

THE PENSION BILL.

Amendment in Congress to Have No Pension Lower Than \$3 a Month.

Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, Precipitates a Lively General Debate—Resolution to Withhold Any Further Leasing of Indian Lands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The proposed annexation of Hawaii was somewhat extensively reviewed by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, yesterday while speaking to a question of personal privilege. The Alabama senator had been represented as saying in executive session substantially that ex-President Cleveland was in favor of Hawaiian annexation. This statement called out a denial from Mr. Cleveland, and, in support of his original statement, Mr. Morgan addressed the senate at great length. He said that it was well known to some of Mr. Cleveland's friends during his first administration that he was in favor, not only of the annexation of Hawaii, but also of Cuba.

Mr. Walthall, of Mississippi, presented a joint resolution adopted by the legislature of Mississippi urging the United States government to interfere in the Cuban war on behalf of the insurgents, "peaceably if it can, forcibly if it must." The resolution was read and referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The Teller resolution was then laid before the senate, and, in accordance with notice previously given, Mr. Turpie, of Indiana, addressed the senate in support of the resolution.

The pension appropriation bill was called up and debated for nearly three hours, but was not passed, the senate adjourning until to-day, pending the disposal of a point of order made against an amendment offered by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, to the pending bill. His amendment provides that hereafter no pension of less than \$3 a month should be granted and that all pensions less than \$3 a month now being paid be raised to that amount. Mr. Perkins made the point against the amendment that it was new legislation.

Mr. Harris presented the resolutions of the city council of Leavenworth, Kan., remonstrating against the passage of the bill to establish a division in the treasury department for regulating insurance in the various states.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The house spent a couple of hours yesterday transacting business relating to the District of Columbia and the remainder of the day on the Indian appropriation bill. During the consideration of the latter bill a lively political debate was precipitated by an allusion made by Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, relative to an alleged interview with the president on the subject of immigration. Mr. Grosvenor took occasion to express the opinion that the president had never used some of the language imputed to him, and the debate drifted into a general discussion of our industrial conditions, in the course of which the strike in New England, the high prices for wheat in Kansas and the defaulting republican officials in Nebraska successively played their parts. Seven pages of the bill were completed.

Mr. Stevens, of Texas, introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of the interior to withhold his approval of any further leases of the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indian reservations. The resolution directs the secretary of the interior to inform the house whether any leases of said lands exist beyond April 1, 1898, or whether any propositions for leasing the same have been made or accepted beyond the time above mentioned, and if so, what the terms of the propositions are, and the secretary is further directed to withhold his approval of any further leases of said Indian lands, and to transmit to the house the above information.

TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Mrs. New and George Dobbs Sentenced at Eureka, Kan., for Murdering Joseph New.

EUREKA, Kan., Jan. 25.—George H. Dobbs and Mrs. Amelia New, recently convicted of the murder of Joseph New, were sentenced by Judge Shinn to the penitentiary for life. Dobbs had been apparently insane for several days, but has fully recovered. Mrs. New made no statement and was seemingly unaffected by the sentence.

The murder of Joseph New, for which Dobbs and Mrs. New were convicted, occurred in Otter Creek township, on the night of October 31 last. Dobbs enticed New from his house and shot him dead in his yard. A few days later, Dobbs took up his abode with Mrs. New, and their intimacy aroused a suspicion among the neighbors that soon afterward resulted in their arrest. After the trial, Mrs. New made a confession, acknowledging the murder of her husband by herself and Dobbs.

ROGERS REVERSES HIMSELF.

The Federal Judge Takes a Different View of a Decision Rendered Two Months Ago.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—Judge Rogers, of Arkansas, has reversed his remarkable decision, rendered while he was on the federal bench here two months ago, in which he held that the parents of a child which was killed instantly had no right to bring suit for damages. On account of the novelty and widespread effect, if upheld, the decision attracted considerable attention. After two months of deliberation Judge Rogers now thinks that he was hasty in making it.

DEATH IN THE STORM.

