

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Secretary Root has called the attention of congress to the need of providing for the fifty companies of Philippine scouts, comprising about 5,000 men.

The senate committee on public buildings and grounds today announced a favorable report on Senator Platt's bill for a new postoffice at New York, at a cost of \$2,500.

Mr. Oscar S. Strauss of New York, formerly United States minister to Turkey, has been appointed a permanent member of the committee of arbitration at The Hague.

Captain Richmond Pierson Hobson has applied for a year's leave from the navy in order that he may go on the lecture platform. He positively denies that he has resigned.

The committee on army affairs left Washington for West Point with a view of ascertaining what improvements must be made in the military academy to bring it up to date.

The London foreign office issued the correspondence on the Isthmian canal treaty in the form of a parliamentary paper. This correspondence adds nothing of interest to the known facts.

The house committee on public lands ordered a favorable report on the bill of Mr. Martin of South Dakota, allowing settlers on forest reservations additional time to complete their entries.

A conference had been arranged to take place between officials of the American Window Glass company and the Independent Glass company, but the Independent people refused to take part.

The Santa Fe railroad has issued \$30,000,000 of serial debentures bearing 4 per cent interest. The object is to reimburse the company's capital and enable it to make certain improvements.

Differences of two years pending between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies have been settled, and Seattle is assured of union terminal and depot facilities costing several million dollars.

Electricity will be substituted for steam as a motive power in the Park avenue tunnel, New York, the scene of the recent railroad disaster. Other changes to prevent further accidents will be made immediately.

J. P. Withers, former president of the American National bank of Beaumont, Tex., is under arrest, charged in the warrant with "embezzling, abstracting and misapplying the funds and credits" of the bank.

Editor Kohlsaat of the Chicago Record-Herald gives up his editorial duties, turning over full authority to Frank B. Noyes. He will still be identified with the paper as president of the company owning it.

Both houses of the Mississippi legislature unanimously adopted a resolution declaring Rear Admiral Schley to be the rightful hero of the battle of Santiago, and "entitled to the unflinching gratitude of his country."

The Missouri state central committee of the allied party, which is an organization of the middle of the road populists and national ownership adherents, has issued a call for a convention in St. Louis February 20 to nominate candidates for the state ticket.

It is announced that Lord Kitchener has been authorized to expend \$35,000 pounds for the extension of railroads in South Africa, he having arrived at the conclusion that this course would materially aid in the subjugation of the Boers.

The Iowa legislature canvassed the November vote and declared A. B. Cummins elected governor.

Captain Joseph B. Easton has been designated as the new commander of the battleship Oregon, now being fitted out on the Pacific coast.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, arrived at Vienna from Monte Carlo.

President Roosevelt has promised to give an invitation to visit Kansas City on his next trip west his serious consideration.

Secretary Long has about decided to place a rear admiral in command of the South Atlantic station.

Governor Smith of Maryland issued a proclamation calling on the people of the state to observe January 29 as McKinley Memorial day.

At a meeting of the Iowa Louisiana Purchase commission held in Des Moines, it was decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$250,000 for the St. Louis exposition. But three out of twenty-four members favored a less amount.

The president has commuted the sentence of William N. Beggs, teller of the First National bank of Dover, Del., who in 1898 was sentenced to five years for embezzlement, but was kept in jail one year before sentence was pronounced.

## REPORTS TARIFF BILL

Lodge Will Open Debate on Philippine Measure in the Senate.

### NELSON'S MEASURE IS ARRANGED

Various Attempts Are Made to Deform the Measure by Unfriendly Members and Defeat Its Ultimate Object—Pension to Mrs. McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Debate on the Philippine tariff bill will begin in the senate today. On behalf of the majority of the committee on the Philippines, Chairman Lodge yesterday reported the measure and gave notice that he would call it up at 2 o'clock today. Mr. Rawlins of Utah, acting for the minority of the committee, offered a substitute for the bill of the majority and announced that he would submit some remarks on it at the conclusion of Mr. Lodge's statement in support of the majority report.

In presenting the bill to the senate Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, also presented a written report showing the effect of the different amendments made by the committee. The report says the reduction of the export duties will give to the producers in the Philippines a very substantial benefit.

