

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

German socialists favor a joint intervention of nations to end the Boer war.

Dr. W. M. Baxter has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Hastings.

The entire corn crop of Illinois is 183,792,200 bushels, the smallest yield since 1890.

Representative Mercer introduced a bill to establish a fish hatchery at South Bend, Neb.

The most recent investigations into German labor conditions show the labor situation to be growing worse.

In a wreck on the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad which occurred in Colorado, J. F. Carlson of Sioux City, Ia., was killed.

Ralph Miller, one of the crack pitchers of the Eastern league last season, has been signed by Indianapolis. Miller was with Baltimore in 1897 and in 1898.

Major General Arthur MacArthur has been ordered to Denver to take command of the Department of the Colorado, in place of General Merriam, retired.

Miss Maude Wilcutt stood in the telegraph office at Bowling Green, Ky., and became the bride of Dr. J. M. Simmons of Peasor, Tex. They were married by wire.

The total yield for corn for Iowa in 1901 is shown to be 227,908,850 bushels, or 65 per cent of last year's crop, and 85 per cent of the average for the past twelve years.

Reports from all portions of Kansas and western Missouri show that rain fell recently, turning to sleet or snow at night. The storm has been of enormous benefit to wheat.

A dispatch to the London Times from Vienna declares that as a result of the recent appeal to the public to take the matter in hand, dueling in Austria-Hungary is doomed.

Edwin H. Brown, aged 78 years, of Girard, Kan., who has been prominent in political and railroad circles, dropped dead of heart disease while visiting his sister in Kansas City.

The funeral of Jose Duarte Plerera, the late Brazilian delegate in Mexico, was attended by President Diaz, his cabinet, the diplomatic corps and United States Ambassador Clayton.

The organ of the Russian minister of finance, the Wjstnick Finanzoff, threatens reprisals if the German reichstag passes the tariff bill now being debated before that body.

An ordinance wiping out private wine rooms in saloons, restaurants and hotels was passed by the city council of Chicago. Mayor Harrison said he would sign the measure.

The secretary of the treasury has awarded the contract for removal of the old and installation of new plumbing fixtures in the public building at Des Moines, Ia., to L. H. Kurtz of Des Moines at \$5,160.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, will leave for Europe shortly after Christmas. He will be absent for two months and will spend the time in England and on the continent.

The joint committee of the two houses of congress to make arrangements for a McKinley memorial service has decided to invite Secretary of State John Hay to be the orator whenever the services shall be held.

Dick Little was shot and instantly killed at the Holmes hotel in Shawnee, O. T., by Perry Griffin, and the latter made good his escape. The trouble originated from the attempt of the landlady to eject Little from the hotel.

James Sheldon was re-elected captain of the Chicago foot ball eleven at a meeting attended by all the members of the team.

An attempt made two weeks ago to rob the Wannatah bank of Wannatah, Ind., owned by Julius Conitz, caused a run which resulted in its suspension. Assets, \$1,000; liabilities, \$29,000.

General Funston will sail for the United States from Manila December 26 on the transport Warren. Governor Taft will follow December 20 on the transport Grant.

The Georgia Good Roads association has organized with Clifford L. Anderson of Atlanta president.

At Pana, Ill., Cecil Bates, aged 4, accidentally killed his mother by knocking a gun from a table, the charge entering his mother's stomach.

The army of officeholders under the government is computed to number 220,000.

Gus Gardner of Philadelphia knocked out Roxy Kanell of Buffalo in the third round before the Abbey Athletic club of Cincinnati.

Hugh L. Smyth & Co. of New York, stock brokers, suspended. The firm had no stock exchange member.

The failure of the publishing firm of Butler & Algonon of New Haven, Conn., is announced. Liabilities, \$51,800; assets, \$16,762.

# THE TREATY RATIFIED

Favorable Action Taken on Hay-Paunccefote Compact by Senate.

## SEVERAL SENATORS WERE PAIRED

Six Members Vote Against and Seventy-Two for Ratification—An Exceptionally Full Attendance When Final Vote Was Taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate ratified the Hay-Paunccefote isthmian canal treaty by the decisive vote of 72 to 6. The vote was reached a few minutes before 5 o'clock, after almost five hours discussion behind closed doors.

