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Much Business Will Be Transacted Despite the Shortness of Time.

# MANY BILLS ABOUT AGREED UPON

War Revenue, Army Reorganization, Olcomargarine and Shipping Subsidy Measures Will Be Given Right of Way -The President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- The leaders of the house are preparing to press with great vigor the important business of the short session of congress, which convenes today. Already considerable preliminary committee work has been done on the important measures-the bill for the reduction of the war reevnue taxes, the army reorganization bill, the river and haror bill and several of the appropriation bills-and the legislative mill will start under a full head of steam. The army reorganization bill is considered particularly urgent owing to the possibility of its meeting strenuous opposition after it reaches the senate and it is the intention of the leaders to get it out of the way at the earliest possible moment. It will be reported probably on Tuesday and will be taken up at once unless after further consultation it is decided to let the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which also will be ready on Tuesday, in ahead of it. The democrats will caucus on the army bill on Monday and the indications now are that they will offer as a substitute for the permanent reorganization measures a bill extending for two or three years the present law for a provisional army.

The bill to reduce the war revenue taxes practically has been completed by the republican members of the ways and means committee and it will be submitted to the full committee on Tuesday unless in the meantime a caucus of the republicans should be found advisable. Some of the republican members are not satisfied with the list of articles relieved from taxation by the bill and if too much opposition becomes evident when the house convenes on Monday the leaders probably will call a conference or caucus for the purpose of adjusting and harmonizing differences.

On Thursday the Grout oleomargarine bill will come up as a special order, under the rule made at the last session. It imposes a tax of 10 cents a pound on eleomargarine, butterine or in imitation of butter. It has strong backing from the dairy interests and while it will meet with warm opposition from the interests that are antagonizing its passage, when it reaches a vote its passage is regarded as a foregone conclusion. Two days, it is thought, will suffice for its consider-

Saturday, under a special order made last session, will be devoted to eulogies on the life, character and public services of the late Representative Harmer of Pennsylvania, who for several years enjoyed the distinction of being the member holding the record for longest continuous service and therefore entitled to the sobriquet, 'Father of the House.'

No business will be transacted at the session today beyond the probable reading of the president's message, owing to the deaths of the late Representative Daly of New Jersey and the late Representative Hoffnecker of Delaware, which occurred during the recess. Their deaths, as well as the deaths of Senators Davis and Gear, will be announced immediately after the roll is called and the house will adjourn at once out of respect to their

memories. Mr. Frye expects to get up the shipping subsidy bill on Tuesday and if not on that day then on Wednesday and in doing this to have the Spooner Philippine bill displaced. This will be the beginning of the important work of the session and upon the sucss or failure of the scheme may depend much of the future course of proceedings for the entire session. In order to accomplish this result it will be necessary first to get the consent of the republican committee on order of business and to this end a meeting of that committee will be held after Monday afternoon. Mr. Frye said towith a majority of the members of securing their assent to the proposed | market. change.

# River and Harbor Reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 .- The river and harbor committee today heard Colonel Robert, Lieutenant Colonel Haines and Captain Riche of the engineer corps concerning the works under their charge along the Gulf of Mexico and the mouth of the Mississippi. A considerable portion of the time was devoted to Aransas Pass, Tex.

# Coal Drops Out of Sight.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 3 .-The steamers Tom Dodsworth and Volunteer, both Pittsburg towboats, collided twenty miles above here this morning. Almost thirty coal boats, containing 600,000 bushels of coal, sank. The loss is \$100,000.

Liscum's Remains Ashore. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 .- The body of Colonel Liscum was taken from the transport Thomas today and carried, under military escort, to the Presidio, where it will be conveyed to

#### TWENTY KILLED IN A WRECK.

Trains on the Mexican Road Crash Together Like Mighty Battering Rams.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 3.-A terrible wreck, in which a score of persons was killed and about sixty burt, occurred on the Mexican entral railway on Thursday afternoon between Tamanacha and Symon, fifty miles south of Jumilico. The first news of the disaster reached here today. Edward Rische, a citizen of San Antonio, was at the scene twenty minutes after the engines crashed together. The place where the wreck occurred is in a valley at the foot of two immense hills. At the time both trains were running thirty miles an hour. One of the trains had on board a construction crew numbering 150 men. The other was a freight train of fifty-five empty cars. Three engines and about forty cars were piled up forty feet high. Two Americans, train employes, were forced to flee to avoid being lynched. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable. This is said to be the most serious wreck that has ever occurred in Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 3.-Details of the collision on the Mexican Central are meager. Engineer Ross and Fireman Reeves and Harveson of the freight train were killed. Most of the dead and wounded were Mexicans, who were riding in the cars next to the engine. It is now said the collision was on the main line near Jimulco between a freight and a passenger train and that it caused the death of eleven persons and injury of twenty. The freight was a doubleheader.