The resolution of 25 per cent added to the reduction of the export duties makes a net reduction on sugar, the principal article of export, of about 35 per cent. The report continues:

"In view of the demand for money for public purposes in the Philippines and the experimental character of our tariff reduction with those islands, a 25 per cent reduction in our tariff rates is as much as it is prudent to make at this time in a law which is of necessity temporary to meet a pressing emergency.

"In section 3, line 8, your committee proposes to insert after the word 'vessels' the word 'foreign,' because without this amendment American vessels coming from the Philippines will be obliged to pay the tonnage duties imposed upon the foreign vessels in the ports of the United States."

During the greater part of today's session the measure providing for the establishment of a Department of Commerce was under consideration. An effort was made by Mr. Nelson of Minnesota to secure a vote, but the opposition to many of its provisions became so strong that the effort had to be abandoned.

Mr. Cullom of Illinois introduced a bill "to prevent the transportation of deleterious foods and drinks and to provide for the appointment of a dairy and food commissioner."

Mr. Frye of Maine reported the ship subsidy agreed upon by the committee on commerce. Mr. Vest of Missouri gave notice of dissent of the present democratic members of the committee and also of an intention to file a minority report. Mr. Nelson then called up the bill creating a Department of Commerce and answered various criticisms that have been made of the measure.

The senate committee on pensions today ordered a favorable report upon Senator Hanna's bill to grant a pension of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. Ida S. McKinley.

### COMES TO TALK INTERVENTION

Former Member of British Parliament to Head Boer Cause.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Dr. G. B. Clark, ex-member of Parliament for Calthness, and formerly consul general of the Orange Free State in London, will arrive in New York on the steamer Iverna on some mysterious mission, cables the World's London correspondent. His exertions in the Boer cause have evoked bitter animosity among the "Jingoes," and it is now alleged that he has gone to Washington to influence President Roosevelt toward intervention. This object was attributed to him in an interview by a correspondent of the Paris Matin, but Dr. Clark denied having said so. Whereupon the correspondent, in a letter to the Times, repeated his statements.

### Wants to Know About Tariff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Senator Culbertson of Texas introduced a resolution directing the secretary of war to transmit to the senate copies of all suggestions, criticisms and correspondence between the war department and any official and the Philippine commission relating to the custom tariff of the Philippine islands.

### Snow Benefits the Wheat.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 21.—A damp, heavy snow began falling in this section at an early hour today, and at noon several inches had fallen, with good prospects of its continuing for some time. The snow is pretty general throughout the state and will be of great benefit to the winter wheat, which was suffering for moisture. It will also be the means of furnishing stock water for farmers, who, in many localities, haul the water.

## FIGHT ON DEFICIENCY BILL

Opposition Objects to Post and State Department Funds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The time of the house of representatives was occupied yesterday in debate on the urgent deficiency bill. An item in the bill carrying \$500,000 for a military post at Manila precipitated a long debate, in which some of the ablest debaters on both sides of the house took part. A semi-humorous speech by Mr. Clark of Missouri elicited a reply by Mr. Clark of Illinois, which in turn drew the fire of Mr. De Armond of Missouri.

Others who participated were Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Mr. Alexander of New York, Mr. Grow of Pennsylvania, Mr. Williams of Illinois and Mr. Underwood of Alabama.

Mr. Cannon, in charge of the urgent deficiency bill, explained that the measure provides for the government service for the current fiscal year where existing appropriations were not sufficient. The bill carried \$16,704,230.

## CANADA WANTS RECIPROCITY.

Dominion Sends Out Missionaries for This Cause in the United States.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—"The free and unrestricted interchange of natural products between the United States and Canada would rapidly develop a commerce in this country whose stimulating impulse would reach every branch of business. Trade would flow in its natural channels, instead of being diverted by repressive tariffs, and great commercial benefits result to all but an insignificant number."

This was the conclusion expressed today by John Charlton, member of the Canadian Parliament, during a discussion of the present tariff laws between this country and Canada. Mr. Charlton advocates reciprocity as a measure that would be of great benefit for both the United States and Canada. He is here now doing "missionary work," as he says, in favor of his doctrine.

## KILL GENERAL ALBAN

Insurgents Slay Colombia's Leader at Battle of Panama.

