

## HARD RAP AT OLEO.

### House Passes the Grout Bill by a Large Majority.

**The Measure Puts a Tax of Ten Cents on All Imitation Butter or Cheese—Tax on the Uncolored Article Decreased.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house yesterday passed the Grout oleomargarine bill by a vote of 196 to 92. The substitute offered by the minority of the committee on agriculture, which imposed additional restrictions on the sale of oleomargarine to prevent its fraudulent sale as butter and increased the penalties for violators, was defeated by a vote of 113 to 178. The bill as passed makes all articles known as oleomargarine, butterine, imitation butter or imitation cheese transported into any state or territory for consumption or sale subject to the police power of such state or territory, but prevents any state or territory from forbidding the transportation or sale of such product when produced or sold free from coloration in imitation of butter from two to ten cents per pound and decreases the tax on oleo uncolored from two cents to one-fourth of a cent per pound.

A long and interesting debate preceded the vote, in the course of which those who favored the Grout bill claimed the additional tax on colored oleomargarine was the only effective remedy for preventing fraud upon the public, while those who opposed it contended that fraud would be prevented by the substitute and that the real purpose of the Grout bill was to destroy the oleo industry. An amendment was adopted providing that the act should go into effect July 1, 1901.

Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, who was prominently identified in the movement to exclude Brigham Roberts, of Utah, from a seat in congress, introduced a measure intended to bring about federal prohibition of polygamy. It proposes a constitutional amendment for uniform laws on marriage and divorce. Mr. Taylor says, however, that his aim goes considerably beyond a mere uniformity of such laws, and is expressly designed to reach polygamy and put an end to it. He regards this form of remedy as the most effective and far reaching. The measure was introduced after a conference of those interested in the subject, and, although Mr. Taylor is not on the judiciary committee, which will have charge of the measure, it was deemed desirable to have him present the matter and direct the active movement which will begin in its behalf.

## FUNSTON AT IT AGAIN.

**The Kansan and His Lethal Men Cross a River in Luzon and Put Tagals to Flight.**

Manila, Dec. 8.—More activity is shown in the operations in northern and southern Luzon. The reports from the former district come in more quickly and telegraphic interruptions are fewer. Gen. Funston, with troop A of the Fourth cavalry and a score of scouts, encountered 100 insurgents posted on the opposite bank of the Nohico river. The Americans charged across the stream and the enemy retreated, firing from cover. They left four dead on the field. A native who was captured reported that Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth infantry who had been active with the Filipinos, with a party of two cavalymen, had been wounded.

Lieut. Morrow, with 50 men from the Forty-seventh regiment, attacked and occupied Bulacan. While returning the troops encountered Col. Victoris, occupying an entrenched position, with 30 rifles and 3,000 bolmen. Morrow's force charged and drove the enemy from their position, it is believed with heavy loss. Preceding the fight the expedition had captured Maj. Flores and several of his followers.

### A Bullet Through Her Heart.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 8.—In the middle of a very pleasant after-dinner conversation, in which a party of friends were engaged, Miss Maud Kaushman, aged 17, stepped to a dresser yesterday evening, picked up a revolver and sent a bullet through her heart. "Darling," she whispered to a little sister, "tell mamma I am going away forever," at the same time pulling the trigger. The police are inclined to take a more sensational view of the matter. They seem to scent a possible murder in the tragedy.

### Overcome by Gas.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 8.—Fifteen miners employed in the Bell mine, one of the Anaconda properties, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon by suffocation. A fire has been burning in the mine for several weeks and some men who had been at work failed to come to the surface, being overcome by the gas. But all were rescued.

## MINISTERS RECALLED.

**A Difference Has Arisen Between Netherlands and Portugal Over the Dutch Consul at Lourenco Marques.**

Lisbon, Dec. 8.—The minister of the Netherlands to Portugal and the Portuguese minister at The Hague have left their respective posts. It is believed that a difference has arisen on the subject of the exequatur to the Dutch consul at Lourenco Marques, which the Portuguese government has withdrawn.

Tension between Portugal and Holland appears to have been emphasized by the peculiar warmth of King Charles' toast to Queen Victoria at the banquet given yesterday at the royal palace to Vice Admiral Rawson and the officers of the British fleet now in the Rivera Tagus. In the course of his speech, when he toasted Queen Victoria, the king said among other things: "England has often shared the efforts and glories of Portugal. Our mutual friendship and close alliance are strengthened by history and the blood shed together in causes which have always been just." Observers think that the speech constitutes an intimation to the world that Portugal can count on strong support if necessary.

