

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Admiral Schley tells his friends he is willing to accept place second to Sampson in the list of vice admirals.

The Bank of Omaha, at Omaha, Neb., has been robbed of \$3,000 in cash and paper amounting to \$2,000 more. The robbers escaped on a hand car.

The plague committee announces that the epidemic has been completely stamped out at Khirgio steppes, of western Siberia, and the cordon withdrawn.

Hon. Tom L. Johnson, the well known capitalist, was nominated for the majority of Cleveland, O., at the democratic primaries. Mr. Johnson has no opposition.

Last December a Chicago firm sent out 3,000 letters of inquiry to cattlemen in the corn belt. Ninety per cent of the replies stated that fewer cattle than usual were being fed.

The population of Indian territory by nations and reservations in 1900 is 394,000, as against 180,182 in 1890, representing an increase during the decade of 211,778, or 117.5 per cent.

The Chicago Post says Chicago capitalists have organized a \$1,000,000 corporation known as the Central Sugar company, to compete with the huge American trust in the home supply.

Mrs. William Thaw of Pittsburg, Pa., has transferred outright to the Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary her half interest in the property of the institution, the value of which is \$60,000.

The Rt. Rev. August Besonles, vicar general of the diocese of Indianapolis, died there on the sixty-first anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He was born in France eighty-six years ago.

Greek subjects have been assassinated with such frequency in Macedonia, which is now controlled by Turkey, that Russia has informed the Porte that it must catch and punish the murderers.

Bishop John F. Spalding of the Episcopal diocese of Colorado is suffering from an attack of paralysis. Among the persons mentioned for coadjutor is Rev. Thomas E. Green of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Milton Luther Sykes, vice president and secretary of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, has resigned, to take effect June 1, and E. E. Osborn, general attorney for the company, has been selected for the vacancy.

A bill passed the house which will become a law as soon as the president signs it, authorizing retired army officers to be detailed to drill high school cadets providing no expense is incurred by the government.

In response to a request from Galesburg, Ill., public library board, Andrew Carnegie writes that he will give \$50,000 for a new library building to that city providing the city appropriates \$5,000 a year to sustain it.

Wyoming is the third state in the union in the production of sheep, being surpassed only by Montana and New Mexico. A sheep census taken last September credits Wyoming with 3,264,266 sheep, 1,855,131 lambs and 27,119,718 pounds of wool.

The Missouri senate by a unanimous vote passed the franchise tax bill prepared by Governor Dockery. It taxes the franchises of public and quasi-public corporations at the same rate and for the same purposes that other property is now taxed.

A deal was closed and provisional transfer papers were signed for the sale of the famous Britannia group of claims on Howe Sound, thirty miles from Vancouver, to Bewicke, Mooring & Co., of London, England, the price being paid amounting to \$750,000 in cash, to be paid in London within three months. A \$200,000 interest in the property is now held in San Francisco.

Americans are said to have received \$35,000,000 for the concessions for the Hankow-Canton railway.

Senator Dewey authorizes the statement that the engagement between his niece, Miss Alice Dewey Paulding, and Lieutenant John R. Edie, U. S. N., is canceled.

The president has nominated Geo. D. Gear of Hawaii to be second judge of the circuit court of the first circuit of Hawaii.

The state senate of Colorado passed a bill providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to permit the introduction of the Australian land tax system.

The new \$20,000 normal building was burned at Duluth, Minn. The origin of the fire is a mystery. At a meeting of glass tableware manufacturers in Pittsburg, it was decided to advance the price of tumblers from 10 to 25 per cent, the increase to become effective at once.

The arrangement whereby farming implements may be imported into Turkey free of duty has been renewed for another decade.

Dr. M. G. Smith, the companion and friend of Mark Twain, and inspiration of the novel's doctor in "Innocents Abroad," is dead at his residence in Colorado Springs.

The stockholders of the Westinghouse Electric company, Pittsburg, Pa., decided to increase the capital stock \$10,000,000.

The San Francisco Examiner says that a rich deposit or pocket of gold was discovered in the Empire mine at Grass Valley a few days ago.

Prof. Francis Kennedy, holding the chair of philosophy at the state university, died at Boulder, Colo., of the grip.

General Manager C. E. Schaff of the Big Four system has issued an order advancing the salaries of every telegraph operator in the employ of the road 12 1/2 per cent.

HAS FEARS OF STRIFE

Gomez Declares Withdrawal of American Troops Would Precipitate War.

IF THEY MUST GO HE WILL FOLLOW

Informing Governor Wood That He Could Not Longer Remain—Cubans Would Be Fighting Among Themselves Within Sixty Days if Left Alone.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.—"If the Americans were to withdraw from Cuba today, I would go with them," was the statement made by General Gomez during his call upon Governor General Wood this morning.

