

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

TERMS: \$125 IN ADVANCE.
NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Courtenay Walter Bennett, who has been British consul general at Bilboa since 1900, has been gazetted consul general of Great Britain at San Francisco.

It has been proposed in Washington to invite ex-President Cleveland to address congress on the occasion of the memorial services for President McKinley.

The appeal of Joseph Rinkard, who murdered his wife, for a new trial has been refused by the Indiana supreme court. He has been given the death sentence.

Immigration Agent E. R. Werkman of the Great Northern expects that the spring movement of settlers to the Pacific northwest will be the heaviest ever known.

Mrs. Nordica's claim of \$3,000,000 against the United States government for the losses at sea of her ancestor, Ichabod Norton, appears to have been filed about ten years too late.

The Georgia legislature passes the act granting certain lands lying in the northeast part of the state to the National Appalachian park, which is to be named after President McKinley.

The marriage of Miss Helen Hay, daughter of the secretary of state, and Mr. Payne Whitney of New York, will occur Thursday, February 6, at the Church of the Covenant in Washington.

Secretary Long acknowledged in an informal letter the receipt of a request from Admiral Schley for permission to file a bill of objections to the recent decision of the court of inquiry.

Senator Daniel of Virginia lives in very modest style in Washington, and has for thirty years spent nearly all of his money in paying off debts incurred by a relative in the panic of 1873.

Cecil Rhodes, in a long letter to the Daily Telegraph, advocates the settlement of large number of suitable British subjects on land among the Boers as the only safe means of eradicating race hatred in South Africa.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the London Daily Express says that Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry of the Netherlands, her husband, drove in an open carriage through Appledorn yesterday. The correspondent adds the royal pair will return to The Hague tomorrow.

The most recent investigation into German labor conditions show the labor situation to be growing worse. The Arbeit's Markt, a Berlin newspaper, says there were 224 applicants for 100 vacancies in November, against 200 applicants for the same number of vacancies in October.

A rumor is current that Count Guchowski, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, is about to resign, owing to the refusal of the Emperor Francis Josef to sanction his arbitrary proposal to satisfy German complaints arising from the anti-German demonstrations in Galicia.

Alexander Kirk, while delirious from small pox, escaped from his home in Amherst, Wis., and wandered about in the snow storm. His wife, who is just recovering from the same disease, followed him for about a mile, but the cold compelled her to turn back. Kirk's frozen body was found three miles from his home.

The Boer ballad is popular in Paris. Publishers in this country has filed hurry-up orders.

William H. Walker, once employed as a painter on the Pan-American buildings at Buffalo, was found frozen to death near Lyons, N. Y.

Third Clerk Mark Amerberg, of the steamer Spread Eagle, one of the Leyhe fleet of St. Louis, in winter quarters at Paducah, Ky., was drowned yesterday by breaking through the ice. The remains were shipped to his home at Grattana, Ill.

An Italian psychologist has discovered that Christopher Columbus was insane for years before his death.

Seth Low took the oath of office as mayor of New York in the supreme court of New York. Mr. Low will assume office at noon on January 1.

Finance Minister Limantour of Mexico has sent his budget for the next fiscal year to congress. He says that the depression which existed at this time last year is disappearing, except in regard to the cotton manufacturing industry.

The Bulgarian minister has resigned, owing to the hostility of the so-called to the proposal for a new loan. Lady Barnett recently presented to Queen Alexandra a Pomeranian dog, which weighs only a pound and a half and is valued at \$5,000.

John Murphy, superintendent of the St. Louis branch of Swift & Co., died suddenly at the home of his wife's parents at Muncie, Ind. Murphy had gone there with his family for the holidays. He was apparently in good health in the morning.

ROUSES MEAT PACKERS

Resent Government's Decision to Cease Microscopical Inspection.