## RECEIPTS WERE INADEQUATE

**Postal Revenues Last Year Aggregated \$102,354,579 and Expenditures Were \$107,740,267—Abuse of Mail.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The report of the third assistant postmaster general shows that the total receipts from all sources of postal revenue during the year amounted to \$102,354,579, while the expenditures reached \$107,740,267. The value of the total number of pieces of stamped paper issued to postmasters was \$97,687,771, a net increase over the issue of the previous year of \$7,536,111. The report says that the most of the abuses of the second class of mail matter have been eliminated or curtailed. It is asked that congress be urged to pass an act consolidating the third and fourth classes of mail matter. Recommendation is made that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for the issuance free to the public of a pamphlet containing postal information for reference. The report comments upon the excessive number of articles registered free by the executive departments and says the abuse of the registered mail in this respect will continue until congress acts in the matter.

## TEMPERANCE WOMEN.

**The National Convention Closed After a Successful Week—No Work for Constitutional Amendment.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The National Woman's Christian Temperance union convention came to a close last night, after a successful and interesting week. Most of the closing day was devoted to superintendents' reports. A recommendation of the executive committee that the national W. C. T. U. should own and control an official organ was adopted, as was a resolution declaring that the union should work for the adoption of a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy.

The national superintendents last night elected Miss Marie C. Brehm, of Illinois, president; Mrs. Mary E. Sewall, of New Jersey, secretary, and Mrs. S. L. Oberholtz, of Pennsylvania, treasurer.

## CHINA'S GREAT COAL BEDS.

**Chief Engineer of the Empire Says the Three Northern Provinces Contain Immense Deposits of Anthracite.**

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Robert C. Hoover, chief engineer of the department of mines of the Chinese government for two years preceding the boxer outbreak, is in this city. Speaking of the commercial importance of China, he said:

In the near future the chief factor in the Chinese trade of the Pacific coast will be coal. There is more coal in the three provinces of Chi Li, Shan Tung and Shen King than in any other region in the world. This coal is anthracite of excellent quality and when even fairly good railway communications are established, it can be sold in San Francisco at \$7 a ton.

## DEATHS FROM FRIGHT.

**Englishman Suddenly Expired When Confronted by His Wife Whom He Had Deserted for Another Woman.**

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8.—Confronted by the wife whom he had deserted for another woman, Henry Boulton, son of a fine English family, dropped dead here. The wife arrived here from England and Boulton expired after a stormy interview with her. The physicians declared that death resulted from fright.

## Will Await Events in the Transvaal.

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Kruger has abandoned all the proposed journeys to other capitals, says the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, and all further diplomatic efforts to secure arbitration and will await at The Hague the development of events at the seat of war.

## GAMES OF CHANCE BARRED.

**Philippine Commission Has Prepared a Bill Fixing Customs Duties at Manila—52 Filipinos Captured.**

Manila, Dec. 10.—The Philippine commission has prepared a bill fixing the duties upon imports and exports under its provisions importations from the United States into the island are dutiable. The importation of explosives, adulterated wines, articles under false trade-marks and apparatus used in games of chance are prohibited.

### Want to Save Themselves.

Manila, Dec. 10.—While the capture of supplies and the occupation of new points are quite numerous, those involving actual fighting are comparatively few. Apparently the insurgents are falling back at all contested points, sacrificing their possessions in most cases and satisfied to save themselves.

### Captured 52 Filipinos.

Manila, Dec. 9.—Fifty-two prisoners were captured in the suburbs of San Antonio and San Benito by a detachment of the Thirty-seventh regiment. Many escaped, but a portion of these were overhauled and captured by the gunboat Laguna de Bay.

## THE VANDERBILT ESTATE.

**A Property Alone Valued at \$52,500,000—Alfred Gets \$44,000,000 and Cornelius Only \$7,500,000.**

New York, Dec. 9.—The heirs of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt have agreed to the appraisal of the estate as made by G. D. Hasbrouck, representing the state controller. This appraisal is \$52,500,000 for the real estate. According to the terms of the will all that remained after the various bequests had been divided was to go to Alfred Vanderbilt. Under the agreement decided on yesterday Alfred will get \$44,000,000. But out of the residuary estate Alfred has agreed to give to Cornelius \$6,000,000 in order to prevent a lawsuit threatened because the eldest brother was cut off with only \$1,500,000. The total amount coming to Cornelius, inclusive of the portion from the residuary estate, will reach \$7,500,000. The transfer tax on the Vanderbilt estate will reach \$520,000. Comptroller Coler's fee will amount to \$52,000.

