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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The maharajah of Jalapur has made a donation of 100,000 rupees to the South Africa fund.

Adolph E. Rothchild, who had a bank in Nanies in the time of the Neapolitan monarchy, died in Paris.

Al Sandwick, Ont. Levi Steward was hanged for killing old man James Ross for the purpose of robbery.

The government is informed that the Argentine tariff for 1900 has been adopted. Changes are unimportant.

William Stanley Hazlett, the marine artist, is dead in Rome, at the age of 64 years. He was a native of Philadelphia.

The total collections for the port of Havana for the 200 working days of the year 1899 was \$1,097,154, making an average daily collection of \$5,487.

The wheat harvest of South Australia, is estimated to be six bushels per acre, leaving an exportable surplus of 145,000 tons.

Secretary Irwin Shearer of the National Educational association announces the selection of Charleston, S. C., for the annual convention, and July 7 to 13 as the dates.

William H. Stiles, 70 years of age, was arrested at South Bend, Ind., charged with embezzling \$40,000 from the estate of the late Samuel Halstead of New York.

Rev. John K. Kennedy, formerly chairman of the Congressional union of England and Wales and professor of apologetics at New College, London, died in his 87th year.

Representative Jones of Washington has submitted to the house committee on commerce an argument favoring the northern or Alaskan route for the proposed Pacific cable.

H. F. Wilson, the legal assistant of the British colonial office, started for Capetown to assist Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner, in the legal problems confronting him.

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PLEAS DRIVE FOR CONGRESS

Considerable Work for the National Legislators During This Week.

CURRENCY BILL IN THE SENATE

Friends Claim It Will Pass by a Majority of About Twenty Votes—Work of the House—Various Matters that Are to be Considered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The first four days of the week will be given up to the currency bill in the senate and after that measure is disposed of there will be a contest for precedence in the interest of several measures. These include the bills for providing forms of government for Hawaii and Puerto Rico, the Nicaragua canal bill and the resolution for the seating of Senator Quay upon the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania. Which of these will take precedence remains to be determined. Just now there is some sharp sparring for first place.

The currency bill will be voted on Thursday and all the time not given to such routine business as the introduction of the bills and the presentation of reports and petitions will be devoted to this measure until it is acted upon by the senate. Monday and Tuesday will be consumed with set arguments for and against the bill. The senate will advance and Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to speeches not exceeding ten minutes in duration on the various amendments to the bill. The most important of these amendments is that offered by the democrats for the free coinage of silver on terms of equality with gold. Following this numerous other changes will be suggested, but it is quite well understood that all of them will be voted down unless proposed by the committee on finance, with which the democrats have a majority.

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"BOBS" AT THE FRONT.

Lord Roberts is Reported as Having Arrived at Modder River.

MODDER RIVER, Feb. 12.—Lord Roberts is here. Upon appearing before the troops on Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland brigade this morning and complimented General MacDonald and his men on the steady conduct at Koodoesberg drift.

The Highlanders returned last night. Before retiring they found the bodies of twelve Boers. They believe the losses of the enemy were heavier than those of the British, because it is known that, in addition to the dead Boers found, several had been buried. Apparently the Boers have brought all their big guns from Mafeking to shell Kimberley. Our naval guns shelled Magerfontein today, but the Boer guns were silent. It is supposed that the enemy have withdrawn their artillery. They are blowing up the permanent way beyond Morton siding. The Boers still man their trenches, but their numbers are apparently reduced. The bulk of their force has gone to Kimberley or toward our flank.

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A RE-CROSSING OF THE TUGELA

London Accepts as True the Statement that Another Failure Has Been Made—Gloom Deepens the English Capital—Balfour, in Response to Goading, Makes Guarded Statement in Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—London accepts as true the statements that General Buller has failed again. These statements were passed by the British censor at Aden and are read in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcements in the Commons that General Buller is not pressing his advance.

LEIPSI, Feb. 10.—The Neuste Nachrichten prints a special dispatch from a correspondent who says that General Buller's third attempt to relieve Ladysmith has completely failed.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, LADY SMITH, Thursday, Feb. 8.—The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molensdrift, abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning and retired across the Tugela river to their former position.

