

PERSONS AND PAPERS

Congress Asks Gage Why He Did Certain Things.

RESOLUTIONS IN BOTH HOUSES.

National Law Makers Want Documents Concerning Deposits—Information as to the Sale of the Custom House Property in New York is Also Requested of the Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The house session was brief, the only incident being the adoption of the Sulzer resolution, introduced Wednesday, calling on Secretary Gage for all information regarding the deposit of government funds in certain New York national banks. The resolution was adopted and an amendment was made to cover information respecting the transactions relating to the sale of the New York custom house site.

Secretary Gage's friends had been informed that he courted the fullest investigation and was prepared to submit all the facts to congress. Accordingly there was no friction over the passage of the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Payne, chairman of the committee on ways and means, presented the Sulzer resolution as modified by the committee for immediate consideration.

The resolution as modified is as follows: Resolved, That the secretary of the treasury and he is to be authorized to furnish the house of representatives the following information:

1. Copies of all letters, agreements, papers or documents between the treasury department of the United States, or any person connected therewith and the National City and the Hazard National bank of the city of New York, or any person acting for them or either of them, since the 4th day of March, 1897, relating to the deposit of public funds, bonds or revenues in said bank, or banks, or any other relations or business transactions now existing or heretofore had between the government and said banks, or either of them.

2. The amount of public money, bonds or revenue deposited with said banks, or either of them, or with any national bank, by the government upon which security, for what length of time and the reasons therefor, and whether said banks, or any of them, have paid the government any interest on said deposits, and, if so, how much, and all other information concerning the same or in any way relating thereto.

3. And also the date of the sale of the custom house property of the United States in New York city to said National City bank, the date of the execution of the deed thereto, the disposition of the proceeds of the said sale, and whether or not the government has paid any rents for the said property or any portion thereof, for any purpose since the day of sale, and, if so, to whom, and all facts relating to the said transaction.

Sulzer argued after the presentation of the resolution and said he would accept the amendments. Richardson, the minority leader, asked for five minutes, which he desired to hold to Levy, democrat of New York. The request was complied with and Levy offered an amendment to the resolution, which included a request for the secretary's reasons for delaying the deposit in national banks.

Richardson said he had warned the secretary in September that a panic was impending. Had the secretary heeded that warning and deposited government funds in national banks in September or October instead of having bonds the panic would have been averted.

Richardson was promptly ruled out of order and the resolution offered by Mr. Payne was adopted.

TO KEEP THE PHILIPPINES.

A Resolution Setting Forth the Government's Intentions.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—At the opening of today's session of the senate, Beveridge of Indiana presented this resolution:

That the Philippine islands are territory belonging to the United States; that it is the intention of the United States to retain them as such and to establish and maintain such government control throughout the archipelago as the situation may demand.

He asked that the resolution be upon the table until next Tuesday, when he will speak upon it.

It is known that Senator Beveridge's resolution on the Philippines, introduced today, was written by the senator in consultation with Senators Lodge and Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Allison, chairman of the committee on appropriations, the last named making it to the form in which it was introduced.

The understanding that the resolution is a composite expression of the views of the national senators, and that Senators Platt, Davis and Lodge and Beveridge were in favor of a more positive declaration; and the resolution as it stands is as fair an expression as is possible of the position of republican senators upon the question.

A message from the president was read, transmitting the testimony taken by the commission appointed to investigate the conduct of the war by the war department.

A resolution was presented by P. T. Hiram calling upon the secretary of the navy for a report of Admiral Dewey of April 13, 1898, in which the admiral said he could take Manila at any time. He asked immediate consideration, but Spooner objected and the resolution went over.

The consideration of Pettigrew's resolution concerning the advances reported to have been made by Aguinaldo through General Torres to General Otis after the beginning of hostilities in the Philippines was postponed until Monday.

Hour of Massachusetts offered a resolution, which was adopted, relating to the military fees to be paid witnesses in cases before the senate to \$3 per day while in attendance and actual traveling expenses. This will reduce the amount for witnesses in the Clark case about one-half.

TWAS NOT A FACTORY

Report That Colesberg Was Taken From the Boers Was Premature.

TRANSVAAL FORCES STILL THERE.

British Occupied It Briefly, but Were Immediately Driven Out and Heavily Assailed—French Cannot Again Advance Upon Town Until He Obtains Reinforcements.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: An unexpected development of the situation has occurred at Colesberg. Late advices are that the Boers returned with reinforcements during the night and occupied the position from which they were driven by General French on Monday.

There is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. General White reported a list of nearly twenty deaths yesterday from enteric fever and dysentery and seventy-one serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jamieson has all the work he can do in that fever nest. It is evident that the garrison cannot hold out long and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass before striking a blow.