## QUIT THEIR KEYS.

**Practically All Operators on the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad West of Emporia Are on a Strike.**

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—At eight o'clock last night practically all the telegraphers on the A., T. & S. F. proper were still out. A few men returned to work yesterday morning under the impression that the strike had been called off, and were later on induced to join the strikers. Later in the day they were all out to a man west of Emporia. Not a man will return to work unless their grievances are settled in the fullest possible manner. Some of them have already offered other prospects offered them on other roads and will accept them if the Santa Fe management persists in its present course.

## TO PARTITION TURKEY.

**League Between Roumania, Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro to Attack and Overthrow the Sultan's Rule.**

Vienna, Dec. 10.—Freie Post prints a fresh Balkan scare, asserting that Prince Nicolas of Montenegro has organized a league between Roumania, Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro for the purpose of attacking Turkey while the great powers are occupied with affairs in China. The paper says they intend the partition of Turkey among them, except what they will occupy jointly. Operations will begin simultaneously with rebellions in Macedonia and Albania.

### Y. M. C. A. in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The St. Petersburg Young Men's Christian association is having phenomenal success. The rooms were opened less than two months ago. There are now over 500 members or applicants for membership. Alcoholic liquors and tobacco are barred from the rooms, though no pledges to abstain from their use are exacted from members. The association is under Anglo-American auspices.

### The United States as a World Power.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The National Zeitung devoted its first page yesterday to a carefully prepared editorial dealing with the United States as a world power. After pointing out the enormous progress, economically and politically, in the world's affairs, the editorial declares that in both respects the United States are arrayed against Europe.

### Eight Seamen Lose Their Lives.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 10.—In the midst of one of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie the iron ore barge S. H. Foster, in tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom at four o'clock yesterday morning ten miles off Erie and eight persons were drowned.

## W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

**The Old Officers Re-Elected—The National Prohibition Party Congratulated—The Other Resolutions Adopted.**

Washington, Dec. 7.—At yesterday's session of the Women's Christian Temperance union convention President Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and the present officers were re-elected. Resolutions were adopted congratulating the national prohibition party on its increased vote at the recent election and expressing appreciation of the sacrifice of the presidential and vice presidential candidates of that party in standing for the principles of prohibition at the polls; pledging loyalty to the W. C. T. U., acknowledging the guiding hand of God in its work, thanking Him for the victory in the exclusion of Brigham H. Roberts from the house of representatives, favoring the total suppression of the liquor traffic, opposing the army canteen, urging the enfranchisement of women, expressing sympathy with organized labor in its just demands for a living wage, an eight-hour day, the prohibition of child labor and in all wise efforts for justice and freedom, urging adoption of laws to secure purity in man as well as woman and protesting against the government regulating vice in any form in the Philippines instead of suppressing it.

## REPORT ON OKLAHOMA.

**The Governor Says Agriculture and Commerce Flourished in the Territory Last Year—Plea for Statehood.**

Washington, Dec. 7.—The annual report of the governor of Oklahoma says that the year has been marked by general prosperity, agriculture, grazing, manufacturing and commerce flourishing in an unprecedented manner. The total assessed valuation of property this year is \$49,338,661, an increase of \$6,386,247 over 1899. The report states that in addition to its excellent public school system Oklahoma has five higher institutions of learning which are not excelled by the similar institutions of any state in the union. There are still 5,733,385 acres of vacant government land in the territory subject to homestead entry. While most of the land is unfit for farming there are still many sections upon which the homeseeker from the north or east can find a comfortable home and attain a competence in time.

The report says that the prosperous condition prevailing in Oklahoma, its population, area and wealth, when compared with a like condition prevailing in a large number of states at the time of their admission into the union, amply justifies its claim to statehood.

## RESTORED AND RETIRED.

**Gen. Eagan, Who Was Last Year Suspended for Criticizing Gen. Miles, Is Again in Good Standing.**

Washington, Dec. 7.—Brig. Gen. Charles P. Eagan, commissary general, was Thursday restored to duty by the president and at once placed on the retired list. The order issued by the president remitted the unexpired portion of his sentence and restored him to "a status of duty with station in this city." This order was immediately followed by one issued by Gen. Miles announcing that Gen. Eagan had been placed on the retired list on his own application after 30 years' service.

### Report of the Librarian of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The annual report of the librarian of congress was submitted to that body yesterday. It shows that during the year there were 38,110 books and pamphlets added to the library, making a total of 995,166. Of the books added during the year 10,599 came through the operation of the copyright law.

