecked. Everything that stood near was knocked to pieces. Ten locomotives were wrecked. The stacks of the roundhouse and a large portion of the roof were blown away.

An immense tank containing thousands of gallons of water was torn to pieces and several people in the vicinity narrowly escaped drowning in the flood in which they were submerged. Nearly every window in the town was broken.

The inhabitants were greatly alarmed by the report of the explosion, as well as by the shaking of their houses. Even in this city many of the strongest edifices felt the severity of the shock and trembled violently. The loss cannot yet be estimated.

Figaro to Sue Count Boni.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The Figaro publishes this morning the following statement by the manager of the paper: "Comte Boni de Castellane having had inserted in several newspapers his dispatch of yesterday, which our chief editor personally could afford to disdain, but whose evident intention was to injure the commercial prosperity of the Figaro company, we have decided to reply to the comte's claim of 100,000 francs by a cross action for 200,000 francs as damages."

MAKE NIGHT ATTACK

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on board the Scot, to take up his appointment on Field Marshal Lord Roberts' personal staff. He says Ingram, another scout, leaves San Francisco forthwith to join him in South Africa.

In General Buller's orders to his troops, the substance of which has already been cabled to the Associated Press, after warning them to beware of false orders, he concluded:

"Our generals will only give one order, namely, 'Advance.' Should anyone at any time be surprised by a volley at close quarters he must remember that the only way to safety and victory lies in rushing upon the enemy, for the one thing the enemy cannot stand is a hand-to-hand fight. This war has been forced for the lowest and basest motives, by an enemy who use every means of treachery, deceit and conspiracy to gain their ends. Let us bear ourselves as the cause deserves."

HEAR BATTLE AT LADYSMITH

Heavy Artillery Fire of Buller's Forces a Most Joyful Sound to White's Men.

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FRERE CAMP, Jan. 24.—9:30 p. m.—(By runner from Ladysmith, January 22.)—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Our principal occupation now is watching the bursting of shells fired by Buller's men advancing from the west, whose progress you probably know, and this observation tends to raise the spirits here. The heavy artillery here makes a most joyful sound.

The Boer bombardment of Ladysmith has practically ceased, although the Bulwana gun sometimes fires. It is probable that our howitzers have again damaged the gun. Recently the Boers began to shell Observation hill from Surprise hill with an eight-inch mortar throwing a round shot, with old-fashioned touchwood fuses. Our field artillery silenced this gun, killing twenty, it is said.

Saturday afternoon there was some gun fire from the eastward. It came from Bulwana and Lowbardskop. This is probably a put-up job to make us think reinforcements were advancing from the east.

The Telegraph hill Creusot fired a single shell this morning, which wobbled remarkably at some irregular forces to whom we understand Buller has given a roving commission. There was a rifle fire in the same direction, but further south on Saturday night from 11 o'clock to midnight. It was sharp and intermittent.

There was some sniping this morning in the direction of King's post. It was sharp and hard for a few moments. Fortunately a brief rainstorm came yesterday afternoon and the general health of the camp is much better. STUART.

WHITE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Denies that Dr. Leyds is Not Recognized by Powers as Transvaal Minister.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Montague White, the South African diplomat now in this country, today authorized the following statement:

"The impression that is said to exist in certain quarters that Dr. Leyds is not recognized by foreign powers as the diplomatic minister of the South African republic on account of Great Britain's claim to suzerainty, is false. Dr. Leyds is credited to and fully recognized as minister plenipotentiary of the South African republic by the following powers: Russia, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and Portugal.

"The South African republic was represented at different courts in Europe and on the continent for many years past by Dr. Leyds' predecessor, the late Jonkheer Beelaerts van Blockland, who had also been indirectly recognized by Great Britain. The suzerainty was created by the convention of 1881, but was abolished by the convention of 1884. In 1897 it was suddenly revived by Mr. Chamberlain. The government of the South African republic strenuously repudiated the claim and it has been supported in this by every international lawyer of note on the continent as well as by such eminent authorities as the president of Wesley, Sir Edward Clark and Sir William Harcourt in Great Britain. The international status of the South African republic is moreover recognized by Great Britain, as the following extract from the official letter of Lord Derby, dated February 15, 1884, will show:

"'Your government will be left free to govern the country without interference and to conduct its diplomatic intercourse and shape its foreign policy subject only to the requirements embodied in the fourth article of the new treaty, namely, that any treaty with any foreign state shall not be effective without the approval of the queen.'"