Transports with fresh battalions and batteries arrived at Durban yesterday and within forty-eight hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The latest advices from the Colesberg district tend to modify the estimate of General French's success. The predicted occupation of Colesberg had not been accomplished last evening, while the Boers' guns, announced to have been silenced, were still active. The war office this afternoon issued a dispatch received from General French under yesterday's date, saying his position was the same as on the previous day, that with small reinforcements he could dislodge the Boers from Colesberg and in the meantime he continued manœuvring.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—There is a complete absence of anything new from the seat of war. The report of the Boer attack on Molteno is not yet confirmed. Apparently General French has nothing within five miles of Colesberg Junction. His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to seize one of the crossings of the Orange river. It is probable that when Lord Roberts arrives General French will be ordered to quit his unsupported position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange river. As the Daily Telegraph says, General French seems to be in the position of a man having "a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick." A dispatch from Dover farm announces that Lieutenant Colonel Pilcher has reached there safely from Douglas.

Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 18 and December 19 four shells killed one officer and thirteen men and wounded thirteen officers and eleven men.

The war office acknowledges the inefficiency of the regular artillery by authorizing the equipment of the new battery attached to the London volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxims, some of which the Boers use, and by ordering 100 of these 12½-pounder quick-firers built immediately.

The officers and men of the new battery will be supplied from the Honorable artillery company.

CARNEGIE ON IMPERIALISM.

Has Not Promised to Give \$50,000 to Campaign Fund.

THE COURT STEPS IN

Langford Enjoined From Completing Copy of Legislative Enactments.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Andrew Carnegie was interviewed by a World reporter concerning the report that he had promised to subscribe \$50,000 to the republican national campaign fund.

"There's not a word of truth in the report," he said. "I will not give a dollar to help the republicans if their platform is not sound—if it is not American. Not a cent for imperialism—not a cent to renegade Americanism."

"My position on those questions has been made clear. My mind is open, but my purse is closed. If the republican party is true to the principles that have made this country great, then I would subscribe. But not if the platform commits the party to a policy which I stand unalterably and uncompromisingly opposed."

"I am in favor of securing all the West Indies islands, if we can do so," he continued. "I believe they will make desirable and proper acquisitions to our territory. That sort of expansion is on the right line. It is not the kind of expansion which is being attempted on this continent. We have no business either in morals or politics to take and keep the Philippines."

"Do you mean we should annex Cuba," was asked.

"No. We pledged as to the action we are to take there. We have given our word that Cuba shall be free. If that word shows disposition for an annexation, then that raises another question."

"The annexation of Cuba, would, however, in my opinion, kill the republican party. Its free iron, free coal and free sugar, the competition of its labor with our labor would strike a blow at a vital republican principle."

"Suppose the democratic party declares against expansion and the republicans for it, would you contribute to the democratic fund?" he asked.

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THE INJUNCTION IS PERMANENT.

State Printing Board's Award is Held to Be Illegal and that Body Will Now Re-advertise for Bids—A Delegate Convention For March 19—Other Matters in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Jan. 8.—A permanent injunction was granted by the district court restraining J. H. Langford of North Platte from compiling the copy for the senate and house journals, for which a contract was let by the State Printing Board last week. The board assured authority to advertise for bids for the work and the contract was let to the lowest bidder. The court held that as the board assumed such authority it should have complied with the law requiring advertisements for bids to be published in three newspapers. As notice was given in only two newspapers the whole transaction was declared void. The printing board met and decided to re-advertise, so that all previous bidders will have another chance to secure the contract.

Delegates to National Convention. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8.—The democratic state central committee decided that the national convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention be held in Lincoln on March 19, next, the basis of representation to be the same as before.

The following resolution was passed with one dissenting vote: The state committee of the Nebraska democracy, voicing the sentiment of its authority, views with admiration the remarkable and so far happily successful efforts of the people of the Boer republics to repel the British forces, and to that brave people, struggling for the right to govern themselves, and preserve their republic, we extend sincere sympathy.

Capital City Notes. The Farmers' and Stockmen's Guarantee Company of Clay Center incorporated with a capital stock of \$250,000. The company will do a drough, hail and live stock insurance business and provision is made in the articles of incorporation for establishing a newspaper.

The supreme court will not meet again until January 23, adjournment having been taken to that time instead of January 16, the regular session day.

Edward M. Lipsey of this city has sued T. J. Thorp for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by him in a high race at a riding school at a high rate of speed, ran into him and knocked him down, causing permanent disability.

No Abatement in Epidemic. COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 8.—There is no abatement in the scarlet fever epidemic in this city, and the cases are taking a much more severe form than was anticipated. The disease has claimed still another victim. David Ascher, who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Noon. The young man contracted the disease while assisting in the care of his sister's three children, who are down with it. He was but eighteen years of age and exposed himself to the contagion contrary to the advice of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Noon lost one child two weeks ago, but the other three are now convalescent.