#### AS TO WEATHER FORECASTS.

Prof. Moore Holds Virginia Court Opinior Was Commendatory.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 .- Prof. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, has made a statement in which he calls attention to the recent decision of the United States court of appeals at Richmond, Va., involving the responsibility of a vessel master for damages by rain to a cargo of rice discharged on an unsheltered wharf at Charleston, S. C., when the bureau had predicted rain. He says that contrary to widely published comments the decision clearly stated that where the storm warnings are brought to the attention of vessel masters, it is their duty to take cognizance and observe them, though the court said the ordinary predictions of rain, snow and moderate change of temperature are less reliable than almost anything of which the general public is expected to take cognizance. Prof. Moore conother manufactured butters colored tends that the decision was a commendation instead of a condemnation of storm warnings. The bureau, he says, considers that one out of every five forecasts of precipitation has failed of verification, while there has not been a destructive marine storm anywhere in the United States in over six years that was not preceded by the danger warnings, or a severe cold wave of which farmers were not given timely warning.

# THOUSANDS SEE KRUGER

German Common People Testify to Their Sympathy for Him.

COLOGNE, Dec. 3 .- Thousands of people waited today in the vicinity of the Cathedral hotel to catch a glimpse of Mr. Kruger, who, when replying to the deputation of Bonn students in the afternoon, described the educational progress of the Transvaal, thanked the students for their kind welcome and shook hands with each. Afterward he appeared upon the balcony, where he was loudly cheered from below.

Having rested for half an hour, he which was crowded with visitors. Here, replying to a deputation from sailed. the Pan-German league, wishing him success, he referred to the close relationship between the Boers and the Germans.

It is expected that Mr. Kruger will remain here until Wednesday.

# American Shoes in Egypt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- Consul Shumann at Mainz says in a report to the state department if American shoe manufacturers studied closely the requirements of the trade in Egypt they ought to be able to conquer that the adjournment of the senate on market with ease. He says that they certainly could be able to offer a bet dapy that he had already conferred ter and cheaper shoe than the Swiss manufacturers, who now practically that committee and that he felt as- control the shoe trade of Egypt, havsured he would have no diffifficulty in | ing driven French goods out of the

# Women May Bathe Unseen.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 3.-The new public bath for women, built by the sanitary department, was opened yesterday and 300 girls and women took advantage of the opportunities offered. Heretofore women of the lower class have been in the habit of bathing in a cove without protection. and have been frequently interrupted by men, who stole their clothing.

# Wheeler Will Save His Arm.

WYMORE, Neb., Nov. 28.-Conductor E. E. Wheeler, who was so injured at Table Rock last week that it was thought his arm would have to be amputated, will pull through and save his arm, although the muscles above and below the elbow were ground to a pulp.

# Bolomen Surrender.

MANILA, Dec. 3.-One thousand more bolomen have surrendered to Captain Greene of the Thirty-third in- | fantry, at Vigan, island of Luzon.

Reason for Belief That the Porte Is Censoring All American Dispatches.

#### NO WORD FROM OUR BATTLESHIP

Therefore the Situation at the Port of Smyrna Can Only Be Guessed At-The Porte Still Refuses to Issue Exequatur to Delegate of United States.

LONDON, Dec. 1.-Nothing in regard to the United States battleship Kentucky is coming direct from Smyrna. The authorities there are evidentcensoring all dispatches.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday, Nov. 29.—The opinion is expressed in diplomatic circles that the American claims arising from the Armenian massacres "may now be regarded as practically settled, as an irade providing for the building of a cruiser in the United States is officially promulgated.