TRIBESMEN ATTACK BRITISH

West African Frontier Force Repulses Two Thousand, Killing Eighty—One Briton Killed.

LAGOS, Colony of Lagos, British West Africa, Jan. 25.—Advices have just been received here from Jeba that Captain Caroll of the Norfolk regiment and 150 men of the West African frontier force, while escorting the telegraph construction staff, were attacked on January 9 by 2,000 Mitchi and Basa tribesmen. Captain Eaton of the East Kent regiment and twelve others were wounded and one member of the escort was killed. The tribesmen left eighty dead.

Jeba is probably northeast of Lokaja, on the Niger, in which vicinity apparently the attack was made.

GERMAN NAVAL BILL PASSED

Bundesrath Adopts the Measure to Double the Kaiser's Power on the Sea.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The Bundesrath today adopted the naval bill.

The measure provides for the doubling of the present number of battleships and the construction of six large and seven small additional cruisers. The expenditures will be annually provided for in the estimates.

The preamble anticipates that the scheme will be completed by 1916, at an annual increase of the expenditure of 11,000,000 marks, which sum is to be raised by loans without any fresh taxation.

Kaiser's Play Booked for Tonight.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Tomorrow night Emperor William's play, "The Iron Tooth," will have its first performance at the Royal theater here. His majesty has taken much pains about the preparations, especially in drilling the soldiers who have been detailed from the Alexander regiment. Yesterday they were shown by the emperor how to move about in the performance. His majesty expresses the hope that the people of Berlin will appreciate the play.

Earl of Yarmouth Bankrupt.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The creditors of the earl of Yarmouth met today and resolved to place his estate in bankruptcy.

CHINA TO HAVE NEW EMPEROR

Long-Expected Abdication of Chinese Ruler Comes at Last.

RETIRES FROM THE THRONE THIS MONTH

Nine-Year-Old Son of Prince Tuano Named as His Successor—Edict Printed in North China News.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai it is reported there that Emperor Kwangsu has committed suicide.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.—The North China Daily News publishes an edict signed last night by Emperor Kwangsu, appointing as emperor in his place Pu Chun, the 9-year-old son of Prince Tuano.

The new emperor will ascend the throne on January 31.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Hay was advised today by United States Minister Conger at Pekin of the result of the convocation of Chinese notables there yesterday, his statement being that Pu Chun, 14 years of age, had been appointed heir apparent. There is a notable discrepancy between Minister Conger's statement and that cabled from Shanghai, and it is impossible to learn here which is accurate at this time, neither the State department nor the Chinese legation having any further information on the subject than that contained in Conger's brief dispatch. It will be noticed that he does not indicate that the heir apparent has been named as emperor, nor that he is to ascend the throne immediately.

The action of the convocation yesterday is awaited with the greatest interest by the diplomatic body here, for, by the character of the selection made of the successor to the present emperor may be determined the question whether the Russian or the Japanese influence is predominant in China.

Chinese Minister Discredits Story.

The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, when shown the above dispatch was at first inclined to doubt and discredit it, but on examining the circumstantial details of the reported edict, he said:

"I am unable to say whether it is true or not. Thus far I have received nothing, official or unofficial, to indicate that such a change had been made or was contemplated. A short time ago a report was current that the son of Prince Tuan (erroneously given in the dispatch as Prince Tuano) would be named as heir apparent. But I have not been informed that this would be done. It would not be surprising if an heir apparent were designated, as this occurs at times, usually in order to provide a succession when an emperor is sick or otherwise incapacitated."

After consulting references on the genealogy, Mr. Wu said that as near as he could tell Prince Tuan was a son of the former Emperor Hien Fung, thus making the reported new emperor, Pu Chun, a grandson of Emperor Hien Fung. The latter was followed by Ting Chi, a son of the present empress dowager, who still retains her strong influence over court affairs. Her son was without issue and was succeeded by the present Emperor Kwang Su, nephew of the empress dowager, and designated through her influence.