MORRIS SAYS IT MEANS HAVOC

He Declares that Germany Will Not Receive a Pound of American Pork if the United States Stops the Heretofore Official Tagging.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Chicago packers have received notice from D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industries in Washington, to the effect that the microscopic inspection of meat will cease March 1, 1902. The announcement has aroused the packers and Nelson Morris said tonight that a meeting will probably be called in the near future to consider what will be done.

"Letters have been received by all the pork packers in Chicago," said Mr. Morris, "and it is my understanding that the inspection will be abandoned in all parts of the United States.

"It will work havoc with the packers. Germany will not receive a pound of American pork unless it bears the tag of the United States meat inspector. It will not receive pork in pieces that weigh less than nine pounds, and this is already a hardship to exporters of pork. Of course we will be shut out of the German market altogether if the inspection of pork is abolished. Other countries now admit our meat without the inspectors' tag, but they may cease to do so when the inspection is done away with and there is the chance of receiving poor pork from unscrupulous packers.

"I cannot see any reason why the microscopic inspection should be abolished. It does not cost very much and is of great benefit to every one concerned. I am sure there will be serious protests from the packers. I believe a meeting will be called to consider the question. The notice came as a shock to Chicago packers, all of whom had laughed at the previous rumors to the effect that the examination would be abolished."

LOST TEN PER CENT OF CATTLE

Oklahoma Stockmen Suffer Keenly From Recent Cold.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 20.—As a result of the intense cold and storms stockmen figure a 10 per cent loss in cattle. This is true covering the two territories, the loss being greater on the western Oklahoma ranges and in the new country. The last two days have been cold, but accompanied by no blizzards. This has given the stockmen opportunity to provide means to care for their cattle and to collect them on the ranges, where they had scattered, driven by the storm in seeking shelter. Plenty of provision will now be made, as all anticipate an extremely cold winter. In central and eastern Oklahoma the cattle are being collected at the cotton oil mills to fatten quickly and ship to market.

Most All Speak Spanish.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The government has issued the long contemplated order that all railway employees in contact with the public shall be able to speak Spanish in such a manner as to be able to deal directly with the passengers and public in general. This order will principally affect Pullman company employees. It is claimed that many accidents of late have been due to the inability of trainmen to speak Spanish, causing a mistake of orders. The order takes effect New Year's day.

Crisis on the Isthmus.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—The Bulletin says: Rush orders have been received from Washington directing that the cruiser Philadelphia sail from here tomorrow with all speed for Panama. Affairs on the isthmus are approaching a crisis. Venezuela and Germany are arguing a point or two of diplomacy and there are other interesting matters of international interest on the southern coast.

Pension for Mrs. McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Hanna introduced a bill granting a pension of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late president.

Pauncefote Expecting to Hear.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, is daily expecting from his government its approval and ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

To Prevent Rate Cutting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Presidents and executive officers met to put a stop to the indiscriminate rate cutting that has been going on west of the Missouri river. It was deemed inadvisable to take any concerted action that might be construed as a violation of the anti-trust law, so each road pledged itself individually to strictly maintain tariff rates after January 1. Shippers have been notified that no more cut rate contracts will be made.

WILL TELL SCHLEY ABOUT IT

Long Will Inform Admiral When Sampson Files His Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The navy department has not yet prepared its answer to the bill of objections announced yesterday to the bill of exceptions by Admiral Schley, but it is expected it will be delivered tomorrow. Captain Lemly and Solicitor Hanna having given a considerable portion of the day to the matter. The following letter was addressed to Admiral Schley today:

"Dear Sir: The department has received your communication of the 18th inst., wherein you request that if a protest is filed by Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson relative to the question of command of the American naval forces during the battle of Santiago and credit for the victory was in that battle, you be accorded an opportunity to present, through your counsel, oral argument against such protest.

"In reply you are informed that when such protest is received you will be advised of the department's conclusion. Yours respectfully,

"JOHN D. LONG.

"Rear Admiral W. S. Schley."

