

## WORK OF CONGRESS.

Debate on the Philippine tariff bill was not continued in the senate on the 23d, no member of the body being prepared to proceed with the discussion. The bill providing for the establishment of a department of commerce was under discussion for nearly two hours, but little progress was made with it. Bills were introduced to prohibit the importation of opium for smoking purposes and for the establishment of a home for lepers in the dry climate of the interior. When the item in the urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$500,000 for a military post at Manila came up in the house Mr. Cannon (Ill.), in charge of the bill, confessed that the appropriation was subject to a point of order and it went out. In lieu thereof he offered an amendment to appropriate the same sum for "shelter and protection" of the officers and enlisted men of the army on duty in the Philippines. This the chair held to be in order and it at once became the subject of a very spirited debate in which Mr. Richardson (Tenn.), the minority leader; Mr. Williams (Miss.), and Mr. DeArmond (Mo.), were pitted against the chairman of the appropriations committee. When the vote came to be taken Mr. Cummings (N. Y.), democrat, voted with the republicans, turning angrily on his political brethren as he did so, and with clinched fist in their faces crying out that he hoped he might be paralyzed when he refused to vote to protect an American soldier. The vote on the adoption of the amendment stood ayes 127, nays 100. Without completing the bill the house adjourned.

In the senate on the 23d Senator Mason's resolution for giving Admiral Schley the thanks of congress and presenting him with a sword, and that bronze medals commemorative of the battle of Santiago should be distributed among the officers and men "under the command of Schley during said battle," and appropriating \$10,000 to meet the expenses of the resolution, was referred to the committee on naval affairs. The department of commerce bill was under discussion during the greater part of the session, but no definite progress was made. The senate afterwards went into executive session and adjourned until the 27th. The consideration of the urgent deficiency bill was completed in the house, but owing to the lateness of the hour passage of the bill was postponed until the next day. A successful effort was made to increase the pay of rural free delivery carriers from \$500 to \$600 per annum. Mr. Clark (Mo.) introduced a joint resolution expressing sympathy for the two South African republics and regret over the suffering caused by the war. The resolution expresses the hope that this declaration by congress will influence Great Britain to consider favorably a settlement of the troubles. Mr. Dick (O.) introduced the bill agreed upon by the militia officers of the several states to increase the efficiency of the militia.

The senate was not in session on the 24th. The house passed the urgent deficiency bill. The republicans forced a record vote on the amendment to appropriate \$500,000 for the "protection and shelter" of American soldiers in the Philippines, and 16 democrats voted for it. The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills, 73 being passed. An adjournment was then taken until the 27th.

An animated and prolonged discussion was precipitated in the senate on the 27th over the right of army officers to criticize utterances made in the senate elsewhere on the conduct of affairs in the Philippines. Senator Nelson (Minn.), in charge of the department of commerce bill, had read a long letter from John W. Hayes, general secretary-treasurer of the Knights of labor, in support of the bill. Senator Jones (Ark.) read a protest on the part of railroad engineers, firemen and other employes against the transfer of the department of labor to the new department of commerce. Senator Carmack (Tenn.) submitted a minority report from the committee on the Philippines against the Philippine tariff bill. The pension committee reported favorably the bill of Senator Mitchell (Ore.) granting pensions to survivors of Indian wars that took place between 1817 and 1856. The house adopted a resolution calling for documents relating to the old training ship Vermont, which was placed out of commission last summer, and also passed a bill to provide for the compulsory attendance of witnesses before registers and receivers of the general land office. A bill to appropriate \$100,000 for establishing homes for the teaching of articulate speech to deaf children was defeated. An adjournment was taken until the 29th.

### TEN ARE PROBABLY LOST.

Missing Men of Capt. Porter's Marine Corps Have Not Yet Emerged from the Interior of Samar.

Manila, Jan. 28.—The ten men of the command of Capt. David D. Porter, of the United States marine corps, who failed to return from the expedition into the interior of Samar, when Capt. Porter and 26 members of his party reached the coast of that island, January 21, are still missing and little hope of their safe return is entertained.

Iowa Couple Married 73 Years.  
Fairfield, Ia., Jan. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hunter have just celebrated their seventy-third wedding anniversary upon their farm near here. Both are in good health. Mr. Hunter was born in 1809 in Vermont. He came to Fairfield in 1852. Mrs. Hunter was born in Ohio in 1810.

Means Only Extermination.  
New York, Jan. 28.—Bishop Coppin, of the A. M. E. church, who has just returned from a pastoral visit to the Transvaal, says the Boers are gradually being wiped off the earth. It is no longer war, but a process of slow extermination.

Land Office Registers.  
Washington, Jan. 28.—The president Monday appointed the following registers of land offices: F. Millikan, Dodge City, Kan.; William H. Martin, Booneville, Mo.; George F. Steele, Ironton, Mo.; James P. O'Bannon, Springfield, Mo.