General Gomez came especially to assure the American governor that the stories of unrest and dissatisfaction at the continuance of the United States intervention were false and that he had been misrepresented in the statement to the effect that he favored an immediate withdrawal of the United States troops and giving Cuba an absolute independence.

"If they withdraw now," he said, "I fear bloodshed, for beyond doubt within sixty days the Cubans would be fighting among themselves."

General Gomez further stated that he recognized the fact that the United States was responsible for the establishment of a stable government in Cuba and could not withdraw until such a condition was brought about. The work of handing over the reins of government to the new republic was an undertaking involving much time and labor and a large amount of study and experience on the part of the Cubans in the work of self-government.

The general also said the element in control of the municipalities was not working in the interests of the island. The officials were inexperienced and could not be given a free hand, it would mean the destruction and ruin of the island.

General Wood said the greatest difficulty experienced was in getting the conservative element interested in municipal governments. His purpose was to bring the best element to the front.

The coming municipal elections would pave the way for the election to be held under the electoral law being drawn up by the convention. General Gomez had no objection to the outline of the future relations between the United States and Cuba as recommended by the senate of the United States.

AMENDMENT IS AMENDED

Senate Continues Its Struggles with the Philippine Problem.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—An important amendment to the Philippines amendment to the army appropriation bill was agreed to in the senate today. It was an amplification to the amendment previously offered by Mr. Hoar, laying restrictions upon the sale of public lands and the granting of franchises and concessions in the Philippines.

It was accepted by the committee in charge of the measure and is now a part of the committee amendment. Mr. Morgan of Alabama continued his speech begun yesterday and occupied the floor during the greater part of the day. He concluded his address just before the afternoon recess, after having discussed comprehensively both the Philippines and Cuban amendments.

WESTERN STATES IN PARADE

Nebraska and Wyoming Represented by Chief Executive Officers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Nebraska and Wyoming will be the only western states represented in the coming inaugural parade by their chief executive officers. General Greene, chief marshal of the parade, has assigned Governor Dietrich of Nebraska and staff to second place in the third brigade of the third military division and Governor DeForest Richards of Wyoming and staff will have third place.

One Terror Less in Kansas

SEDAN, Kan., Feb. 27.—Sheriff J. W. Taylor and his deputies arrived here today with S. I. Appleby, Sol Appleby, Ross Graves, Arle Benning and a dead man named Reed, having captured the prisoners after a pitched battle with them in which Reed was killed. The prisoners are rough characters and while under the influence of liquor last night terrorized the citizens of Waunetta and Cedarville by riding through the streets and firing off pistols.

EDITS NEWSPAPER FOR A DAY.

Carrie Nation Takes Control of the Peoria Journal.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation is in charge of the Journal here today. She arrived last night and has established herself at the Comopolitan hotel, a little out of the way boarding house which was selected because it has no bar attached. She has been very deeply interested in her newspaper ever since she arrived and talks a great deal about "her" paper.

In her leading editorial she says: "I have never hurt a hair on the heads of my mad brothers, the saloon keepers, and hope for pity's sake none of them will ever get in the way of my hatchet, for it gets dreadful reckless when it flies around that which murders men."

Aside from writing some eight columns of editorial, the "Kansas Cyclone" has also written an account of her smashing career, in which she tells how she happened to direct her energies along this line. The paper will be twelve pages instead of eight, with eight columns to the page, as usual. Many of the best known men of the country will contribute to the columns of the paper. The cartoons are those suggested by Mrs. Nation. Whisky firms' advertisements are another feature, one concern having an entire page. Mrs. Nation will lecture here this evening and may visit some of the distilleries late this afternoon.

GIVE UP HOPE FOR MINERS.

Fifty Men Imprisoned in Burning Pit at Kemmerer, Wyo.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Chief of Detectives Armstrong believes that Al Cowan, who is now under arrest, is the mysterious prowler who struck down three women with an iron bar in this city last Friday night and who has murderously assaulted nearly a score of women on the streets in the last six months. When arrested Cowan had in his possession an iron bar about a foot in length, besides a revolver and supply of cartridges. He answers the meager descriptions that have been obtained of the man who has been terrorizing the women of this city. He does not talk coherently and appears to be mentally unbalanced.

Questioned by Captain Armstrong in jail, Cowan said he "had been persecuted by women."

"Why were you persecuted by women?" was asked.

"I was, I hate them, but I'll not tell you any more; I don't trust any one."

Cowan has been living in Denver about a year. He said he came from Virginia. Of the three women assaulted last Friday night one is dead and another is dying.