There were no sensational incidents during this entire time. The debate was confined exclusively to a discussion of the merits of the agreement and the policy of its provisions.

The principal speech of the day was made by Senator Teller, in opposition to the treaty, and he was followed in rapid succession by twelve or fifteen other senators, who spoke briefly for or against the motion to ratify.

Among the other speakers of the day were Senators Clay, Fairbanks, McCumber, McLaurin of Mississippi, Culberson, Mallory, Mason, Tillman, Bacon and Bate.

Senator Clay was one of the southern senators who spoke in advocacy of the treaty. He contended that the treaty should be ratified because it secured the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Senator Mason made a strong plea for the treaty, expressing his gratification that American diplomacy had succeeded in securing such a triumph as was this treaty over the original Hay-Paunccefote agreement.

Senator Bacon's speech was made in connection with a motion to amend the treaty. In presenting this amendment he said he was in favor of a canal and would vote for the treaty with the Davis amendment. He opposed the treaty because he did not believe it would give the United States full control of the canal. He said Great Britain rejected the amended Hay-Paunccefote treaty, but sent us another treaty almost identical with the former treaty as amended except as regards the Davis amendment. He considered the fact the most important feature of the whole controversy.

There was an exceptionally full senate when the time arrived for a vote, but the certainty of ratification had become so apparent that there was comparatively little interest in the proceedings. The votes on the amendments succeeded each other quickly. Senator Culberson offered an amendment to insert the Davis fortification amendment of last season. This was defeated, 15 to 62.

When the final vote was taken it resulted 72 to 6.

## ROOSEVELT ADOPTS NEW PLAN

President Consults Democratic Leaders Regarding Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt is adopting the plan of securing information from democratic senators and representatives regarding applicants for office in the south. Today, by appointment, he consulted Senator Foster and McEnery and Representative Broussard of Louisiana regarding Louisiana appointments. He had a list of about fifty applicants for places, from collector of the port of New Orleans down to minor offices, concerning whom he requested information. The president also consulted Representatives Clayton, Thompson and Wiley of Alabama about some appointments in that state. It is understood that the president is disposed to reappoint Messrs. Vaughan, Bryan and Bingham, respectively, district attorney and marshal of the middle district and collector of internal revenue.

Mrs. McKinley Does Not Improve.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—Relatives of Mrs. McKinley have little hope of her living long, according to a statement made by Lieutenant James McKinley, U. S. A. Lieutenant McKinley passed through Chicago tonight in company with General S. B. M. Young, successor to General Shafter at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Continuing, the lieutenant said: "My aunt in Canton remains in much the same condition she was immediately after the funeral of the president. There has been no improvement and there seems no hope of any."

Hay Will Deliver Eulogy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The committee designated by the representatives of the two houses of congress appointed to invite Secretary Hay to deliver an address in honor of the memory of the late President McKinley called upon the secretary and secured his consent to perform this distinguished service. Mr. Hay said that while he would have preferred the invitation should be extended to some one else, he would accept.

# SCHLEY'S FRIENDS ACTIVE

Jones Introduces Resolution in Senate Extending the Thanks of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the opening of yesterday's session of the senate Mr. Jones of Arkansas introduced a joint resolution as follows: "That the thanks of congress and the American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley and the officers and men under his command for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by them in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, July 3, 1898."

Without comment the resolution was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

Hon. Isidor Rayner and Mr. M. A. Teague, counsel for Rear Admiral Schley before the court of inquiry, are holding a consultation with their client for the purpose of outlining their future course of action. Admiral Dewey, president of the court, was asked for a statement as to whether he endorsed the findings of the majority of the court. "I have not a word to say," he replied; "not a word."