Little Known of Tuan.

In case the reported change has been made, it will be a continuance of the same imperial family at the head of affairs, with the empress dowager remaining as the strong power behind the throne. Prince Tuan has been little known in public affairs, which, however, is not surprising, as members of the imperial household do not mingle with the outside world and are practically unknown. When asked if such a change would entail any change of Chinese policy, Minister Wu said:

"Not in the slightest. It does not indicate any change of policy on international or foreign affairs, nor on our domestic affairs. Our people are a quiet, peaceful people and have little regard for personal changes which may occur in the government."

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Chinese minister here was evidently expecting news of some important events at Pekin. When the story of the emperor's abdication was communicated to him by a representative of the Associated Press he said: "I have no official news on the subject. I knew something was going on in Pekin, but nothing has yet been officially communicated to me. I am greatly obliged for your information."

Another special dispatch from Shanghai says: The father of the new emperor is the head of the great secret societies known as "The Great Sword" and "The Boxers," extending over the provinces of Chi, Shan Ting and Ho Han, which were responsible for the murder of Mr. Brookes, the missionary.

Manchu Clan Favors Change.

Various edicts have been issued with a view of assuaging public anxiety and the various rumors respecting the fate of the ex-emperor are spreading widely. It is expected that his dethronement was decided upon at a council convened by the empress dowager on Tuesday. The Manchu clan favors the change, but the Chinese people oppose it and predict a tremendous upheaval.

It is believed that the Russian and French legations were notified of the impending changes and that they will support the new regime. It is also reported that a French naval force has already reached Pekin.

The British and United States legations, which have been favorable to Kwangsu, were kept in ignorance of the new departure, but it is asserted that Li Hung Chang was sent as viceroy to Kwangtung to support the dowager's policy and to repress any hostilities on the part of the Cantonese.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: The edict is evidently a half measure intended to test the effect on public opinion of retiring the regency and the selection of a new emperor whose claims, according to the established succession laws, are open to question.

Dowager Compels His Abdication.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—The imperial edict issued yesterday says that owing to the emperor's poor health he is unable to conduct the business of state and appoints Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuano, his heir.

The emperor, apparently, has been compelled by the dowager empress to abdicate about the Chinese new year, though it is understood this will meet with considerable opposition in certain court circles. The dowager, however, intends to carry out the program which she has been planning for years.

French Concessions at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.—The extension of the French settlement has been finally settled and the new area will be two and a half times that of the present settlement. The arrangement will become effective March 14.

VOICES THE POPE'S DESIRES

Utterances of Cardinal Capecelatro Considered to Have Great Weight.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The Figaro's Rome correspondent says: "There are many comments in government and religious circles in consequence of a speech of Cardinal Capecelatro, archbishop of Kepua and prefect of the vatican library, on the reconciliation of the vatican and the Italian government, in which he said Pope Leo XIII was only 'awaiting a government capable of accepting his invitation.'"

These words are of great weight, because the cardinal enjoys the complete confidence and friendship of the pope.

Lasies Chides the Premier.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Lasies, anti-Semite, presented his interpellation of the government on the high court prosecution, but the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, refused to accept it and asked for its postponement for a month. M. Lasies then wanted to discuss it next week, but the government scored by the chamber agreeing to a postponement for a month, while M. Lasies exclaimed:

"The people will say you are afraid. In a month's time we shall be in the midst of the carnival and that is not a season to assassinate ministries."

Queen's New Bodyguard.

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LONDON, Jan. 26.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—For the first time in history the queen will have volunteers as a private bodyguard. The First battalion, Yorkshire regulars, leaves the Isle of Wight for Malta January 26. The government finds that the Fourth battalion, Lincolnshire regulars, cannot replace them until February 7. In the interim Captain Grant, Lieutenant Etches and company, Isle of Wight Rifle volunteers, will be on guard duty at Osborne.

Uncle Sam Pressing a Demand.

