

SENATOR MORRILL IS DYING.

An Attack of Grippe Expected to Prove Fatal to the Aged Man.

THE PATRIARCH OF THE SENATE

The Vermont Senator Has Served in the Upper House More Than Thirty Years—His Term the Longest in the Senate's History.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senator Morrill of Vermont is ill with an attack of the grippe complicated with lung and heart trouble and his death, it is said, is a matter of only a short time.

The senator has been for some years the patriarch of the Senate, and has held a warm place in the affections of his associates. He was re-elected in 1900 for a fifth consecutive term, which will not expire until March 3, 1903.



SENATOR MORRILL.

been listened to with marked attention by his colleagues, who have regarded these speeches as remarkable in view of the age of their author. The last address was delivered a week or more before the Christmas holiday adjournment, the subject being the need of a building for the use of the United States supreme court and other courts.

Senator Morrill was born in Stratford, Vt. In early life he was a merchant and later a farmer. He was elected to the House of Representatives in the Thirty-fourth Congress and for four succeeding terms.

DIDN'T FORGET THE WIDOW.

A \$1,000 Purse From Thirty Cattlemen Who Shot a Herd "in Self Defense."

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 28.—As a sequel to the court scene at Hot Springs, S. D., last week, in which thirty-two cattlemen were acquitted of the charge of killing John F. Ekman, a sheep herder, in Fall River county, S. D., last August, a cavalcade composed of the exonerated cattlemen rode up to the little cabin occupied by the destitute family of the dead man.

"Mrs. Ekman," said the leader, "we have come to make you a little Christmas present. We shot your husband, but it was in self defense. We know you are without funds. We would gladly restore you your husband, but that is impossible, so we do the next best thing—give you the means to support yourself and children. If you need more call on us," and he handed her a bag containing \$1,000 in gold.

A Grand Duke in America. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Among the passengers on the steamer China, which arrived from the Orient last night were the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia and his aides, Lieutenant Cousan and Lieutenant Conze.

Robbed a Store of \$1,000. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—Burglars robbed a safe in Henry Wessell's dry goods store last night of money and checks aggregating \$1,000.

Bryan Confers With Illinois Democrats. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Democratic Congressional from Illinois, several state and local Democratic leaders and Colonel W. J. Bryan held a long meeting here to-day.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 28.—Advice from Bolivia says that the condition of affairs there is serious. Young men belonging to the best society are joining either side, the bands have lost nearly all their clerks and civil war is believed to be inevitable.

HISSED MASON MITCHELL.

A Virginia Audience Recounts Praises of the Negro Soldiers.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—Mason Mitchell, the actor who left the stage to enlist with Roosevelt's "Rough Riders," and who was wounded in front of El Caney during the battle at that place, lectured here to an audience which packed the Academy of Music to its doors yesterday afternoon.

Mitchell was cheered loudly during his lecture until he spoke of the negroes, and then he brought down a volley of hisses upon his head. From all parts of the building came cries of "Put him out!" and "Stop him!" and hisses drowned the voice of the speaker.

FLED TO AN AMERICAN HOUSE.

One Man Protects the Spaniards on One of the Philippine Islands.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—A steamer which has arrived here from Samar reports that the Tagals insurgents have been in possession of Kalbaon since December 11. Business there is said to be entirely suspended and all the Spaniards of the vicinity have sought refuge in the house of a Mr. Scott, an American.

DEWEY WANTED THEM.

Only the President's Order Saved Spain the Caroline Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Had the war with Spain lasted a short time longer it is probable that the United States flag would now be floating over the Caroline Islands, as the navy, from the time of Rear Admiral Dewey's victory, was anxious to take this group.

Officers of the navy still hope that some way may be found of acquiring these islands. It is believed Spain would sell them for a reasonable compensation. They do not want any other nation to obtain the power to establish coaling stations and naval bases there.

Foreign Works For Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Two new steel plants, one at South Chicago for the manufacture of steel shells and projectiles by a new process, and the other at Kensington for the production of patent hollow steel car axles, will shortly be built by a syndicate of Europeans represented by Carl and Adolph Mannesman, in connection with the Federal Steel company in South Chicago and the Pullman company in Kensington.