The question of the consulate at Harpoot remains open, the porte persisting in its refusal to grant an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton. The moral effect, nowever, created by the presence of the United States battleship Kentucky at Smyrna in support of the representations of the American legation, taken in conjunction with the settlement of the other claims, leads the legation to nope for an early arrangement of all outstanding differ-

LONDON, Dec. 1 .- A Reuter dispatch from Constantinople says it is suggested that Russia is prompting the porte to refuse to grant an exequatur to Dr. Norton. The dispatch adds: "It is an open secret that they dislike the foreign consuls in Asia Minor, especially the Americans, whom they suspect of aiding the American mission work in Armenia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 .- No proposition has come to the United States government from Turkey looking to the payment of the missionary claims under the guise of an order for a war ship to be built in the United States. While it is hardly expected that any formal proposition of this kind will be forthcoming, it is, of course, beyond the power of the state department to prevent or interfere with any arrangement with American shipbuilders and individual claimants. The point is, after all, to have the claims paid and the state department officials are not particular as to the form in which the barrassed by the pressure of European creditors were the United States government to instst upon certain forms of procedure in this case.

There are no developments in the negotiations respecting the exequatur of Dr. Norton, who would be United States consul at Harpoot. The matter is still one of correspondence and the authorities here are confident that the Turkish government will, in the end, yield on this point.

# BOLOMEN TO BE HANGED.

General McArthur Confirms Sentence Passed on Filipinos.

MANILA, Dec. 1 .- General MacArthur has confirmed the sentence of cently convicted of murder at Lingay-The condemned were members of "Guardia de Honor," a band of assassins whose victims were kidnaped and boloed. They will be hanged on December 21.

The United States cruiser Newark, under order to proceed to Guam to investigate the circumstances of the went into the vestibule of the hotel, disaster to the United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, has not yet

> Arthur Ferguson, secretary of the Philippine commission, has gone to Hong Kong for a short vacation to recruit his health, which has recently

> The United States transport Indiana, which, as announced November 17, went ashore on the east side of the Isla de Polillo, off the east coast of Luzon, was successfully floated and arrived at Binangonan sound short of coal. It transferred to the United States transport Pennsylvania the contingent of the Twenty-second infantry and the supplies destined for Baler and then proceeded to Neuva Caceras. on the Biola river, province of South Camarines.

#### Cody Hunting Party. EDGEMONT, S. D., Nov. 30 .- A large

hunting party passed through this city enroute to the Big Horn mountains. Among the party were: Colonel W. F. Cody and H. H. Hake of Omaha, R. Russell of Deadwood, J. H. O'Brian of Buffalo, N. Y., Si Compton of Sheridan, Wyo., John Martin of Cody, Wyo., and F. N. Pearson and C. H. Morrrill of Lincoln, Neb.

# Carnegie Contract Signed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 .- The contract with the Carnegie company for furnishing a large quantity of armor plate, under the agreement recently announced, was concluded and signed today, and it is expected that the Bethiehem contract for armor will be signed tomorrow.

# Train Goes Into the River.

BEAVER, Pa., Nov. 28.-Late tonight a Cleveland & Pittsburg flyer went into the Ohio river at this place, Three Cleveland men, Engineer Coucheour, Fireman Allen and Express Messenger Casey, were killed. Nineteen others are reported dead and the entire train is said to be in the river.

#### DECLARES POPE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Rev. Father Lacombe Says Leo XIII Is Rapidly Approaching His End.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 30 .- A special from Montreal says: The Rev. Father Lacombe, who returned from Rome a short time ago, is in the city on his way to his mission field in the Canadian northwest. When told by a reporter that alarming news had been received from Rome regarding the pope's condition, Father Lacombe

"Yes, the end is very near. The holy father's health was very poor when I saw him a few weeks ago. He received me as usual and questioned me concerning my mission, in which he seemed to take a great interest, but I could not help observing that a great change had taken place since last I saw him,

"He appeared thin and emaciated and his voice had a hollow ring. He was very feeble, so feeble in fact that he could not move about without assistance. The audience continued for upwards of a quarter of an hour and at its conclusion the holy father blessed me and those whom I might bless on my return. As ne left the audience chamber I felt that I had seen the pope for the last time."