## MR. BRYAN NOT PLEASSED.

Nebraska Bitterly Attacks the Coronation Commission and Says the American Spirit is Decadent.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 27.—William J. Bryan in the Commoner makes no concealment of his disgust in discussing the selection of special ambassadors to represent America at the king's coronation. He says: "The appointment of special envoys to represent the United States government at the coronation of King Edward indicates a weakening of American sentiment and a lowering of American ideals. Surely our ambassador at the court of St. James can give expression to all the interest which Americans feel in the crowning of England's sovereign. Do the emperors of the old world and distinguished personages dance attendance upon our president when he assumes the duties imposed upon him by the suffrages of his countrymen? Why, then, should American representatives hang around a throne and pay homage to one who rules, not by the voice of the people or because of personal merit, but because he is the eldest son of one who in turn inherited the privilege of exercising authority? King Edward ought to make the most of this evidence of the decadence of the American spirit for the demonstration may not be repeated. He should announce that the proud heir of George III. accepts with pleasure the respectful adorations of the descendants of George Washington."

### TO PROTECT ST. LOUIS.

If the City Cannot Prepare for the Fair in 1903 Congress Will Consent to a Postponement.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Tawney, chairman of the house exposition committee, said that congress would take a hand in the St. Louis world's fair, and under certain conditions would demand its postponement. Mr. Tawney drafted the bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the fair and helped to pass it through the house. "St. Louis is doing her utmost to get ready for the fair, and there is a strong hope that no postponement will be necessary," he said. "But congress will take no chances on making the fair a success. If it should appear that foreign nations cannot participate in 1903, but can exhibit liberally a year later, there is no doubt the general sentiment of both houses would be in favor of waiting a year. Having appropriated \$5,000,000 for this great project, of course, the national government cannot be indifferent to its success. It is in a measure bound to see that nothing is done or omitted that might jeopardize the exposition."

### A NEW PARTY ORGANIZED.

A Constitution Adopted by the National Liberal Party—The Free Love Element Not Admitted.

Cincinnati, Jan. 27.—The national liberal party was organized here yesterday by representatives from all parts of the country. The preamble to the new constitution that was adopted declares for the separation of church and state to the extent of abolishing chaplains in the army and navy, legislative bodies and all public institutions, the taxation of church property, and abandonment of Sabbath observance. The national party is the amalgamation for political purposes of free thinkers, and it is more distinctly in politics than the American Secular union. The free love element was not admitted into the new organization, but the woman suffragists were admitted. At the Thomas Paine memorial last night addresses were made by C. S. Darrow, of Chicago; J. T. Wysearver and others. Officers will be elected today.

### NOT IN POLITICS.

Rear Admiral Schley So Declared in Chicago, Where He Was Given a Round of Receptions and Banquets.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley declared three times Saturday that he had no intention of entering politics. His remarks were calculated to set at rest the political ambitions which some of his admirers have entertained for him. He said that no office, however high, would tempt him to jeopardize the love which the people of this country have expressed for him. Saturday for the admiral was a round of receptions, at each of which he expressed his gratitude for tokens of esteem and approbation. The demonstrations reached their climax in the banquet given in his honor by the Hamilton club in the banquet hall of the Auditorium. Nearly 650 guests were present.

Ex-Boers to Aid the British.  
Pretoria, Jan. 27.—Lord Kitchener has authorized Gen. Vilonel, a surrendered burgher, to raise an additional Boer corps of 1,500 men. Gen. Vilonel has written a letter to ex-President Steyn warning the latter of his intention to form such a corps and adding that the Boers in the concentration camps are determined to help the British to end it.

## TO FIND FOR METCALF?

Sub-Committee of Senate Pension Committee Does Not Believe the Kansan Killed Filipino Prisoners.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on pensions which has been engaged for the past week in making an investigation against Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, who has been nominated for the office of pension agent at Topeka, Kan., probably will make a partial report to the full committee at its next meeting to-day. The subcommittee finds itself in somewhat of a quandary because of the conflicting nature of the testimony that has been adduced. This conflict is not entirely confined to different individuals, but in some cases the same person makes affidavits on both sides of the controversy. Because of this condition the subcommittee is in doubt whether to ask for further time for investigation or to report the facts as far as they are developed, leaving the full committee to deal with the case as it may decide advisable. The conclusion so far reached is that Filipino prisoners were certainly killed and that no steps were taken to punish those who killed them, but that general, then Maj. Metcalf, did not know of the killing until after it had occurred.

## MRS RICHARDSON ACQUITTED

The Jurors Were Out Only Thirty Minutes and Took One Ballot—A Demonstration in the Court Room.