OPPOSE CHINESE EXCLUSION

Mass Meeting in Boston Addressed by Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—William Lloyd Garrison presided over a meeting in the Bromfield Street Methodist Episcopal church this evening, at which resolution were adopted against the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act. Besides Mr. Garrison, the speakers were Rev. J. M. Foster of Boston, Rev. M. R. Johnson of San Francisco, Yong Hai, a Chinese clergyman of this city; Rev. James A. Earle and Colonel Stephen W. Nickerson. In the course of his address Mr. Garrison said:

"We are here tonight as American citizens to protest against America's injustice in dealing with a sister nation. We cannot forget that our ancestors themselves were immigrants with no prescriptive right to enter this country."

WHAT INDIAN IS MADE FOR

Merely a Joke to Pass Counterfeit on Poor Lo.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 20.—It is not a crime against the United States to pass a confederate bill on an unsuspecting Indian, according to the decision of Judge Amidon in the Barrett case. Barrett was arrested for giving an Indian a \$5 confederate bill in a horse trade. It is alleged that he had violated section 5430 of the revised United States statutes, which makes it a crime to carry paper bills bearing a similitude to paper bills of legal currency. It was held that the offense is merely a cheat. Barrett was a Billings county cowboy and has been discharged from custody.

A Paper Box Trust.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Representatives of about thirty of the paper box manufacturers of the country met here today for the purpose of forming a combine. It was stated after a secret meeting that satisfactory progress had been made, but no definite statement had been made as regards the capitalization of the concern. If the plan of consolidation is successful one of its features will be that none of its stock will be placed on the market for sale, but each manufacturer will subscribe to the working capital in proportion to the value of his plant.

Will Abide by Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hay and Senator Zaldiver, the Hawaiian minister, today signed the protocol providing for the submission to arbitration of the claim of the Salvador commercial company, otherwise known as El Triunfo, for damages sustained through the alleged appropriation by the government of Salvador of their concession rights. The claim amounts to about half a million dollars.

Mercer Introduces a Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In accordance with authority conferred by congress last year, the secretary of agriculture has had plans prepared for a handsome new building for the Department of Agriculture and today Representative Mercer of Nebraska introduced a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the proposed new structure.

For Mines and Mining.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Representative Wood of California today introduced a bill to establish a department of mines and mining.

Has Confidence in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Wilson today expressed confidence that congress would avert the threatened suspension on March 1 of the microscopical examination of American meats sent abroad by making the appropriation for continuing that work in accordance with estimates he has submitted. Secretary Wilson says that he does not believe congress will permit any lapse in the inspection work for want of money.

IT PASSES THE HOUSE

Philippine Tariff Bill Has Majority of Thirty-Five Votes.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS SUPPORT IT

On Republican Side Five Members Oppose the Measure—Dingley Dates on Goods Entering the United States From Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine islands passed the house today by a vote of 163 to 128. Five republicans—Messrs. Terrell of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Heatwole, Eddy and Stevens of Minnesota—voted with the democrats against the bill and three democrats—Messrs. Robertson, Davey and Broussard of Louisiana—voted with the republicans for it. Mr. Meyer, a democrat of Louisiana, was paired in favor of the bill with Mr. Foster an Illinois democrat. Mr. Warner of Illinois, who voted against the Porto Rican bill last congress, voted for the Philippine measure today. Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, who also voted against the Porto Rican bill, was absent.

The democrats were several times today taunted with their failure to present an alternative proposition for the pending measure, but just before the vote was taken for the passage of the bill the attitude of the minority was defined in a motion to recommit, offered by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader. It instructed the ways and means committee to report the bill back amended so as to reduce the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to a revenue basis and to extend them to the Philippines until the latter, with the aid of the United States, should be able to set up a stable independent government.

This proposition did not command a republican vote and the three democrats above mentioned voted against it. Mr. Meyer was paired against it.