COLON, Colombia, Jan. 21.—(Via Galveston.)—A naval battle, which began at 6 o'clock in the morning, in the harbor of Panama, resulted in the killing of General Alban, governor of Panama.

The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Gaitan. They are trying to force a landing off Saona.

The government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro, the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamer Chicuito and the Panama Canal company's steamer Boyaca. The first named steamer was seized by General Alban and the other two have been chartered by the Colombian government.

### York Wants New Postoffice.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 21.—Congressman Stark has introduced a bill asking for an appropriation for a government postoffice building. It is the second largest city in the Fourth congressional district, and, according to the last census, made the largest growth of any city in Nebraska, excepting South Omaha. The citizens of York hope Congressman Stark will get his bill through.

### Demands the Requisition.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 21.—Governor Stanley refused to honor a requisition from Illinois for James Coffey, wanted in Chicago on a charge of conspiracy to defraud in a land deal. Coffey obtained a quit claim deed to certain land near Phillipsburg, Kan., from one Lulu McCoy of Chicago and sold the land to E. C. D. Wing of Hamburg, Ia. ? turned out that another Lulu McCoy owned the land.

### Serious Combat is Reported.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Jan. 20.—(Via Haytien Cable.)—The Venezuelan insurgents who have concentrated on the peninsula of Paraguaná (on the east side of the Gulf of Maracaibo) inaugurated a movement against the government. The insurgents in the vicinity of Uchiro have also begun operations against President Castro.

### Priest and Converts Murdered.

PEKIN, Jan. 21.—A French priest named Julien and two Chinese converts have been murdered at a village in the north of Kwang-Si province. Chinese officials assert that the murders were committed by robbers.

### To Protect Their Interests.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 21.—The international sugar conference reassembled today. The correspondent of the Associated Press has good authority for saying the British delegates definitely announce Great Britain's intention to impose a countervailing duty on sugar unless the bounties are withdrawn. The conference adjourned until Wednesday in order to allow the delegates to communicate with their respective governments.

## LODGE BILL REPORTED

Precipitates Long Battle on the Philippine Tariff Measure.

### DEMOCRATS PROMISE HARD FIGHT

It is Believed a Month Will Be Consumed in Debating the Bill—What the House Will Deliberate on During the Present Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Philippine question will be precipitated in the senate today, when the committee on the Philippines, which has had the Philippine tariff bill under consideration, expects to report the measure. The bill, with its committee amendments, will be sent to the printer, and Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, will give notice of his intention to call it up on the following day and ask for its continued consideration until finally disposed of.

There is a general acquiescence of republican senators in this program. There are other important measures to be presented at the proper time by administration senators, but the present agreement is to pass the Philippine bill first, as being of the most immediate importance. A long discussion of the bill is expected by the republicans and promised by the democrats. The democratic leaders say they do not expect to be able to defeat the bill and disclaim all intention to delay a vote unnecessarily, but they say, frankly, that they consider that it affords an opportunity for the presentation of their view of the entire Philippine question, which they cannot afford to let pass.

Senator Lodge will open the discussion with a brief speech on Tuesday, in which he will discuss the merits of the bill and also the necessity for early action. He will be followed by some member of the democratic representation on the committee, who will outline the democratic position. He will be followed by other democratic senators. Many of the senators on the democratic side are expected to be heard before final action shall be secured. Indeed, the prediction is freely made that a vote will not be obtained within a month. Senator Lodge's plan to hold the measure to the front, to the exclusion of all other business, when the bill is once made the unfinished business.

Tomorrow Senator Frye probably will report the ship subsidy bill, but he will not attempt to secure consideration for it for the present and probably not until the Philippine bill shall have been disposed of.

The report of the committee on inter-oceanic canals is expected later in the week, but may be delayed. The consideration of that question in the senate also will wait on the Philippine bill.

The calendar of the house of representatives is still rather meager in important bills, so that there does not promise to be a heavy pressure of business during the coming week. Monday is the regular suspension day, but there are few measures likely to be passed by suspension of the rules. The urgent deficiency appropriation bill will occupy most of the time during the first few days of the week. It carries a total of \$16,700,000, which is rather large for a deficiency measure, and it is expected that two days will be occupied in its consideration.