Monument After Many Years. FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 8.—Miss Murtha, an actress of the "Trip to Chinatown" company, was in the city with the players of that troupe. She ordered a monument erected on her father's grave. Christian Murtha's death here twenty-three years ago was a mysterious affair. He was run over by a train on the Union Pacific and terribly mangled. He lived nearly a day and to the last insisted that he was thrown under the train by a brakeman, but could not accurately describe his assailant, whose name he did not know. Neither would he tell the reason for the assault.

HOLDS THE COMPANY LIABLE.

Decision in Test Case Concerning Fees Paid to Eugene Moore.

BLOWN UP AND BURNED

Eden Baptist Church at Stromsburg Destroyed by Fire.

THE OUTCOME OF AN EXPLOSION

STROMSBURG, Neb., Jan. 3.—Eden Baptist church, dedicated a year ago, burned to the ground about midnight. The fire resulted from the explosion of the acetylene gas, which blew out the foundation and wrecked the windows. A crowd was present to watch the New Year.

The force of the explosion hurled the people in all directions. Rev. J. L. Hedblom, the pastor, and Mr. Cowan, the janitor, were burned about the hands and face. Mrs. J. L. Johnson and her daughter, Pearl, were slightly injured.

The building was heated by a furnace situated in the basement as was also the gas plant. Loss about \$3,200; insurance \$1,800.

Question Legality of Divorce. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 3.—When is a divorce not a divorce? That is the question now agitating the minds of a couple in Chadron who secured a supposed legal separation in the district court of Rushville recently. They were residents of Chadron and procured a decree in the court of Sheridan county contrary to the statute of divorce and alimony. The question of residency was not introduced in the testimony and the interested parties were not wiser of the illegality of the proceedings until court had adjourned. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rein-och, formerly of Missouri Valley, and Mr. Reinold is an engineer on the Elkhorn and a property owner at this place. This case was only in court fifteen minutes. It is not learned what action will be taken to have the decree confirmed.

Prosperity in Gage County. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 3.—The year just closed shows an encouraging condition in the county, as is shown by the mortgage report furnished by Register of Deeds Charley Reed. The record for December was as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 53; amount, \$28,637; released, 53; amount, \$43,837; city mortgages filed, 22; amount, \$12,601; released, 14; amount, \$4,614. For the year the record is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 577; amount, \$93,648; released, 775; amount, \$949,951; city mortgages filed, 190; amount, \$28,770; released, 265; amount, \$134,348. Number of releases in excess of filings, 260; amount of releases in excess of filings, \$265,581, or over a quarter of a million dollars represented as indebtedness paid off.

Otoe County Pioneer Dead. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 3.—Word was received in this city from Burr, this county, of the death of Hon. Sinclair at his home in that place at the age of forty-four years. Bright's disease of the kidneys was the cause of his death. He had been a resident of Otoe county since 1837 and was one of its best and most highly respected citizens. He was a member of the state legislature of 1892 and worked hard for the election of J. Sterling Morton to the United States senate. A widow and two children mourn his untimely death. The remains will be interred at Wyuka cemetery in this city on Monday.

Buried in the Town He Founded. LOUP CITY, Neb., Jan. 3.—The funeral of William Benochter, who owned a homestead on the townsite of Loup City in 1872, was held here. For the last eleven years he had been a resident of Richardson county, living near Falls City, where he died. As it had always been his desire to have his remains interred in excess of the townsite he was instrumental in founding, his wish was carried out by the family. The bell which he gave to the Methodist church when it was built, told seventy-six times as a requiem. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Matthews of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. McCallahan of the Presbyterian.

Ice Plant May Close. ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 3.—The company's ice plant north of this city, will not be operated this winter. The board of county commissioners at Wahoo this week instructed County Clerk Chappek to purchase the property for delinquent taxes for 1896 and 1897, amounting to \$2,400. The company says this amount is more than its share of the taxation and refuses to pay the money. The closing down of the plant, which now seems probable, will throw many hundreds of Ashland laborers out of employment.

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H. C. Thompson Declared Insane. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 3.—H. C. Thompson, of the former Missouri Pacific agent in Omaha and brought to this city, was before the commissioners on insanity and adjudged insane by them and will be taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

Police Find Bloody Clothing. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 3.—The Sioux City police have in their possession a suit of bloody clothes, which was found under a railway bridge and it may prove a valuable clue toward the capture of the murderer of John Robson. It was found hid away in a hole by some children. The collar was spattered with blood and about the place were numerous rags used by them to wipe his filthy hands. It is hoped they may lead to a capture. So far no arrests have been made.

Jefferson County Official Dead. FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 3.—Herman Tietjen, one of the commissioners of Jefferson county, died at his home, three miles northeast of Plymouth, of consumption. The deceased was thirty-five years old and had served in his present official capacity two years. He was a well-to-do German farmer and had just completed a fine new residence upon his excellent improved land. He leaves a wife and two children.

Superior finery ever seems to confer superior breeding.