SANTO DOMINGO, Jan. 25.—The American minister is pressing a demand for the balance of the money due, $47,000, to American citizens, on account of the absorption of a bridge concession by the government of Santo Domingo. It is said that the government will pay the amount of the claim in a few days.

Osman Digna at Suez.

SUEZ, Jan. 25.—Osman Digna, the principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, who was recently taken prisoner by the British, has been brought here.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Permanent sidewalks are greatly needed in this city and it is understood that the city council will soon take up the question of creating more permanent districts. In the districts already created property owners are given a choice of stone, artificial stone or brick, and in a majority of cases brick has been laid. When properly laid brick makes a good walk and appears to be entirely satisfactory. The manufacture of brick in large quantities here now will tend to cheapen the price of building as well as vitrified brick, and for this reason it is thought that a mile or more of new brick walk will be laid in the spring.

There is still considerable work to be done on the districts established last fall, but it is the intention of the contractors to finish up this work as soon as the weather will permit in order to be in a position to go ahead in new districts. Permanent walks are needed as follows: On both sides of Twenty-fifth street from L to Q; both sides of Twenty-sixth street from L to Q; both sides of L street from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh; on O street, which is now being graded, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-sixth; on M street from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-sixth, and on N street from Twentieth to Twenty-fourth. The addition of these proposed districts, with those now established, will cover the business portion of the city, and on streets where there is a great deal of travel. Many of the plank walks are in a dilapidated condition, and although repairs are constantly being made, the general condition of the walks does not seem to improve. A majority of the damage claims which the city is compelled to settle are traceable to holes in sidewalks, and this is one reason why the municipal authorities favor the establishment of more permanent sidewalk districts. Very few accidents have occurred on streets where permanent walks are laid, which goes to show that poor wooden walks are not only expensive, but dangerous. Planks are frequently torn up and carried away for kindling wood, and so frequent did this practice become that lately all wooden walks have been wired down. The wiring prevents, to some extent, the stealing of the planks and tends to keep the boards in place when the fastenings become loosened.

Law on Revolver Carrying.

Mention was made the other day of an ordinance licensing the carrying of revolvers and it was intimated that a revenue of about $1,000 a year could be derived in this way. The state law on this subject provides for a fine of not more than $100 for carrying concealed weapons and imprisonment not exceeding thirty days. It is further provided, however, that if it shall be proved by testimony that a person arrested for carrying concealed weapons was engaged in the pursuit of any lawful business or calling and circumstances in which he was placed justified a prudent man in carrying a weapon an acquittal shall follow. The law is so plain on this subject that there is no danger of reputable citizens who carry revolvers being fined, and therefore there is no necessity for the ordinance except from a revenue standpoint.

Eighth Grade Exercises Tonight.

Graduating exercises for the eighth grade will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church this evening. A class of about thirty will participate and after the exercises will be eligible to enter the High school. Under the present system pupils from the eighth grade may enter the High school twice each year. The addition of twenty-five or thirty pupils to the present large class in the High school will make the task of handling the scholars a difficult one, on account of the crowded condition of the building. When the new school at Twentieth and O streets is completed about 150 pupils now attending the High school will be transferred, thus making more room for the High school classes.

Motor Extension Ordinance Signed.

Mayor Ensor has signed the ordinance passed at the special council meeting, January 11, relating to the extension of the Q street car line. The mayor's signature is dated January 16, but the ordinance was not returned to City Clerk Carpenter until yesterday. After the ordinance has been published seven times (the forty days in which the street car company has to do the work in) will commence. This will make the time limit expire about the middle of March. A fine of $100 is provided for each day over the forty days allowed by the ordinance for the completion of the work.

The motor company is compelled by this ordinance to build and maintain a line from Thirty-third and Q to Fortieth and Q streets.

Political Gossip.

Ed Johnston stated yesterday that he has no intention of running for mayor by petition. He would not object to securing the nomination, and if not nominated intends to support the ticket. The report that Mr. Johnston would run by petition was, he thinks, circulated by his political enemies. It is rumored now that Mayor Ensor has given up the idea of being a candidate for a third term, and will use his influence to secure the nomination for his friend, P. L. Hughes. A certain element of the democracy is talking of placing the name of Colonel C. M. Hunt on the ticket. Colonel Hunt is one of the best known business men in the city, and has many friends.