Worst Known on the Ohio River for 20 Years—Mississippi on a Big Race.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 24.—Rivermen reaching port say Saturday night's storm was the worst on the river in 20 years, yet no serious loss is reported to steam craft. A house boat occupied by George Atkins and his two young daughters just above the city was swamped during the night and the occupants took refuge in a large skiff. The darkness coming on evidently bewildered them, for they never reached shore. The skiff was found bottom side up.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24.—The Mississippi river from Cairo to New Orleans, is rising rapidly and there is enough water in sight to send it above the danger line from Cairo to Vicksburg. The water rose a foot here yesterday and in a short time it will probably be above the danger line.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 24.—The high stage of the water in the Ohio was responsible for a railroad accident in New Albany which resulted in the death of two men and the injuring of two others. A part of the New Albany Belt & Terminal railroad, a part of the Air Line system, skirts the river bank on a steel trestle 20 feet high. The water had encroached upon the structure and so softened the earth about one of the pillars that the stone base became unsteady. A freight train had just reached the foot of Pearl street when the steel support gave way, causing the large span above it to become suddenly depressed. The locomotive toppled over the side of the trestle and fell into the water. As it fell it broke from the adjoining car and the rest of the train was left standing on the trestle. The engineer and brakeman were both killed.

GOV. GRIGGS NAMED.

The New Jersey Executive Will Succeed McKenna as Attorney General.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—As had been expected ever since the president



GOV. JOHN W. GRIGGS.

named Mr. McKenna for justice of the United States supreme court, the nomination of Gov. John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to be attorney general, to succeed Mr. McKenna, was sent to the senate Saturday.

HIS THIRD WIFE.

Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, the Noted Divine, Quietly Married in Allegheny City, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 24.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the noted divine, of Washington, and Mrs. Elmore McCutcheon Collier, of Allegheny City, were united in marriage Saturday at the McCutcheon residence, No. 47 Irvin avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. J. Robinson, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. The wedding, which came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple, was, on account of a recent death in the family, an extremely quiet affair. The couple will leave on a visit to friends in Kansas City and elsewhere in the west. Dr. Talmage has been married twice before, his second wife dying in Brooklyn about three years ago. He has six children.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

Army Officers Take Charge of Supplies at Fort Yukon and Suppress Lawlessness.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 24.—Forty-five Klondikers, direct from Dawson, arrived on the steamer City of Seattle, bringing nearly \$800,000 in dust and drafts. News reached Dawson about December 15 that Fort Yukon had been placed under martial law by Capt. Ray and Col. Richardson, U. S. A. They have taken charge of supplies there and rations are dealt out daily. Men without funds cut wood for food and those who are able pay for it. This supervision by army officers is at the request of the trading companies, who desire to make the provisions at Fort Yukon last as long as possible, and prevent stealing by the improvident. Supplies there will easily last until steamers arrive.

NO BASIS FOR RUMORS.

Disturbing Reports About Conditions at Havana Not Credited in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—So far as could be learned, the administration and no advices from Havana yesterday. Both the state and navy department affirmed that nothing had been heard from Gen. Lee and professed to look upon the lack of news as a good sign. On the other hand the city was full of rumors ranging in importance from the statement that the white squadron had sailed from Key West to that of Lee's being assassinated at Havana. Inquiry, however, failed to reveal any basis for sensational reports.

PERISHED BY FIRE.

Ten to Fifteen Persons Burned to Death at Spokane, Wash.

Too Much Realism in a Fire Drill Causes an Exciting Time—Lively Poker Game—Lake Gives Up Its Dead—Shot by a Negro.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Fire this morning destroyed the Great Eastern block, a six-story structure on Riverside avenue. It is feared that many people were burned to death. The upper floors were occupied by 75 or 100 roomers. Mrs. Davies, of Nebraska City, Neb., leaped from a window to the stone pavement and was taken to the hospital. She will die. Her daughter and son-in-law were saved. Great crowds in the streets are frantic with excitement. Several thrilling rescues were made. One man came down a rope with his babe on his arm and his wife followed. The building is owned by Louis Levinsky, of San Francisco. It cost \$225,000 and is insured for \$50,000. The stairways were burned away before the people living in the house were awakened and their chance for escape was cut off. Only the walls of the big building remain. Estimates of the loss of life vary from 10 to 15.