Fined for Her Wild Shooting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the New York Herald from Paris says: Mme Paulmier has been acquitted of the criminal charge of having wounded M. Olivier, a business officer of the newspaper La Lanterne, but has been condemned to pay \$3,000 damages on the civil charge of the material injury sustained by M. Olivier.

Senator Frye's Gift to a Hospital.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 28.—Mrs. W. H. White has received a telegram from her father, Senator Frye, at Washington, directing her to present \$1,000 to the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, as a "peace offering and Christmas gift," in memory of Emma Frye, his daughter.

Christmas Gift for Baker University.

BALDWIN, Kan., Dec. 28.—President Murlin has received a handsome Christmas gift for Baker university. It was a present of \$6,150 from Judge Nelson Case of Oswego, for a new library building in memory of his wife, who died a few years since.

Family Trouble Ends Fatally.

GREENFIELD, Mo., Dec. 28.—William Shaver, a farmer living four miles west of here, shot his wife four times yesterday morning about a o'clock. The wounds will prove fatal. He then shot himself, dying instantly. Family troubles are ascribed as the cause.

As to County Printing.

TOPSA, Kan., Dec. 28.—A newspaper row is the cause of the introduction of a bill in the house regulating the county printing in Jefferson county. A Valley Falls paper and an Okonkosh paper have been scrapping over the contract for county printing. The fight has become very fierce. In order to stop it Representative Marks presented a bill giving county commissioners the power to divide up the work among all the papers they desire, provided the aggregate rate is within the limit of the law.

FRYE TALKS OF THE TREATY.

Says It Does Not Commit This Government to Expansion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senator Frye talked yesterday with respect to the conditions attending and resulting from the peace negotiations.

With respect to the frequently repeated statement that the sentiment of the powers, with the exception of England, was opposed to the United States, and looked with disfavor upon the attitude of this government in dealing with Spain, Senator Frye said: "I saw no evidence of such sentiment existing outside of France, and in France that sentiment appeared to be confined to the press, which does not reflect the sentiment of the nation or the people generally."

"Do you think there will be any restoration of cordial relations between Spain and the United States?" "I think that very soon after the ratification of the peace treaty, and the restoration of diplomatic relations, there will be no difficulty about negotiating commercial treaties and a treaty for the release of prisoners, and such other matters directed toward the perfect restoration of friendly relations between the two governments."

"What has been published with respect to the treaty of peace seems to indicate, does it not, that this government is not committed by these negotiations with respect to the future disposition of the territory, the Spanish sovereignty over which has been relinquished?"

"It indicates very strongly that this government is not committed in any way whatever with respect to the disposition and government of these islands. If we are insane enough to do so, we might give them all back to Spain after the ratification of the treaty. If we were fools, we might divide them up among the other foreign powers. The whole matter is left in the hands of Congress. Congress can make any disposition of the islands it sees fit. The ratification of the treaty will not in any way curtail any privileges of ours in this direction."

To Fame's Eternal Camp.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Arrangements were completed yesterday for disintering the bodies of the soldiers who were buried in the improvised cemetery at Camp Wikoff, Long Island. Lieutenant William F. Chase of the Sixth artillery will supervise the work. Forty coffins were shipped to Montauk. It was at first thought the bodies would be removed to the National cemetery at Washington, but they will be buried in the military grounds in Cypress Hills cemetery in East New York. At the head of each grave at Montauk Point was placed a bottle in which was a sealed slip of paper, with the name, rank, company, regiment and all particulars obtainable concerning the dead. By this means there will be no trouble identifying the bodies. There are about 200 dead buried in the cemetery at Montauk, and it will probably take until the middle of January to complete the work of removal.

Tombstone as a Gift.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Grimm Bros., saloonkeepers, received a tombstone as a Christmas gift. The donor was Mrs. A. E. Riden, a widow. Her husband had been a confirmed drunkard and shortly before his death Mrs. Riden warned the saloonkeepers that if they sold him whiskey she would prosecute them. On the day Riden died it was alleged that he bought whiskey at Grimm's. Mrs. Riden entered suit and obtained a judgment for \$2,500, but up to this time has been unable to collect the money.