Since the court of inquiry rendered its verdict, Rear Admiral Schley has received a large number of letters and telegrams, all containing expressions of confidence and esteem and offers of assistance. To answer these personally would be a work of such magnitude that the admiral has addressed the following letter to the Associated Press, which he asks to be published:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 1901.—To the Associated Press: I beg to express through the medium of the Associated Press my gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the kind words and evidences of interest in my welfare which I have received from all part of the United States. The magnitude of the correspondence renders it impossible for me to personally acknowledge the same, and I therefore take this means of expressing my appreciation to one and all. Very truly yours,

"WINFIELD SCOTT SCHLEY,  
"Rear Admiral, U. S. N."

## DEBATE ON NEW TARIFF BILL

House Will Begin on Proposed Philippine Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Plans were being made on both sides of the house of representatives yesterday for the three days' debate on the Philippine tariff bill which begins today. Each side will have four and one-half hours.

This considerably restricts the limits of debate, particularly the opposition, which had intended to make this bill the text for a rather elaborate arraignment of the policy of the party in power.

Chairman Payne will open the debate in a speech of about three-quarters of an hour and Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania will close the debate just before the vote is taken on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bonine is Reinstated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Civil Service commission has decided to restore the name of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, who recently was acquitted of the murder of James Seymour Ayres, Jr., to the roll of eligibles for appointment to the civil service. Just prior to the death of Ayres, Mrs. Bonine had passed an examination for skilled laborer in the government printing office, but pending the result of the trial her name was held up.

Trotting Mare Janteed Dead.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 17.—Janteed, one of the American trotting queens, is dead of pneumonia at Pierce Brothers' Santa Rosa stock farm in this city. The mare recently returned from the eastern circuit, where with her stable mate, Dolly Dillon, she won over \$10,000.

Mrs. Osborne at Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Luther W. Osborne, wife of the late consul general to Samoa, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Sonoma with the body of her husband, which will be taken east for interment.

Suit Against Bishop Mts.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Messagerio says that Father Cushing, the American priest who had difficulties with Bishop Mats of Colorado, has commenced legal proceedings against Bishop Mats for illegal arrest.

Report of Bank of Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The report of the Bank of Spain for the week ended Saturday shows: Gold in hand, increased, 26,000 pesetas; silver in hand, increased, 863,000 pesetas; notes in circulation, decreased, 3,847,000 pesetas.

Montana's Tremendous Snow.

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 17.—Eastern Montana has been enveloped in one of the heaviest snowfalls ever known.

# WORK FOR THIS WEEK

What the Two Houses of Congress Will Enay Themselves at.

## THE SENATE COMMITTEE LISTS

They Are Expected to Be Made Tuesday—Canal Treaty Under Consideration—No Doubt of Its Ratification—Miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The disposition of the senate is to do very little business beyond acting upon the Hay-Paunccefote treaty before adjournment for the holidays. In accordance with the agreement reached Friday the treaty will be voted on before the senate adjourns tomorrow. Senator Teller will make the first speech of the day tomorrow and he will be followed by other senators with brief speeches. The opponents of the treaty admit there is no doubt of ratification.

On Thursday the announcement of the committees will be made and there is a probability that after this announcement the senate will adjourn until Thursday, when the adjournment for the holidays will take place, extending to January 5. If there are business sessions Wednesday and Thursday Senator Morgan will make an effort to secure action on his bill authorizing the acquisition of right of way for the Nicaragua canal, but senators on the republican side of the chamber are inclined to postpone all important legislation until after the holidays.

There probably will be action before the adjournment on Thursday on a number of nominations and the chances are that Attorney General Knox's nomination will be among those to receive attention.

The introduction of resolutions bearing on the case of Admiral Schley is also among the probabilities, but no action in that direction is anticipated for the present.

The house this week will pass the bill to provide temporary revenues for the Philippine islands, which was reported from the ways and means committee last Friday. Under the agreement made general debate will extend throughout Tuesday and until 4 o'clock Wednesday, when a vote will be taken. There will be no opportunity to amend the measure. There will be a break in the party lines on both sides of the house.

Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, the republican member of the ways and means committee who opposed the Porto Rican bill during the last congress, will speak against the measure and will be supported in his dissent from his republican colleagues by Mr. Littlefield of Maine and perhaps several other republicans who oppose the Porto Rican bill and hold that a similar issue is presented at this time.