A PANIC IN A CHICAGO SCHOOL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Through an error on the part of an unknown man, a panic was caused yesterday afternoon in the Dore school, on Harrison street, and 1,000 children rushed into the street bareheaded and without any outdoor wearing apparel. The fire drills had been discontinued for some time and yesterday the principal thought it a good time to see how much the pupils had forgotten. Accordingly he rang the bell suddenly. The first boys to reach the street began to cry "fire," after their custom when the fire drills were in progress, and a man who was passing, thinking the school was on fire, ran to a corner and turned in an alarm. Before half the pupils had reached the street, engines and hose carts were piling up before the building and firemen came tearing into the school, dragging a long line of hose. This and the puffing of the engines brought a trifle too much realism into the drill and there was great excitement among the pupils. The principal and the teachers kept their heads, however, and, while restraining the excitement as best they could, hurried the children through the doors. Not one of the children was hurt.

A LIVELY POKER GAME.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 25.—William and Harvey Topic are dead, and Lew Wallace is fatally wounded as the result of a pistol duel in a room in Leslie county, near the Bell and Harlan county line, last night. The Topic boys were invited by Wallace to go to his house and engage in a game of draw poker. The game seemed to be one-sided; Wallace won all the money. Finally the Topics refused to pay some money that Wallace said they owed and a quarrel followed. Peace was finally secured and the game continued until nearly morning, when the quarrel was resumed. Pistols were drawn, the lights shot out and a desperate pistol duel began. When the shooting ceased, the two Topics were found dead and Wallace fatally wounded.

LAKE GIVES UP ITS DEAD.

ASHTABULA, O., Jan. 25.—Three bodies were found on the beach near this port yesterday morning, having been washed up by the waves during the gale the previous night. One of the bodies has been identified as that of James O'Brien, of Erie, who was lost off a fishing tug three weeks ago. The others are supposed to be the bodies of two Swedes who went out to their nets in a rowboat last December and never returned.

SHOT BY A NEGRO.

ARDMORE, I. T., Jan. 25.—At Ardmore, 20 miles west of here, yesterday, Henry Stevenson, a negro, shot Bud Pulliam with a Winchester. Pulliam cannot live. The injured man is a brother of City Marshal Lon Pulliam. Officers accompanied by the brother of the wounded man have left for the scene of the tragedy. There is fear that if the negro is captured he will be strung up.

ORDERED TO CUBA.

The United States Warship Maine to Go to Havana—No Disturbing News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Considerable comment was created in Washington to-day, principally because of its probable effect on the hot-headed Spaniards, by the announcement that the United States warship Maine, now with the great fleet off the coast of Florida, had been ordered to Havana. It was said at the navy department that no disturbing news had been received from there, but that the movement was in the line of a resumption of free intercourse of United States naval vessels in Cuban waters such as prevailed prior to their withdrawal on account of the outbreak of hostilities.

No High Hats for Him.

DEFIANCE, O., Jan. 25.—The movement against the high hat has reached this city with full force. Rev. Mr. A. E. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, has pronounced against it from the pulpit and promulgated a decree that the women in his congregation must wear no more high hats when they are listening to his sermons.

HER BONES DISJOINTED.

Brutal Exhibition of Hypnotism at Anderson, Ind., That May Be Stopped.