Plattsburg, Mo., Jan. 27.—There was a remarkable scene in the Clinton county courthouse Saturday afternoon when the jury returned the verdict declaring Mrs. Addie B. Richardson not guilty of the murder of her husband. The jury was out 30 minutes—just long enough to elect Alexander Shepperd foreman, read the instructions and take one ballot. The jurors were ranged in front of the railing that divides the court room. Mrs. Richardson sat just outside the railing, her back to the jurors and her head bowed. The talking and gossiping ceased. The clerk read the words: "Not guilty." The crowd cheered. It was fully five minutes before Judge Burns could restore order. Mrs. Richardson rose and placed her hands to her face. Just then her father-in-law, John D. Richardson, clasped her in his arms and kissed her.

## NEGRO FINALLY CONFESSES.

William Strother Breaks Down After a Sweating and Owes Up to Killing Millionaire Cooper.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—William Strother, the negro attendant at the Vista Turkish bath house at Grand and Franklin avenue, has confessed to the murder of Alexander Deann Cooper, the millionaire. Strother had been constantly "sweated" by Chief Desmond and finally broke down just prior to the hour for the coroner's inquest to begin and confessed all. He said that he took the hammer in one hand, lifted it high in the air and brought it down upon the head of Mr. Cooper, who was asleep on the cot. "I don't know why I done it," said Strother. "I guess I must have been drunk and mad."

## SOCIALISTS IN CONVENTION.

They Claim a Club Membership of 12,000 and a Voting Strength of 300,000 in the United States.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—The national committee of the socialist party is in session here with 17 of the 25 states where the socialists have state organizations represented. The annual report of the national secretary presents a membership of 12,000 in the socialist clubs with a voting strength estimated at 300,000. Among those in attendance are: George E. Bigelow, Lincoln, Neb.; James O'Neal and E. H. Evinger, Terre Haute, Ind.; John M. Work, Des Moines, Ia.; Walter Thomas Mills, Girard, Kan.

## Democrats for One State.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Unexpected support has come to the Flynn statehood bill from sources which the single statehood advocates had not counted upon. The democrats have lined up for double statehood. Senator Bailey, of Texas, and Senator Morgan, of Alabama, are outspoken in favor of making an independent state out of the territory now included in the five civilized tribes.

## A Big Fire at Deer Creek, Ok.

Hutchinson, Kan., Jan. 27.—The town of Deer Creek, Ok., on the Hutchinson & Southern branch, was the scene of a big fire which started at noon yesterday. The fire started in the Silver Dollar saloon and spread the length of the block, the town hall being among the buildings burned. The loss is about \$60,000.

## Bolomen Terrorizing the Island of Negros.

Manila, Jan. 27.—Col. Charles W. Minor, of the Sixth infantry, reports the conditions on the island of Negros to be unsatisfactory, and that 400 bolomen and 40 men armed with rifles, under the command of the fatal bandit leader, Papa Isio, are terrorizing the people.

## SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE.

Distinct Vibrations Felt at St. Lou's and Suburbs, Leavenworth, Quincy and Other Places.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in St. Louis and in many of the towns in the immediate vicinity a few minutes before five o'clock Friday morning. The first shock was light. The second was more severe. It awakened persons who had slept through the first shock and got them out of bed. The shocks were accompanied by a rumbling sound. Reports received show that the shocks were very generally felt throughout the city and suburbs.

Nearly everybody in Belleville, Ill., felt the earthquake. The time given generally was about five o'clock. Belleville is honeycombed by coal mines, and there was probably more fright in the St. Clair capital than anywhere else when the nature of the visitation was learned.

At Lebanon, Mo., two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at 4:55.

### The Shock Felt at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 25.—Police-men patrolling beats about five o'clock Friday morning reported they felt a distinct tremor of the earth accompanied by a low rumbling like a train moving in the distance. Lum Evans, a farmer of Platte county, Mo., living north of Platte City, was driving to town with a double team and felt the shock when near Beverly. He said it scared the horses and they almost ran away.

### A Rumbling Noise at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 25.—Early yesterday morning a rumbling noise passed over St. Joseph, awakening many families into the belief that a tornado was coming. The noise, however, was but momentary and no damage resulted. It is generally supposed to have been some seismic disturbance.

### Walls Shook at Quincy.

Quincy, Ill., Jan. 25.—There was a pronounced earthquake shock here at 4:40 Friday morning. The seismic disturbance lasted nearly a minute and the oscillation was from east to west. The shaking of walls was perceptible in many brick residences.

## CONCEDED EVERY POINT.

In the Sale of the Danish West Indies Denmark Gave the United States a Free Hand.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indies islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department Friday by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty was then submitted to the senate for ratification.

Following the invariable rule in such cases, the state department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty, so that it is not possible to state positively the price to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. It is known also that Denmark has abandoned the position she was inclined to occupy toward the conservation of the political rights of the inhabitants of the island and leaves the United States a free hand to deal with them without pledge of American citizenship or of free trade privileges.