#### TURKEY WILLING TO SETTLE.

Imperial Irade Issued Ordering a Cruiser

in the United States. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 30 .- The arrival of the United States battleship Kentucky at Smyrna has so shaken up the palace that indications are accumulating of a desire to hasten a settlement to the satisfaction of the United States. An irade has been issued calling for the purchase of a cruiser at Philadelphia, the price for which is to include the \$90,000 Armenian indemnity. This is regarded as a subterfuge designed for local consumption, in order to save the face of the Porte. Nevertheless it is now believed that Turkey will find the money and order a cruiser in the hope of propitiating the United States. Despite the dispute the relations between the Unitd Saes legation and the Porte continue cordial.

#### Future Looks Dark for China.

LONDON, Nov. 30 .- "The representations of Prince Ching, Li Hung Chang and other to the Chinese court, that the powers are dissatisfied and are threatening action on the Yang-Tse-Kiang to stop supplies," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring Tuesday, "are reported to payments are paid. Perhaps they are be having an effect, and it is said that indifferent in this respect because of the court is likely to have measures to knowledge of the fact that the Turk- meet the powers. An American corre- den early today. It is stated that they As the Boer leaders might misunderish government might be terribly em- spondent reports from Pao-Ting-Fu that 3,000 Germans under General Kettler and 2,000 French troops under General Bailloud concentrated there recently for the winter, with the intenof making frequent expeditions north to punish Boxer villages. Prince Uktomski is in daily conference with Li Hung Chang, and occasionally meets Prince Ching. He regards the outlook as dark, even if the powers agree, for, says he, China may reject the terms, and then will come war, rebellion and famine.

# Three Crushed in a Box Car.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 30 .- A disastrous wreck occurred at Castle Rock, a few miles west of Evanston, on the Union Pacific yesterday. A car in a hanging passed upon four natives re- freight train loaded with steel rails jumped the track and ditched five other cars. An Ogden boy named Thomas F. Wheelwright and two unknown tramps occupied the car that first jumped the track. They were stationed at either end and when the crash came they were pinned down by the ends of the rails and horribly injured.

# Eagan Is Still Suspended.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.-Officials of the War department deny positively that Commissary General Eagan, now under suspension from the army, has been reinstated. . It is further said that General Eagan has filed no formal application to have his sentence set aside. It is understood that General Eagan might be reinstated at any time on condition that he would accept immediate retirement, but he has shown no disposition to accede to such arrangement.

#### Czar Is Gaining Ground. LIVADIA, European Russia, Nov.

29.—The following bulletin was is sued today by the czar's physicians: The emperor passed a good day yes terday. He slept an hour and a half. At 9 in the evening his temperature was 98.2; pulse, 68. He slept fairly well last night. This morning his majesty's condition and strength are satisfactory. His temperature this morning was 96.4; pulse, 68.

# Mrs. Lease Wants Divorce.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 29 .- Mary Ellen Lease, the well known populist orator, who supported the republican ticket during the late campaign, will this week institute proceedings for divorce from her husband, Charles E. Lease. She will charge incompatibility and failure to provide. The couple have not lived together for three years. Mrs. Lease is now engaged in newspper work in New York.

# Germans Transfer Treasure.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 .- It is reported here from Pekin that the Germans have boarded a Chinese vessel and demanded treasure consigned to an English company at Tien Tsin. As the boxes of treasure had been landed, the Germans could not get them. They then hoisted the German flag on the vesesl and confiscated its cargo.

State Department Wishes to Know What Was Agreed at Pekin.

#### POWERS MAY MODIFY OR REJECT

Meanwhile, the American Consuls Are Collecting Damages for Missions by Less Diplomatic, but by More Direct

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 .- The state department cabled Minister Conger to forward the text of the agreement. reached by the toreign ministers at Pekin, Meanwhile he will withhold his signature until the president has had an opportunity to satisfy himself as to this important document and to make such changes as will bring it in accord with our policy. It is safe to predict that this particular agreement will not become effective in its present shape. It appears that upon inquiry directed to the powers themselves their ministers at Pekin have not correctly reflected their present views as to the basis of the peace negotiations. This statement certainly is true as to a majority of the powers interested, and the fact is regarded as warranting the prediction that the agreement must be

modified or abandoned. It is learned at the state department that while these negotiations are dragging along at Pekin some of the American consuls in China are achieving gool results by individual efforts. They are interesting themselves in cases appealing directly to the viceroys of the great provinces, where American property and missionaries have suffered, to procure indemnity and reparation, and in most cases they are succeeding very well. It is surmised from the latest Chinese advices that the English consuls are doing likewise, and are collecting many claims, and the moneys are being turned over to the mission interests which suffered. If this movement continues it is entirely possible that neither the United States nor Great Britain will be obliged to concern themselves with the prosecution of individual claims for indemnity through the slow moving agencies at

#### TAKE ALL OF BANK'S MONEY.

Robbers Bind Citizen and Allow Him to See the Job Done.