The speakers today were: Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa and Dalzell of Pennsylvania for the bill and Messrs. Henry of Texas, Williams of Missouri, McCall, republican of Massachusetts, Green of Pennsylvania and McClellan of New York against.

The bill passed today imposes the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines and the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for the collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines and foreign vessels may ply between these ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected shall go into the Philippine treasury.

SCHLEY FILES BILL

Brooklyn's Commander Submits List of Exceptions to Findings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Late yesterday Admiral Schley, through his counsel, filed with the secretary of the navy his bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry, and also a letter asking to be heard in connection with the objections to be filed by Attorneys for Admiral Sampson to the individual opinion of Admiral Dewey. This action was taken after Mr. Raynor, Mr. Teague and Captain Parker of counsel, had held a consultation throughout the day with their client.

Secretary Long, almost immediately after the receipt of the communication, called Judge Advocate Lemley and the solicitor for the department, Mr. Hanna, into conference. At its conclusion the secretary said that he had no statement to make regarding any action that he might take in the premises. He, however, indicated to Mr. Teague, through the judge advocate that he would not hear an oral argument by Mr. Raynor regarding Admiral Sampson's protest, but would receive a written protest.

Schley Gets More Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Judge Rayner and Mr. Teague have gone to Baltimore and are engaged with the preparation of the statement of objections to the court findings, which Admiral Schley has been granted permission to file. This work is expected to occupy them several days.

To Retire Hawaiian Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Cullom today introduced in the senate a bill providing for the retirement of the Hawaiian coinage and currency.

Go to Treat With Brigands.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Turkish mission in Constantinople, accompanied by Mr. Gargillo, dragonman of the United States legation here, started to meet the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive. In accordance with instructions received from Washington, they will attempt to secure the release of the prisoner in exchange for the ransom money now available. Mrs. Talika's baby is still alive and well.

EARLY ACTION IS EXPECTED

Exchange of Ratification of Treaties May Take Place in a Month.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, called at the state department to confer with Secretary Hay respecting the next step to be taken toward consummating the treaty ratified by the senate to replace the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. It is possible that ratifications will be exchanged in about a month. King Edward first must ratify the treaty and then the exchange copies of the convention having been prepared, the British copy will be sent to Washington, where they probably will be exchanged. The treaty provides that this act may take place either at Washington or in London, but in deference to Lord Pauncefote's wishes it is likely that this, the last act of the treaty, will occur in Washington.

FEAR ACTIVE HOSTILITIES

Open Warfare Soon Between Venezuela and Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Semi-official advices received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms and ammunition by the Colombian government. This is about to be remedied.

The news that came to the effect that the British steamer, Ban Rich, which recently excited suspicion by loading a large cargo of arms in European waters, supposedly intended for the Boers in South Africa, really was chartered by the Colombian government. It is now near Colon and the advice is to the effect that when its cargo is distributed among the Colombian troops hostilities will begin between Colombia and Venezuela.

Rural Free Delivery Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Rural free delivery service will be established February 1st as follows: Dakota City, Dakota county (additional service), with one carrier, length of route, twenty-three and one-half miles, population served, 475, carrier Edward J. McKeon; Juniata, Adams county, one carrier, length of route, twenty-five and one-half miles, population served, 500, carrier, Orville Butler; Syracuse, Otse county, with one carrier, length of route, twenty-five miles, population served, 500, carrier, Oscar H. Van Shentz.

The Nebraska Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Millard is a member of these committees:

Interstate commerce, interoceanic canals, civil service and retraining, improvement of Mississippi and its tributaries, revolutionary claims, Potomac river front.

Senator Dietrich is made a member of these committees:

Philippines, coast defense, Indian depredations, irrigation, five civilized Indian tribes, Indian lands trespass.

Siam's King Wants to Visit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Frye today introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite the king of Siam to visit the United States. It sets forth in a preamble the fact that the king of Siam has made known to our minister at Bangkok his desire to visit the United States and the resolution provides that he shall be invited to become the guest of the nation while here.