On the democratic side Representative Robinson will support the bill and the remainder of the Louisiana delegation will do likewise. Representing the cane sugar interests of their state, they are opposed to concessions on sugar duties, either from the Philippines or Cuba.

The general belief is that the bill will secure as many democratic votes as it loses votes on the republican side and that the majority in its favor when placed on its passage will be about the republican majority in the house.

Believed to Have Perished.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 16.—Word from Casper states that a young man named Hemingway, brother of Civil Engineer Hemingway of Casper, probably perished in the storm last Thursday. The young man was a stranger in this country and started to go to a neighboring ranch. He never reached his destination and his friends fear he is dead. A party is now searching the plains for him.

Farmer Dies in Snowdrift.

NEW RICHMOND, Wis., Dec. 16.—John McQuaid, a farmer residing at Stanton, died yesterday as a result of exposure to the extremely cold weather. McQuaid was found in a snow drift beside the road, near Houlton, having fallen from his wagon.

Fails to See the Train.

WATERLOO, Neb., Dec. 16.—Emil Zable while crossing the Union Pacific track at his place was struck by train No. 101 and instantly killed. He was in a buggy and had the side curtains up and did not notice the train coming.

Stockman Frozen to Death.

HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 16.—Word comes from Trumbull, in the northwest corner of this county, that as T. T. Garnett, about 60 years of age, living some three miles northwest of Trumbull, was returning from a sale held by his son a short distance from his home, he left the team and party with whom he was riding, saying he would go and look after his cattle and get them home. This was the last seen of him until found.

# CRASH CAME IN A CURVE

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide on the Illinois Central.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 16.—Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the cause of a head-end collision on the Illinois Central between Irene and Perryville early yesterday. The two trains were the eastbound passenger train No. 4 and a through freight from Chicago, going west. As a result, eight people are dead or missing and eleven injured.

The trains met in a slight bend of the track, both running at full speed. The smoker, express and baggage cars were piled on the locomotives, penning in the occupants of the smoker. Only three of the half dozen persons in that car escaped. The others were penned in and if not instantly killed were roasted to death and their bodies, along with those of the engine crew, were entirely consumed.

All efforts of the survivors to rescue the victims was unavailing. The flames drove them back at every point. The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and the icy wind was blowing across the prairie, the point where the wreck occurred being in a shallow cut, affording no protection. The injured were without hats or wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors the waycar was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside. Two hours elapsed before any relief was at hand.

SCHLEY PREPARED FOR ACTION

Rear Admiral Says He is Ready to Continue Prosecution.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley has notified Attorney General Isidor Rayner that he is ready to take any action with reference to his case that Mr. Rayner may advise. Mr. Rayner expects to meet the admiral in Washington today or Tuesday.

When asked whether he favored a congressional investigation, Mr. Rayner said: "I doubt whether a proceeding of this sort is the proper one. It generally assumes a political aspect. At this time I am of the opinion that the matter should be prosecuted by the courts. There are plenty of ways in which this can be done, and this week we will begin to consult and determine upon our course of action."

Among the telegrams Mr. Rayner has received since the publication of the findings of the court of inquiry was one from a gentleman in another state who asked that his identity be kept secret, with an offer of \$10,000 for the necessary expenses attending a further prosecution of the case. The offer was declined.

## STORM IN PENNSYLVANIA

Big Rivers Rise and Inflict Enormous Damage.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 16.—A storm for which severity and destructiveness has not been equaled in this section for twenty-five years, visited Eastern and Central Pennsylvania last night, causing almost unprecedented damage, and resulted in the loss of at least four human lives. The havoc in the coal regions is enormous and the loss to railroad and mining companies will amount to millions of dollars. The Schuylkill, Lehigh, Susquehanna and Juniata rivers have risen as high as fifteen feet above their levels and all their tributaries have overflowed, inundating the surrounding country in more than a dozen counties.

Innumerable washouts have occurred on the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading, Northern Central, Lehigh Valley, New Jersey Central and other railroads. Bridges have been carried away and traffic is at a standstill.