A desultory cannonade is proceeding at the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(New York Cablegram.)—The English public all day long had a critical situation of Buller's forces on their nerves. The war office, the political and service clubs were crowded during the afternoon and evening by men in search of war news.

Just after the senate convened Buller asked if the government had any war news. Balfour's only answer was "No." In the language of anxious lobby and clubmen it wasn't what he said, but the nasty way he said it.

Then the public read in the evening papers the Boer report that Buller had been driven back across the Tugela. This re-established public pressure for information and just before the house adjourned Balfour rose in his place and with great care gave utterance to this statement:

"The war office has information pointing to the conclusion that Buller is not pressing his advance beyond the point he occupied on Wednesday, and the government does not feel justified in asking him for more detailed information, nor if they had it would they make it public until his operation was completed."

This only increased the anxious gloom of those who were waiting for news. The experts wondered whether the operation referred to was the retreat or the relief of Ladysmith. All agreed that the situation showed clearly that the government and Roberts were agreed that Buller should be left severely alone with his present force and that the salvation of Ladysmith and make good, if he can, his former failure on the Tugela.

Many of the best informed are inclined to think that both Methuen and Buller have received instructions only to keep as many Boers as possible employed on the Modder and Tugela while Roberts and Methuen complete arrangements and prepare to strike a heavy blow against the Orange Free State.

The leader expert says: "The Boers report that Buller has once more been forced to retreat across the Tugela river. Hitherto their dispatches have been unpleasantly near the mark and when it was a general disposition to believe this news, Buller's own friends had no news from up to 10 o'clock last night. MacDonald has been recalled by that astonishing general, Methuen. There can only be one excuse for such a movement, namely, the imminence of the relief of Ladysmith. It is doubt that the most authoritative opinion in London regards it probable that the endeavor will be made to force the line on the Orange river before Wednesday next. If Buller has retired a third time we fear Ladysmith must fall."

JONES OFFERS SUBSTITUTE. Free Silver Bill to Take Place of Pending Currency One.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Jones today introduced a free silver coinage substitute for the pending currency bill. The substitute provides that "from and after the passage of this act the mint of the United States shall be open to the coinage of silver and there shall be coined dollars of the weight of 412½ grains troy, of standard 9-10 fine, as provided by the act of January 18, 1837, and upon the same terms and subject to the limitations and provisions of law regulating the coinage and legal tender quality of gold."

The substitute also provides that whenever the silver coins shall be received into the treasury certificates may be issued for them in the manner now prescribed by law.

Taylor Will Not Sign. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 10.—Governor Taylor did not sign the agreement, sign the Louisville peace agreement. He announced, moreover, that he had no intention of doing so for some time, and did not know whether he would sign it at all. On the other hand, the democrats were confident he would affix his signature to the document.

Two Suspects Are Arrested. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 10.—Two men suspected of complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel were arrested in a boarding house today. The names are Silas Jones of Whitley county and James H. Nelson of Nelson county. The men are said to have slept in the executive building for a time and they will be kept in confinement until something more definite is known as to their whereabouts at the time of the assassination. Both strongly deny any knowledge of the murder.

Amendment to Century Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Nelson today introduced an amendment to the century bill permitting the organization of national banks in towns of 4,000 inhabitants and over with a capitalization of \$25,000.

An Order by Taylor. LONDON, Ky., Feb. 10.—The following message from Governor Taylor was received today by a member of the legislature: "I have warrants issued for members of the house put in the hands of sergeant-at-arms to serve."

LAWTON RESTS AT ARLINGTON.

Country Pays Its Last Honors to the Great Soldier.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Major General Henry W. Lawton was buried today in the National cemetery at Arlington. It was a nation's tribute to a national hero and the sorrow of a whole people was expressed when America added the chaplet of cypress to the brow that so long had worn the laurel.

The burial services beneath the leafless trees at Arlington were preceded by services in the Church of the Covenant, on Connecticut avenue, at which every department of the government was represented, including the president, congress, the supreme court members of the army and navy within reach of Washington. Lawton's old comrades of the line and staff, the diplomatic corps in all its brilliancy of uniform and decoration and as many citizens of all degrees as were fortunate enough to find standing room within the walls.

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