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 24.—Indiana officers have had their attention called to a brutal exhibition that is given by Mr. and Mrs. James Foy in this city, and pressure will be brought to bear to stop the continuance of the display. It consists of a hypnotic exhibition, the Chareot system of hypnotism being used, which paralyzes all vital organs but the heart. After the wife is thus put to sleep Foy disjoins every one of her limbs. When he pulls them apart they crack like the report of a gun. He then pulls the arms and legs around out of shape and, in fact, seems to tear her all to pieces. It is an exhibition that tries the nerves of witnesses, and it is not an illusion, as the bones can be seen bulging against the flesh. After the woman is thus disjoined Foy continues by taking hold of her head and twisting it. Finally there is a cracking and the neck becomes two inches longer. The head then falls upon the breast, the backbone being disjoined. The head is then tucked around under an arm or laid back on the back. Many leave the hall unable to stand it. Doctors have examined the test and pronounce it wonderful. Foy then places the disjoined bones in proper position, brings her out of her trance and she seems to have no idea of what was being done.

ARE DRUNKARDS' DAUGHTERS.

Topeka's Police Matron Says Four-Fifths of the Fallen Women Are Such.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 24.—Police Matron Thorpe, of this city, claims that four out of every five fallen women are the daughters of drunkards. In discussing the matter she says:

Hundreds of children in this city are practically without parents—as quarreling and divorced parents are usually worse than none—without school, and scarcely have they even nominal homes. This wrong and sin toward the helpless appears at first as a cloud in the horizon, but it soon overwhelms the officer as a tempest of doom.

That fact may be fastened in the minds, not only of Christian workers, but of men who drink. I repeat: Four out of every five of the women of vice are the daughters of drinking men. Many of them have good mothers who die early of sorrow and abuse.

WAS HE LEGALLY DEAD?

Convict Who Issued Counterfeit Money in Prison Raises an Unusual Contention.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 24.—The attorneys for the defense in the case of the United States against McKibben, the counterfeiter, will raise a new and interesting point of law when the case is called for trial. McKibben is charged with making counterfeit money while in the federal penitentiary serving a sentence for counterfeiting. Under the federal law a penitentiary convict is legally dead so long as he is behind the bars and as McKibben is accused of making the counterfeit money while legally dead the question will be raised, can the government prosecute a person for committing a crime while he is dead?

GIRLS CRUELY TREATED.

Inmates of a Colorado Industrial School Placed in Dungeons to "Break Their Spirits."

DENVER, Col., Jan. 24.—Steps will be taken by the humane society to prosecute the officials of the state industrial school for incorrigible girls for the inhuman treatment five of the inmates received recently. The girls rebelled on an order last week, but all submitted in a short time except five. These were placed in a dungeon in the basement and were fed on bread and water for ten days to break their spirits. An investigation by the humane society showed that the dungeons were cold, damp places and that the girls were given only a blanket each, without pillow, and that they had to sleep on the hard floor.

KETCHAM CASE SETTLED.

Mrs. Minnie Wallace Walkup Ketcham, His Widow, Will Get Life Insurance Aggregate \$73,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—The legal contest over the will of the late John B. Ketcham, whose mysterious death in this city two months ago created a sensation, has been compromised out of court. While the terms of the agreement are not given out authoritatively by the family, it can be said that the bulk of the property will go to the Toledo heirs of the late John B. Ketcham, of Chicago. The widow, Mrs. Minnie Wallace Walkup Ketcham, will secure the insurance in force for her benefit at Mr. Ketcham's death. This will amount to \$73,000.

More Valuable Than Gold.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 24.—Messrs. Deselle and Nickel, expert miners of California, recently bought 300 acres of land in Jack county, near Jacksboro. They have sunk a 110-foot shaft and found numerous samples of platinum at a depth of 50 feet from the surface, which continues in layers to the bottom of the shaft. Small quantities of both gold and silver were also found. Nuggets of platinum as large as a pea were found, and as the metal is three times as valuable as gold, on account of its indispensability to certain electrical appliances and other scientific uses, the great value of the find may be seen.

Chandler Will Vote with Teller.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator Chandler announces that he will vote for the passage of the Teller coin bond resolution. "There has been a decided change in sentiment concerning the money question in New England, said he, and I shall voice that sentiment in favor of silver by supporting the Teller resolution."

OVER 200 IN PERIL.

Rescuing Parties Save Many People from Watery Graves Off Put-in-Bay.