Mrs. Nation in Illinois.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation rounded out her first day in Peoria by a lecture at Rouse hall, after which she visited several of the leading saloons. The first place visited was managed by P. A. West. She ordered the proprietor at once and demanded that he remove a large painting, "Nymph and Satyr." West promised to remove it and she went to the variety theater next door. Here she witnessed an act and then, mounting the stage, delivered a speech.

She next went to the Alcazar, a "crystal palace," and jokingly asked the proprietor permission to smash the place. She went out without making any trouble. After addressing a large audience at the auditorium theater she retired for the night. Tomorrow she will visit the distilleries. While in the West resort she received a telegram informing her that the Texas legislature had passed a resolution asking her to visit the capital of that state.

Mob Hurls Negro to a Bridge.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 27.—At 12:45 o'clock today George Ward, a negro employe of the car works, was taken from jail and lynched by a mob for the murder of Miss Ida Finkelstein. Miss Finkelstein was the teacher of a school near the outskirts of this city and was on her way home from school when a negro sprang out from a clump of bushes and shot her.

Thinks Cuba Should Repay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—William Carter, who is one of the senators in charge of the army appropriation bill, insists that the Cuban amendment to the bill must be further amended so as to compel Cuba to render an accounting to the United States for the money which has been expended by this government in Cuba, with a view to the repayment at some future time.

Cables of Bookkeeping.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Secretary Root has received a cable message today from Judge Taft of the Philippine commission, saying that the commission had adopted a new system of auditing and accounting in the financial administration of the islands. The system was formulated by Auditor Lawshe and is practically the same as the system adopted for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Prevents Fusion in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 27.—Senator Postana's election bill, which prevents fusion, passed the house today and was sent to the governor for his signature. The bill prevents the name of any candidate appearing on the ballot more than once. It is considered the most important matter passed at this session.

HATES ALL WOMANKIND.

Believe They Have the Man Who Committed Assaults.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—A special to the times from Kemmerer, Wyo., says: The Diamondville coal mine, No. 1, caught fire late last night and is still burning this morning. There were fifty miners and fifteen horses penned in the mine and strenuous efforts are being made on the part of the company to succor them, but so far all efforts have failed, the flames driving back the rescuers.

CONTEST ON IN SENATE

Real Struggle for Insular Legislation Begins With Vigor.

MORGAN TALKS CLEAR INTO NIGHT

The Session is Continued in the Evening With the Gentleman from Alabama Still on the Floor—A Vigorous Contest is Now On.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The real struggle for insular legislation at this session began today in the senate. The army appropriation bill was under consideration and the Philippines amendment was reached. In addition the Cuban amendment was offered and the general debate on these propositions began. Sharp opposition to the Philippine amendment developed on the democratic side, beginning with a point of order, which the senate overruled, and followed with speeches by Senators Tillman, Rawlins, Caffery, Bacon and Morgan.

The amendment was defended by its author, Mr. Spooner, who pointed out the necessity for the legislation. Senators Vest, Hoar, Bacon and Rawlins offered amendments tending to limit the powers allowed by the Spooner amendment. They were:

1. That the government of Cuba shall never enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba, nor in any manner authorize or permit any foreign power or powers to obtain by colonization or for military or naval purposes or otherwise lodgment in or control over any portion of said island.

2. That said government shall not assume or contract any public debt, to pay the interest upon which and to make reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate discharge of which, the ordinary revenues of the islands after defraying the current expenses of government shall be inadequate.

3. That the government of Cuba consent to the United States exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed and undertaken by the government of Cuba.

4. That all acts of the United States in Cuba during its military occupancy thereof are ratified and validated and all lawful rights acquired thereunder shall be maintained and protected.

5. That the government of Cuba will execute and as far as necessary extend the plans already devised or other plans to be mutually agreed upon for the sanitation of the cities of the island, to the end that a recurrence of epidemics and infectious diseases may be prevented, thereby assuring protection to the people and commerce of Cuba as well as to the commerce of the southern ports of the United States and the people residing therein.

6. That the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left to the future adjustment by treaty.

7. That to enable the United States to maintain the independence of Cuba and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defense, the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United States lands necessary for the coaling and naval stations at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the president of the United States.

8. That by way of further assurance the government of Cuba will embody the foregoing provisions in a permanent treaty with the United States.

FLOOD CONFRONTS DEWEY

Rains Raise the Orange River Five Feet in a Night.

DE AAR, Cape Colony, Feb. 26.—General Dewey, accompanied by Mr. Steyn, recrossed the railroad north of Krunkskuil and south of Orange River Station yesterday. The Orange river rose five feet last evening. A heavy rain is falling and it is believed to be impossible for the Boers to cross the stream. They are being closely followed by Colonel Thorneycroft, who left here yesterday by rail. Several other columns are converging on General Dewey.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 26.—It is reported here that Commandant General Botha, with 2,000 Boers, has broken away from General French's pursuit in the direction of Koomatipoort.