Says It Caused Blindness.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 18.—Dr. W. B. Smith, a dentist of this city, has begun action in the courts of St. Joseph to recover \$20,000 damage from W. F. Goetze, a wholesale druggist of that city. It is claimed that the damage was sustained by reason of the defendant having sold Smith an inferior grade of alcohol, by partaking of which he was made blind.

Horse for Roosevelt.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Dec. 18.—A letter has just been received from Captain John Cofa at Morocco, saying that he expected a fine blooded Arabian saddle horse to reach him from the interior about December 10. The animal will be shipped to Washington for President Roosevelt's use.

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LEAVES THE CABINET

Postmaster General Smith Tenders Resignation to President.

HENRY C. PAYNE HIS SUCCESSOR

Urgency of Private Business Induces Action that Mr. Smith Has Taken—Decision Formed Some Time Ago to Return to Editorial Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia has tendered to the president his formal resignation as postmaster general, to take effect early next month, and Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the republican national committee, has accepted the tender of the office, to which he will be nominated immediately after the holiday recess. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain until January 15, if necessary, but will return immediately thereafter to Philadelphia to resume the editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

This change in the cabinet was formally announced at the cabinet meeting. All the members of the cabinet expressed their profound regret and the president paid a very impressive tribute to the services and personality of the retiring member of his official family. He said he had sought to persuade Mr. Smith to alter his determination and to remain in the cabinet, but without success, and he had finally accepted Mr. Smith's reasons as decisive.

Mr. Smith first announced to the president the latter part of last month that he had decided to return to his editorial duties. The president at that time urged him to remain. Mr. Smith, however, had been frequently reminded by his business associates of the duties devolving upon him and was anxious to return to them. He had several talks with President Roosevelt on the subject and finally, on Saturday afternoon last, formally tendered to the president the following letter of resignation:

My Dear Mr. President: Following my verbal communication of some time ago, I beg to tender my resignation of the office of postmaster general, to take effect at your early convenience on the appointment and qualification of my successor.

This step is taken in fulfillment of a plan long since formed, for purely personal reasons, the execution of which has been delayed until it can be carried out without embarrassing your declared policy and until department measures in which I am deeply interested could be satisfactorily advanced and assured.

In laying down the trust committed to my hands I want to thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the great pleasure I have found in an association which has deepened my esteem for you personally and my admiration for the spirit and aims of your administration.

With my best wishes that you may have the largest measure of success, I remain, faithfully yours,

CHARLES EMORY SMITH.

Mr. Smith delayed the formal tender until the president had chosen his successor. Mr. Payne is now at his home in Wisconsin. His name will go into the senate for confirmation the first week of January. He is expected to be ready to take charge of the office by the middle of next month at the latest. It is stated that no other changes in the cabinet are at present contemplated.

Mr. Smith has been postmaster general since April 21, 1898, succeeding James A. Gary of Maryland, virtually at the outset of the Spanish war.

Gage Rough on Counterfeiters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Gage sent to congress the draft of a bill providing more severe punishments for repeated offenses of counterfeiting. He says that of the 600 convictions each year, 50 per cent are against persons previously convicted. He, therefore, recommends that on a second conviction the maximum sentence be given; on the third conviction the maximum and five years additional; on the fourth conviction, twenty-five years.

Fatality Among Horses.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 18.—A sort of influenza contagion among horses during the last few weeks has resulted in a number of fatalities. Patrick Murray, one of the most extensive farmers of the county, who shipped in several carloads of horses last summer from the western ranges, has lost a score or more of the animals.

Gets a Heavy Endowment.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The University of Chicago was made the recipient of \$1,165,000 in gifts at the hands of friends of the institution. President Harper announced the new endowment late in the afternoon, the occasion being the fortieth convocation of the university. John D. Rockefeller was first among the donors with \$1,000,000 for the general endowment fund of the school. He also contributed \$250,000 more for the general needs.