That Real Estate Deal.

The announcement made in yesterday's Bee about a big real estate deal being on the tapis caused considerable comment. Railroad officials and surveyors have been seen about the tract in question for several days, but so far no one appears to be able to tell just what is in the wind. It is presumed, however, that surveys are being made for additional trackage, as the land being looked over is not considered available for anything but storage tracks. Several railroad officials have admitted that considerable money will be spent in South Omaha this year, but all decline to give out any positive information at this time.

Drawing of High School Building.

Architect Kiewit has about completed the front elevation of the proposed High school building. The drawing is an artistic one and shows a handsome structure of two stories. The work is being done in water colors and Mr. Kiewit expects to have it completed and on exhibition in about a week. Very little is being said just now about the voting of bonds for a new High school, but the proposition may yet be gotten in shape for the election in April. Some of those interested are of the opinion that it would be better to erect another ward school and put aside the High school proposition for the present.

Commercial Club Meeting Tonight.

All members of the Commercial club are urged to attend the meeting at the council chamber tonight. Several matters of considerable importance will be taken up and the reports of a number of committees will be read. The club is doing some good work at this time and the support of the citizens is desired in order that benefits may be forthcoming. Secretary Watkins says that the club does not desire to place any stumbling blocks in the way of macadamizing Thirteenth street, but it is desired to secure an appropriation for the Twenty-fourth street road as well.

Republican Club Rally.

Preparations are being made by the Young Men's Republican club for another rousing rally at Modern Woodman hall on Friday evening, February 2. Several speakers of note have been invited and an effort will be made to hold an interesting and instructive meeting. At the last meeting the attendance was all that could be desired, but this time it is proposed to fill the hall. Dating from February 2 it is the intention to hold meetings every two weeks until later in the campaign, when rallies will be held weekly.

Call for City Warrants.

City Treasurer Broadwell has issued a call for the following warrants: General fund to registered number, 459; salary, to 472; fire and water, 286; police, 350; street repair, 177; engineer, 50; public light, 90; judgment, 67; interest, 61; water, 28; school, 5,879. The amount called in approximates $40,000 and interest on these warrants ceases today.

Magic City Gossip.

W. G. Sloane is in Chicago looking after business matters.

Mrs. J. M. Freeman has gone to Shenandoah, Ia., to visit for a few days.

William O'Connell, Eighteenth and Q streets, reports the birth of a daughter.

Mayor Ensor writes to friends here that he is getting along nicely at Hot Springs.

It is reported that several saloons are operating without having procured a license.

W. M. Alexander of Boulder, Colo., is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harvey D. Mosely.

Frank Clark, one of the mail clerks at the postoffice, has returned to duty after a short illness.

John C. Carroll has returned from Iowa, where he spent some time looking after property interests.

F. L. Corwin, superintendent of the Stock Yards railroad, has been called to Burlington, Ia., by the serious illness of a brother.

Short funeral services will be held this morning over the remains of Oscar B. Hill. The body will be forwarded to Avoca, Ia., for interment.

Charles E. Scarr writes to Howard Brodie that he is spending some time at San Antonio, Tex. He is well pleased with the climate and says he is enjoying himself.

It is reported that shippers along the line of the Rock Island in Nebraska are complaining about the failure of the road to deliver cars for the transportation of grain and live stock when wanted.

The shutting off of the water in the thirty-inch main Wednesday afternoon nearly caused the closing down of the packing houses. Fortunately the water was not turned off for any great length of time.

According to statements made by experienced live stock dealers, it will be a long time before the price of beef declines. The unusual demand and the shortage of cattle are given as reasons for a combination of high prices.

Patrick Devaney has been lodged in jail and will be tried for an assault committed upon T. C. McDonald, the contractor. When the case was called in police court a day or two ago, Devaney failed to respond and steps were being taken to forfeit his bond when he fell into the hands of a policeman and was lugged off to jail. Judge Babcock will, it is expected, take up the case today.

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