SANDUSKY, O., Jan. 22.—The steamer American Eagle, which arrived here yesterday from the island region, brought the news of a disaster off Put-in-Bay by which the lives of 300 people were put in imminent peril. During the winter, when the ice is strong enough to hold them, large numbers of the residents of the island region engage in fishing through the ice. Small houses large enough to accommodate two to six people are taken out on the lake on sleds, holes are cut through the ice, and the houses, which have apertures in the floor, are placed over the holes. Thursday, while about 200 men and women were in the small houses, a fierce gale sprang up suddenly and, without warning, the wind reached a velocity of between 50 and 60 miles an hour. The wind had a clean sweep across the lake and struck these little houses with terrific force, tipping some of them over and carrying others away across the ice. Men and women began a mad rush toward the shore, from which relief parties in small boats had commenced to put off to the rescue. The shores of Put-in-Bay were lined with relatives and friends of the people on the drifting ice. Rescuing parties forced their boats in among the broken cakes of ice, at the imminent risk of losing their own lives. Many of those thus saved were benumbed, and some of them were unconscious. The rescuers worked heroically in the face of great dangers and succeeded in bringing to shore every one of the 200 people.

HAS A BAD RECORD.

One of Gov. Shaw's Appointees Accused of Wife Desertion and Embezzlement.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 22.—Investigation of the record of Howard D. Carbee, recently appointed deputy state game and fish warden, reveals some startling facts. Carbee formerly resided here and was a Cornell graduate. In 1887 he was sentenced at Council Bluffs to two years in the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses, and again in 1894 he was sent up from Sioux City for three years, charged with embezzlement, but was released on good behavior. It is said he deserted his wife, whom he married in jail at Council Bluffs, leaving her destitute and dependent on county and public charity.

HIS WIFE TEASED HIM.

An Iowa Politician's Defeat Leads to His Application for a Divorce.

CENTREVILLE, Ia., Jan. 22.—W. S. Scott, who ran for United States representative on the populist ticket in the Eighth district, brought suit for divorce from his wife because she teased him about his defeat until his life became endangered. Judge Sloan refused the divorce, saying he did not think Mrs. Scott's teasing would so undermine plaintiff's health as to endanger his life.

United States Mining Laws.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The interior department has issued a pamphlet reproducing in compact form the mining laws of the United States with the regulations that have been adopted to make them effective. The latter contain suggestions as to the manner of reservation, exploration, location, possession, purchase and patenting of the mineral lands of the public domain.

Indiana Heirs to \$25,000,000.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 22.—Heirs to an estate said to aggregate \$25,000,000 are living in this county. The estate consists of mines in Colorado and was left by Imley Clarke. Probably the only heirs are George Clarke and Maria Hook. Both are in poor circumstances. The intelligence was received yesterday through Edward Hilliker, the administrator of the estate.

Must Have Safety Appliances.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22.—In pursuance of the federal law regarding the couplings of railroad cars after February 1 the Wabash will not accept any car to be hauled in passenger trains unless it is equipped with vertical plane couplers, Westinghouse quick-acting automatic air brakes and Westinghouse air train signals. The C., B. & Q. has taken similar action.

Indian Wife Deserter Ostracized.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 22.—Two weeks ago Edward Carroll married Mary Dennison, an Osage girl, at Pawhuska, and a few days ago deserted her. In consequence of this desertion he has been escorted to the line of the reservation by a committee of Osages, ordered to leave and never return, and his citizenship in the tribe will be forfeited.

Lawyers Banquet in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 22.—The tenth annual banquet of the Kansas City Bar association at the Coates house last night brought together the distinguished legal lights of the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas bar. It was the most successful banquet ever given by the association, the attendance being larger than ever before.

Captured After Nine Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—A cable message forwarded to the district attorney yesterday by the state department stating that the French government will surrender William R. Foster, the defaulting custodian of the Produce Exchange gratuity fund, who fled from New York with \$175,000 of the funds more than nine years ago.