### Convicts Jump into the Sea.

Hong Kong, Dec. 7.—Eight convicts who were being taken from Manila to San Francisco escaped from the army transport Grant, which touched here. They got loose, snatched life belts and jumped into the sea. After floating about for a while they were picked up by a steam launch and brought here.

### Doxy Anti-British Stories.

Worcester, Cape Colony, Dec. 7.—The government is distributing broad-cast a leaflet showing up the falsity of many of the anti-British stories and pointing out the hopelessness of the Boer resistance, as the British hold 14,000 prisoners and all the principal towns in the two republics.

### Rich Gold Diggings.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 7.—A special to the Times from Tacoma Wash., says: The richest gold discovery since the Klondike was found in reported from Yellow river, a tributary to the Kuskowim, 300 miles from Holy Cross mission on the Yukon.

### Oases to Receive \$100,000.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 7.—The semi-annual payment to the Osage Indians has begun here. Every Indian 15 years old or over must appear in person, answer the roll call and sign the voucher. More than \$100,000 will be disbursed.

## TO HERD THE BOERS.

**British Authorities in Johannesburg Are Preparing to Put in Force the Reconcentrado Policy of Kitchener.**

Johannesburg, Dec. 8.—In pursuance to the reconcentrado policy the authorities here are preparing accommodation on the race course for 4,000 people from farms in the vicinity of the Rand. The burghers will be herded in a laager and will be strictly watched. A notification appears in the Gazette to the effect that all able-bodied British subjects are liable to be conscripted for service in the Rand rifles.

### Trouble Expected from Prisoners.

Cape Town, Dec. 8.—Owing to the attempts of sympathizers to communicate with the Boer prisoners at Green Point camp. Maxim guns have been placed in position on the surrounding heights, in readiness for a disturbance.

### Boers Turn Upon Their Kinsmen.

Heidelberg, Transvaal, Dec. 8.—The Boers are driving the Boer women and children from their homes because their kinsmen refuse to fight any longer. Forty women and children, ill clad and hungry, were brought in by the British to-day.

### Civil Government to Be Established.

London, Dec. 8.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, says that civil government will shortly be established in the Transvaal and Orange river colony.

## COINAGE FOR PHILIPPINES.

**Uncle Sam May Make "Fifty-Cent Dollars" for Use Among the Natives in Lieu of Mexican Money.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The cabinet meeting Friday was largely devoted to a discussion of the question of coinage for the Philippine islands. Nearly all the business of the islands is transacted in Mexican dollars, and army commissaries and others supplied with United States money are at times greatly embarrassed in making purchases from the Filipinos by the fact that knowing nothing of our money or its value, the latter often refuse to accept it. The proposition which seems to have met with favor by the administration is to purchase silver bullion at the present market price and coin it into distinctive dollars having a gold value of about 50 cents each. These dollars will probably contain a little less silver than the present standard dollars. The scheme has not yet been worked out in all of its details, but as there is at present a government coinage mint in Manila, it is hoped that by the early action of congress the new coins may be put in circulation before a great while, possibly before the winter is over.

## HIS STATUS IN DOUBT.

**The Commissioner of Porto Rico, Who Was Recently Elected, Is Expected in Washington in a Few Days.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The commissioner from Porto Rico, F. Degetau, recently elected by the people of the island to represent them in congress and in Washington generally is expected at the house of representatives in a few days. His status on the floor is somewhat in doubt. He is designated in the law as a "resident commissioner" and is to receive a salary of \$5,000 annually. There is no provision for his admission to the floor or for participation in debates, similar to the provision for delegates from territories. It is expected, however, that he will advise and assist committees concerning Porto Rican legislation and steps may be taken to admit him to the floor.

## AGRICULTURE IN LUZON.

**Philippine Commission Will Start an Experiment Farm 200 Miles from Manila—Seeds from California University.**

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 8.—Under the patronage of the United States Philippine commission, an experiment farm will be started some 200 miles from Manila, where the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country will be tested. Prof. Bernard Moses, of the commission, has written to the University of California regarding the proposed work and at his suggestion the state institution will send from its experiment station the required seeds and plants.

## NO HELP FROM ENGLAND.

**British Foreign Office Reports Its Inability to Discover a Filipino Junta at Hong Kong.**

London, Dec. 8.—In response to Secretary Hay's representations through United States Ambassador Choate, the foreign office has replied that the authorities at Hong Kong have been unable to discover a Filipino junta there.

### Military Supplies for Manila.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Quartermaster General Ludington has arranged to have the transport Thomas, now at San Francisco, make an extra trip to the Philippines for the purpose of carrying a large supply of military stores needed by the troops in the archipelago. She will start for Manila on the 17th.