### Public Gatherings Suspended.

FARNAM, Neb., Jan. 20.—The following notice was posted in conspicuous places in the village: "On account of diphtheria near town, it is requested that as a preventive measure the churches, Sunday schools and lodges do not meet for the next two weeks. By order of the village trustees." One or two new cases have developed in the past three days, but no deaths.

### Priest Hangs Himself.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 20.—Frederick Krauhardt, a Catholic priest residing at Josephville, Mo., committed suicide today at the Alexander hospital by hanging himself with a bed sheet. He had officiated at Josephville for thirty years. He had been taking treatment at the hospital for nervous troubles since April, 1900.

### Death of Joseph Burke.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Joseph Burke, the violinist and actor, who achieved prominence as the accompanist of Jenny Lind, died here today in his 86th year. Congressman Chas. H. Burke of South Dakota is his nephew.

### Captives in Good Health.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 20.—Reliable news has been received here that Miss Ellen M. Stone, the captive missionary, Mme. Tsilka, her companion, and the latter's baby are well. Negotiations, which it is expected will result in the early and safe return of the captives, are in progress. John G. A. Leisham, the new American minister here, is directing the negotiations. He declines to say anything for publication.

## MANY FILIPINOS SURRENDER

Nearly Four Hundred Rebels Submit to American Power.

MANILLA, Jan. 20.—A report has been received here that a dugout canoe in which eleven men of Company I of the Second Infantry, were traveling, is missing and is probably lost. It is believed the men either perished or were captured.

General Wade has cabled from Cebu that 365 insurgents surrendered on the island of Bohol last Friday. The authorities here state that this statement is astounding if accurate, as the secret service had failed to learn of the existence of any such body of insurgents on Bohol.

An important capture was made in Laguna province, when eight men of the Eighth infantry captured a woman insurgent named Aguedah Dahbadun. She recently commanded an insurgent force of 800 men, 300 of whom carried rifles, while the balance were armed with bolos. For six years past she has been leading insurgent bands against the Spaniards and the Americans.

## ROOSEVELT LIKES THE IDEA

And Will Do All He Can to Aid St. Louis Exposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Edgar G. Hale of Chicago and Joseph Brucker of Berlin, the latter the commissioner of the St. Louis exposition to Germany, were presented to President Roosevelt Saturday by Representative Boutwell of Illinois. They discussed the exposition with the president, who told them the movement had his hearty approval.

The coming visit of Prince Henry to this country was discussed and Mr. Brucker informed the president that the correspondence between Emperor William and himself regarding the launch of the emperor's yacht had created a most favorable impression among the German-Americans of this country. The president replied that it was his aim to cultivate the most friendly relations between this country and Germany.

### Rev. Dr. Hines Dead.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—Rev. Dr. H. K. Hines died here, aged 74. Dr. Hines came to Oregon fifty years ago from Herkimer county, New York, and during that time was connected with the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church of the northwest. As presiding elder of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho he became widely known throughout the northwest. Dr. Hines was president of the territorial council of Washington and a member of the legislature during the session of 1864-1866. He was delegate to the national republican convention in Cincinnati in 1876.

### Prince Korean Sued on Debt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Prince Euiwha, the second son of the king of Korea, against whom a suit has been filed by Wolf Bros. & Co. of New York and Philadelphia, to recover \$30,000, claimed to be due on a promissory note, through an interpreter, said no defense would be put in. He said the money had been borrowed and spent. The interpreter said the king had been informed of the matter and no doubt would pay the debt.

### Howard Expects to Escape.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 20.—Attorneys in the Jim Howard murder case say that tomorrow they will put on the witness stand reliable persons who will give all the details of the alleged Goebel murder conspiracy. They said that this testimony would show that Howard had nothing to do with the crime.

### Eleven Prisoners Escape.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 20.—Eleven prisoners, headed by Moriarty, the counterfeiter, escaped from the federal prison at McNellis by burrowing through a cement floor into the air-pipes. A large posse is now in pursuit.

### Loss Valuable Money Heit.

KASSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 20.—I. Solomon, a Syrian living at Keokuk, Ia., was held up and robbed of a money belt containing \$8,500. Solomon had sold out his business in Keokuk and was looking for a location here.