House Clerk on the Carpet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The special committee of the house, appointed to investigate the employment rolls of that body, sat today in secret session. The clerk of the house, Mr. McDowell, and the sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Casson, gave information as to persons on the rolls under their supervision. The decision to conduct the investigation behind closed doors, it was explained, was for the purpose of expediting the investigation.

Not Kidnaped, but Murdered.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 26.—The body of Maggie Hoel, the young woman who mysteriously disappeared December 25, and who was supposed to have been kidnaped, was found in the Arkansas river below this city this morning. The girl's right arm was shattered, and this fact in conjunction with other circumstances connected with the disappearance, led to the belief that she was murdered.

Senator-elect Burton, who has been resting up at Old Point Comfort, has returned to Washington.

Three Hundred Chinese Killed.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Count von Walderec says over 300 Chinese were killed when they attacked the Germans at Kueng Chang recently.

Hoffmeister's column, which started there, will return to Pao Ting Fu.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, \$145,955,795; gold, \$78,063,014.

ALL AGREE REGARDING CUBA.

Senate Committee Prepares an Amendment to Army Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The senate committee on relations with Cuba has agreed to an amendment to the army appropriation bill regarding Cuba. The amendment is practically as outlined heretofore and is as follows:

That in fulfillment of the declaration contained in the joint resolution, approved April 29, 1898, entitled, "For the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect," the president is hereby authorized to leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people so soon as a government shall have been established in said island under a constitution, which, either as a part thereof, or in an ordinance appended thereto, shall define the future relations of the United States with Cuba, substantially as follows:

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Gillett May Come Back

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—A special to a local paper from Chihuahua, Mex., says that Grant Gillett the Kansas cattleman who fled to Mexico two years ago to escape the wrath of creditors, from whom it is said he secured nearly \$1,000,000, will soon return to Kansas City and give a thorough account of himself. Gillett, it is said, is now penniless. If he took any money to Chihuahua he has lost it in bad investments.

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WILL DISCUSS FULLY

Senate to Debate Exhaustively Army Appropriation Bill.

TO HEAR THE CONFERENCE REPORT

House Prepared for the Final Struggle With the Upper Branch, Which Promises to Be Intense—A Week Full of Hard Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The army appropriation bill will receive the attention of the senate during the early part of the present week, and when it is disposed of another appropriation will be taken up. It is probable that the army bill will be debated at length, especially upon the Philippine amendment, and the amendment relating to Cuba, if the latter is introduced as is proposed. The amendments, or either of them, quite certainly will be made the basis of a number of speeches, as they will serve to open up the entire question of the relations of the United States to the islands which this country came into control of through the war with Spain.

It is hoped that the sundry civil bill will be reported by the time the army bill is disposed of, so that it may be taken up next. If it is not in shape to be considered by that time, the river and harbor bill probably will receive attention. The general deficiency is likely to be the last of the appropriation bills acted upon.

Conference reports will be made from time to time during the week. Some of these will create considerable discussion. The conferees on the war revenue reduction bill expect to make their report during the week. Of the appropriation bills only two, the pension and the urgent deficiency, have been signed by the president.

Both houses have passed the legislative, Indian, District of Columbia, naval, agricultural, fortifications, post-office and diplomatic bills, and they are in varying stages of conference. The army bill and the river and harbor bill and the general deficiency bills still remain entirely unacted upon by the senate.

It is not yet believed that much general legislation will be accomplished during the week, but a great many private bills will be passed. The probabilities are all against getting up to the Nicaragua canal bill.

The senate will continue to meet at 11 o'clock each day and probably will sit every night of the week.

The last week of this congress in the house will be mainly occupied with conference reports on the appropriation bills and the other numerous measures now being fought over by the managers of the two houses.

The last of the general appropriation bills went to the senate on Thursday and the house has its decks pretty well cleared for the final contests with the senate. Some of these struggles probably will be exceedingly fierce, but when it comes down to actual work the house, although a large and unwieldy body, ordinarily can dispose of business under its rules with much greater celerity than the senate.

The last six days of the session are suspension days and it is always possible to bring the house to a vote on any proposition under a motion to suspend the rules, which provide for only twenty minutes' debate upon a side.

The time has practically gone by for the passage of new bills, although an attempt doubtless will be made to secure action on the bills to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service and to create a standardizing bureau. Beyond these and a few small bills of local importance no effort will be made to put through any bills. The leaders know that it would be a waste of time to send any further general legislation to the senate at this stage of the session and their efforts will be directed to clearing up matters in dispute between the two houses. It probably will be necessary to hold night sessions during the latter part of the week and both houses will sit next Sunday.

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