Founder of Butte Dead.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—William L. Farland, the founder of Butte, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 67 years. Farland in the '60s located many of the big mines of Butte, built the first silver mill and produced the first bar of bullion. He was associated with United States Senator Clark in many mining deals during the early days of the camp.

Commissioner Declares War.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.—Deputy Food Commissioner Bassett is about to begin war upon the people who make pure cider vinegar and dispose of it to unsuspecting merchants for 3 cents a gallon. The merchants in turn dispose of it to unsuspecting customers for 25 cents a gallon, thus making a very fair margin on the sale.

Chicago's Coldest December.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Yesterday was the coldest day Chicago has experienced in the month of December since the weather bureau was established here thirty years ago. For three hours the mercury stood at 21 degrees below zero. Later, however, the skies cleared and the wind which had been blowing from the northwest, died down, causing a gradual rise of temperature, and at night the thermometer registered but 3 degrees below.

# IS ADVERSE TO SCHLEY

Majority of the Board of Inquiry Find Fault With Admiral's Conduct.

## DEWEY IN REPORT SUSTAINS HIM

Later, However, Affixes Signature to Original Statement—Schley is Charged With Insubordination and Failure to Perform Duty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The most prolonged, interesting and important naval tribunal ever held in this country came to a close yesterday, having in open and secret lasted one week short of three months, when Secretary Long was handed the findings of the court of inquiry which inquired into the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley during the Santiago campaign.

For seven weeks the court heard testimony and for fully a month it deliberated upon that mass of evidence, finally reaching the conclusions announced today. The result was a complete surprise and it is probable that no prophecy has approached the truth. Instead of one report, there are two. Both are signed by George Dewey, president, and Samuel C. Lemly, as judge advocate. This is a form said to be recognized in all the courts of inquiry, the signatures of the other members not being necessary. But it is explained that Admiral Dewey signed the second report, a minority report, to express his qualification of or dissent from the views expressed by the court, comprising, beside himself, Admirals Benham and Ramsay, in the first report.

A representative of the Associated Press conveyed first information of the findings of the court to Admiral Schley.

He was seated in the public reception room of a hotel chatting with several friends and evidenced no signs of nervousness over the outcome. When the conclusions of Admiral Dewey were read to him, Admiral Schley showed his pleasure and it was evident from his manner that he regarded the statement from Admiral Dewey as a vindication of his cause. He declined to make any statement concerning the court's findings and, excusing himself from the little company which had gathered about him, went to his apartments, where Mrs. Schley had been anxiously awaiting to hear the court's decision.

Later the official copy was brought to the hotel by a messenger from the navy department.

The report of the majority in the Schley inquiry is as follows:

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos and should have maintained a close blockade of that port.

He should have endeavored, on May 23, at Cienfuegos to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the insurgents at the place designated in the memorandum delivered to him at 8:15 a. m. of that date.

He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba with all dispatch and should have disposed his vessels with a view of intercepting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle.

He should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron. He should have promptly obeyed the Navy department's order of May 25.

He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31.

## RAYNOR WILL ADVISE APPEAL

Will Counsel Schley to Fight Decision to the Last Resort.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—Isidor Raynor showed keen disappointment when the findings of the court of inquiry were communicated to him tonight. He announced that he would go to Washington as soon as his engagements will permit, probably Monday or Tuesday, and he will counsel Admiral Schley to fight the case to a finish by every appeal that is possible. In an interview he said: "I think the country will almost unanimously accept Admiral Dewey's judgment. The testimony was so overwhelming on almost all of the specifications in favor of Admiral Schley that I must confess I am at a loss to understand upon what fact or upon what evidence of the witnesses the other two members of the court reached their conclusion."

Hay is Appointed Orator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The joint committee of the two houses of congress appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a memorial service in honor of the late President McKinley held a meeting today and decided to invite Secretary of State John Hay to be the orator whenever the proposed services shall be held. The selection was made upon a motion by Senator Fairbanks, who briefly addressed the committee.