North Dakota Divorce Laws.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 28.—Among the measures which will come before the North Dakota legislature during its session will be one providing for a more stringent divorce law. A large element of the people are ashamed of the record gained by the state on account of the laxity of the present law on this subject, and are anxious to shut off the excursions hither of matrimonial misfits.

To Study Porto Rico as a Mission Field.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Bishop William E. McLaren of the diocese of Chicago will accept the mission to Porto Rico to investigate the field there for the promotion of the Episcopal church interests. He was chosen by the Episcopal conference in Washington. He will start before the winter is over and on his return will give a report on which the policy of the church will be based.

Suicide in an Asylum.

St. JOSEPH, Dec. 28.—Thomas Richardson of Rock Springs, Daviess county, an inmate of state lunatic asylum No. 2, hanged himself in a closet in the institution, and was dead when the attendants found him. Richardson managed in some way to escape the vigilance of the attendants and make his way unseen into a closet. He had secreted a short piece of rope which he used to choke himself to death.

Manila Observes the Holidays.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—Christmas was generally observed among the Americans here with special religious services by the Protestants and Catholics alike. The services for the Colorado and Pennsylvania regiments were conducted by Chaplain Haver of the former. Father McKibbin preached a sermon to the California regiment, though the usual midnight mass was not held, as the archbishop of Manila refused his sanction. The city was crowded with Filipinos, holiday-making.

THE GIANT TRUSTS.

THEIR PROMOTERS NOT INTIMIDATED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

A Billion Dollars Placed in Combination Since the Adverse Decision. English and American CORMORANTS Eying the Philippines.

It is announced that four of the leading shipbuilding concerns in the country have formed a combination in anticipation of the new policy of the government to acquire more territory, which will require a great navy to defend.

The companies which are to form the new combine are the Union Iron works of San Francisco, which built the Oregon; the Bath Shipbuilding works of Bath, Me.; the Newport News company of Newport News, Va., and the Lewis Nixon company of Elizabethport, N. J.

All of these concerns have many government contracts on hand and are bidders for more. With the Cramps of Philadelphia in the combination, they would dictate whatever terms they chose to the government as long as it adheres to the policy of building all of its warships in time of peace in American yards.

From Birmingham, England, comes a report that the great financiers of Wall street, New York, and Lombard street, London, are secretly forming a trust to procure the financial and commercial control of the Philippine islands as soon as the United States make an "open door" of them to the commerce of the world.

This syndicate of rich men of New York and London proposes to step inside and close the door against all but their own people. It is probable that this very promising trust is not confined to New York and London alone, but that its representatives may be found in Washington.

The Birmingham Post, which says its authority is of the best, does not particularize on this point, and it does not give names, which would have greatly aided in finding the men who are taking such quick advantage of the country's colonial expansion. Like all projects of such combinations, the founders of the Philippine trust abhor publicity.

Behind the dummy incorporators used by the new silver plate trust to acquire corporate rights under the laws of New Jersey are all the great silver plate manufacturing companies of the United States.

These concerns have been arranging their combination since last June, and the details were only completed a few days ago, when the articles of incorporation were filed in Trenton, the home of trusts.

The capital of the concern will be \$20,000,000, of which \$9,000,000 will be preferred stock. The trust will issue \$4,500,000 bonds. The following companies will be in the combination:

The Meridian Britannia company, the Meridian Silver Plate company, Manning, Bowman & Co., the Wilcox Silver Plate company, the Watrous Manufacturing company, the Norwich Cutlery company, the William Rogers Manufacturing company, the Holmes & Edwards Silver company, the Standard Silver company, the Manhattan Silver company, the Barbour Silver Plate company, Rogers & Bros. and Rogers & Hamilton.