### Kitchener Says Kill Him.

GRAAF-REINET, Cape Colony, Jan. 20.—Lord Kitchener has confirmed the death sentence passed upon the Boer commandant, Scheepers, who was captured last October. He will be shot next Sunday.

### Shoots Dead Wrong Man.

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 20.—B. B. Hunt of Huntsville, Mo., was shot and killed here by John Seville, who mistook him for an enemy. Hunt went to Seville's home and demanded admittance. Seville had experienced trouble Saturday with other persons and supposing that they had returned to open the quarry refused to admit Hunt and shot through the closed door. Hunt dropped dead on the steps.

## MANY HUNDREDS DEAD

Earthquake in Southern Mexico Proves to Have Been Disastrous.

### CITY OF CHILPANGICO DESOLATE

Falling Buildings Destroy Lives of Many of the Inhabitants—Church Crushes Its Worshipers—Great Slaughter Occurs in Sacred Edifice.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—One of the most terrible disasters in the history of the state of Guerrero is reported to have occurred late yesterday afternoon. An extremely violent earthquake shock was felt at Chilpancingo, causing a great loss of life and injuring many persons. Details from the stricken district are very meager, but scattering reports received here indicate that probably 300 persons were killed and as many more injured. It is known that the state capital, the parish church and many business houses and residences were in ruins and that there is much suffering as a result of the awful seismic disturbance. One of the edifices that suffered most was the federal telegraph office, which explains the scarcity of news thus far.

Meager details finally began to arrive here. The telegraph lines and apparatus at Chilpancingo were badly damaged, but the employes, all of whom were uninjured, quickly proceeded to erect an improvised telegraph office on the outskirts of the city. The number of deaths was greater in the parish church than any other single place, as a crowd of worshippers was gathered there for the afternoon service. The solid masonry walls and the roof came toppling down on the worshippers and many of those within were killed.

The war department has ordered troops in the neighborhood to co-operate in the work of rescue. Until the work is completed it will be impossible to accurately learn the number of victims. It is believed, however, that this is one of the most destructive earthquakes that ever occurred in Mexico. The greater part of the population of the city are now camping out under tents around the town, which is five days' journey from the national capital.

Earthquake shocks were felt in many other cities and towns. In Mexico City the earthquake occurred at 5:07 p. m. yesterday and was of such violence as to shake the most substantial buildings. The Pan-American congress was in session at the time and many of the delegates were greatly alarmed. The first movement here was one of trepidation and was very sharp. It was followed by an easy oscillatory movement northeast to south-southwest. The duration was fifty-five seconds. The damage in this city was slight.

The state of Guerrero has always been the focus of seismic disturbances. Reports received here state the shock was very severe at Chilpancingo. No casualties are so far reported from there. The duration of the Chilpancingo shock was less than that in Mexico City, having lasted fifty seconds, against fifty-five seconds at the capital.

Up to 11 o'clock tonight no further news had come from the stricken city. The earthquake was also intense at Iguala, in the state of Guerrero, destroying the parish church and many buildings. Among the latter was the sugar mill of General Frisbie. The mill had just been completed and fitted up with American machinery at a cost of \$200,000. The property loss is immense throughout the state of Guerrero.

The Association Press correspondent has just seen a private telegram from Chilpancingo saying: "I and family are safe; many houses destroyed."

### Creamery Man Disappears.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 18.—W. A. Smith, proprietor of the Mystic creamery in this city, and interested in a line of creameries in Benton county, has been missing since Sunday. The Merchants' National bank of this city began suit in the superior court, asking judgment for \$5,375 against Smith and a writ of attachment on his property. The bank claims to have loaned him \$2,000.

### Quarantine of Diseased Sheep.

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—Communications received from various sections of the state in response to orders from State Veterinarian Thomas commanding a quarantine of diseased sheep, indicate that the suggestion will be followed to the letter.

### Omaha Will Issue Call.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—Governor Orman today announced that he will issue a call tomorrow or on Sunday for a special session of the legislature to consider the following subjects: The revenue bill which was attacked by the trusts and pronounced unconstitutional in part by the courts; the control of the corporations, especially railroads, by a commission or otherwise; an employers' liability bill and for financing the Gualson tunnel.