## TO BE THOROUGHLY PROBED.

Senate Committee Will Undertake an Exhaustive Investigation of Conditions in the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The senate committee on the Philippines yesterday decided to enter upon a thorough investigation of the entire Philippine question and Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, was authorized to present to the senate the usual resolution authorizing the committee to sit and to send for persons and papers. The investigation will be undertaken for the purpose of arriving at correct conclusions to guide the committee in formulating a government for the Philippine archipelago and will be on the basis of the Lodge bill.

### To Succeed Senator Sewell

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 25.—John F. Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance company, was chosen by the republican caucus to succeed the late William J. Sewell as United States senator. His principal opponent was ex-Attorney General Griggs.

### Not for Advertising Purposes.

Canton, O., Jan. 25.—Mrs. McKinley has objected to the use of "Hotel McKinley" as the name for a new hotel in this city. It had been officially announced by a company of Cantonians that a \$150,000 structure would be so named.

### Tunnels to Cost 40 Millions.

New York, Jan. 25.—Gustav Lindenthal, one of the experts to supervise the plans for the proposed Pennsylvania railroad tunnels under the North and East rivers, Manhattan island, says the tunnels will cost \$40,000,000.

## BREAKING IN OF LIGHT.

Former Kansas City Woman Now Teaching in the Philippines Writes of Her Interesting Work.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Miss Margaret Graff, a former teacher in the Kansas City schools, writes of her work as teacher of Filipino children at Nueva Caceres, Luzon. Miss Graff's class is composed of boys only. Filipino boys are generally considered brighter than the girls, she says. They are apt pupils and learn English readily. Miss Graff is one of only nine American women in the town in which she is stationed. There are hundreds of beggars in the town, many of whom are blind from smallpox, or are crippled. Dancing is the chief amusement of the natives. The people are musical and the best families have pianos. Nueva Caceres is a town of about 20,000 inhabitants, "mostly children," Miss Graff writes. The town is strongly garrisoned and no fear of war trouble is felt. The town is the headquarters of Gen. Fred Grant, who, Miss Graff says, "looks exactly like his illustrious father." Teaching the Filipinos, she says, "is infinitely more interesting than teaching in one's native country, because the breaking in of the light of understanding is so gratifying." She likes the country and is deeply interested in her work.

## JAMES J. HILL'S TESTIMONY.

The President of the Northern Securities Company Appears Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company and president of the Great Northern railway, testified for 3 1/2 hours before the interstate commerce commission yesterday. In answer to questions tending to show the effect of the community of interests plan on rates the veteran railroader declared that competition does not lower rates, but, on the contrary, he believed that it advanced them. He declared that in the northwest, where for 20 years the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern have been at peace, where one road has agreed with the other on rates and maintained the agreements, rates were lower than in any other part of the country.

## TWENTY DEAD IN A MINE.

Explosion in the Lost Creek Property Near Oskaloosa Causes Awful Disaster—Deaths Thrown 200 Feet High.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Jan. 25.—The Lost Creek coal mine was the scene yesterday of a terrible disaster, which cost the lives of 21 miners.

The explosion occurred at the noon hour, and was what is known as a dust explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle, the powder flame igniting the gas and causing the explosion. Smoke and debris was blown out of the mine in a column 200 feet high. A part of the top works was torn away and the fans and cages were wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow, and it was three o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east entry, where the explosion occurred.

## WICHITA WOMAN ROBBED.

Mrs. Anderson Loses \$1,100 in Jewelry and \$1,500 Cash—Source of Her Income a Mystery to Officers.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Angelina Anderson was bound and gagged here in broad daylight in her room and robbed of \$1,100 worth of diamonds. It was learned last night that she was also robbed of \$1,500 in money. She came here a few months ago and married an 18-year-old livery stable boy who was taking care of her horse, and is now sending him to a local college. The woman is said to be the daughter of poor parents at Racine, Wis., and the source of what appears to be a princely income is bothering the officers. There is no clew to the robbers.

## THE COMPANY BLAMED.

Coroner's Jury Investigating the New York Tunnel Disaster Exonerates the Railway Company's Employees.

New York, Jan. 25.—The coroner's investigation into the causes of the recent disaster in the New York Central railroad tunnel was brought to a close last night when the jury, after being out three hours and five minutes, returned a verdict completely exonerating John M. Wisker and E. C. Fyler, the crew of the engine that crashed into the rear of the train, causing the death of 17 people. The verdict places the blame for the conditions leading to the accident on the officials of the road. Both Wisker and Fyler were immediately discharged from custody.

### Sixteen Democrats Voted Aye.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house Friday passed the urgency deficiency appropriation bill, including \$500,000 for a military post at Manila. Sixteen democrats voted for the bill.