Despite the various stories circulated in Wall street to the effect that the negotiations looking to the formation of a steel rail pool had been abandoned, it is now authoritatively announced in Wall street that the pool has been formed and that all the great steel interests of the country, including the Federal Steel company, the Carnegie company and the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, will hereafter work in harmony, will agree to maintain rates at \$20 instead of \$18 a ton and will not invade each other's territory.

The conferences of the steel interests had been going on for several weeks in Wall street and elsewhere when it was semi-officially announced that they had been abandoned. Federal Steel securities fell several points, and somebody made a fortune.

The sardine interests are getting closer together. While there are no real American sardines, there is a very toothsome Yankee fish which masquerades successfully as a sardine, and now there is a plan on foot, backed by some enterprising Englishmen with a capital of \$3,000,000, to combine all the plants that pack the so called American sardine into one great trust.

Seventeen of the principal peanut concerns in the country have agreed to a combine or consolidation. There are about 30 cleaning houses for peanuts. These handle a crop which is valued at about \$6,000,000 a year. They represent an investment of \$2,000,000. It is through the combination of the cleaning houses that the attempt will be made to handle the crop hereafter, maintain prices and prevent ruinous competition.

Twelve of the cleaning houses are in Virginia, and one of them, located at Smithfield, handles about one-fourth of the crop. Two concerns are in St. Louis and three others in various parts of the west.

The tin plate consolidation is now an assured fact. Most of the details have been arranged, and nothing is left undone which could cause a miscarriage of the plans at the last moment.

Probably 90 per cent of those who are selling out to the promoters are taking stock in exchange. The consolidated company will be in actual working order by the first of the new year.

It is the frank admission of well posted men that no similar deal has been consummated in the United States which was so perfectly managed in all its details. The tin plate manufacturers were originally a unit in asking for cash for their plants, but in the most admirable manner they have been convinced that stock would be preferable, and it is now certain that the bulk will accept stock.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Pinches Both Sides.

A tobacco manufacturing establishment in Toledo has gone out of business, and quite a number of people have been thrown out of work. The owners state that they were unable to compete with the tobacco trust. At the same time a report comes from Cincinnati to the effect that the tobacco planters of Kentucky are being squeezed and are forced to accept lower prices for their products, and threats are made of beginning proceedings to disrupt the big combine. No doubt the tobacco trust is enjoying the highest kind of prosperity, and its little weakly competitors and its working people, including the planters, are very foolish in not being on the inside.—Cleveland Citizen.

Advertisement for Hood's Pills, One Dose, and Hood's Pills. Text describes the benefits of the pills for various ailments.

Advertisement for Farmers' Wives, Can Earn Lots of Money. Text describes a business opportunity for women.

Advertisement for Centerville Block Coal Co., We Are Ready Now. Text describes coal products and contact information.

Advertisement for In County Kerry, The Jolly Irishman Makes Merry on New Year's Day. Text describes a social event.

Advertisement for California Great Rock Island Route, Low rates on our personally conducted excursions. Text describes travel services.

Advertisement for The Way to go to California, is in a tourist sleeping car—personally conducted—via the Burlington route. Text describes travel services.

Advertisement for The Lincoln Tannery, 313 O Street receives all kinds of Hides and Furs to tan into Leather, Robes, and Bags. Text describes tanning services.

Advertisement for New Conditions, In our modern industrial system, when single employers dispose of the livelihood of so many families as would have constituted the entire population of an ancient republic and when there are entire vast industries under a single control, so that a man brought up to work in one of them is as dependent upon his place as if he were the possessor of a monarch, the theory of the employer's right to arbitrary control is severely strained. Text discusses labor conditions.

Advertisement for DOCTORS SEARLES & SEARLES, Main Office 1025 O St. Lincoln, Neb. Text describes medical services.

Advertisement for A Devoted Wife, Like to see her husband arrayed in immaculate linen. Text describes laundry services.

Advertisement for WE MANUFACTURE, Carriages, Phaetons, and Wagons of all kinds. Text describes manufacturing services.

Advertisement for Notice to Farmers and Stock Feeders, Buy your cattle and sheep at the stock yards. Text describes stock services.

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