EMDEN, III., Nov. 29. Four masked men wrecked the Farmers' bank of Em- | eral Dewet to bring the war to a close. secured all the funds of the bank, between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

When the robbers discharged their first blasts of dynamite in an effort to open the vault the explosion aroused a citizen, John Alberts, four blocks away. Alberts hurried to the bank. One of the robbers was on guard in the street. He seized Alberts, who was bound hand and foot and dragged into the bank, where he witnessed the gang drilling into the vault door, making ready a second blast. When the fuse was lighted the robbers stepped outside and left Alberts lying in the corner when it went off. He was not seriously injured, however. The second blast unhinged the doors and the robbers made off with all the cash. Securing a handcar, they pulled in the direction of the Delavan. There they were met by Night Patrolman Sanford, who attempted to arrest them. One of the robbers fired and Sanford fell, mortally wounded through the body. Outside the town the men boarded a passenger train on the Chicago & Alton. All traces of them were lost. The engineer of the passenger train claims that he saw a man jump from the first car near Minier, while the train was moving at a high speed, but a search of the locality failed to show any traces of the man.

The bank building was almost a complete wreck and the vault was entirely ruined.

# HOLD SESSION ON SUGAR BEET.

Foreign Nations to Attempt Another Conference at Brussels.

PARIS, Nov. 29 .- The recent conference between the powers concerned assure the reassembling of the sugar beet conference at Brussels. The last conference came to naught on account of the stand taken by Russian and France. It is believed these difficulties have been eliminated. The new conference, the object of which is the abolition of the sugar bounties, is likely to have definite results.

# Four Boys Are Killed.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 29 .-Four boys were killed and fifteen or twenty injured by an explosion of nitro-glycerine today. A party of boys, gathered to look at the high river, built a bonfire of driftwood on the river bank. One of them caught an unopened tin can floating on the water and threw it into the fire. It contained nitro-glycerine and its explosion killed Herman Findley, aged 14; Rolins Findley, 12, and William Shriver, aged 15, and another, name unknown,

# Rathbone Is Optimistic.

HAVANA, Nov. 29.-The impression prevails that ex-Director of Posts Rathbone will not fare badly in his coming trial, and he has recently expressed his belief that he will be fully exonerated. He has even intimated that in such an event he will expect reinstatement. The Spanish law, under which the trial is to be conducted. commands the reinstatement of officials charged with crime against whom the state fails to make out a case or conviction.

#### THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Vale of stores Societa

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Union Stock Yards.—Cattle—There was another very light run of cattle here today. Packers and yard traders were all willing to take a few cattle and as a result the market was stronger all around. There have been so few cattle on sale that the yards are well cleaned up and consequently next week will open with practically empty pens. The few fat cattle on sale met with ready sale at stronger prices. There was one bunch of choice steers on sale that were about the best that have been seen here in a long time and they sold for \$5.50. The receipts, though, have been so light that the market has not been very thoroughly tested. Cows and heifers of all kinds were in good demand this morning and sold higher all around, owing to the fact that there were not enough to meet the requirements of the trade. The feeder market has also braced up a little. The demand from the country has not been very heavy, but still there have been enough buyers on the market to take all that was coming at good strong prices. Very few western grass beef have been coming this week, but it is safe to call the market good and strong on the better grades. The cows, helfers and feeders have been selling higher, the same as is noted above for the native cattle.

Hogs—There was not a very heavy supply of hogs here today, but as all other markets were lower prices here went off a good nickel all around. The market started out with packers bidding \$4.70 on the better grades of light and butcherweight hogs, and \$4.67½ on the heavier grades. Sellers were not willing to take those prices on the start, but finally gave it up and cut loose at those figures. Trading, however, was not active at any time, and the morning was well advanced before the pens were cleared.

Sheep—There were only three cars of sheep on sale today, and those were bought up by packers in good season at just about steady prices. There was a bunch of wethers that brought \$4.65\$, but they were choice. The market on fat stuff, both sheep and lambs, has be

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Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; native steers, \$4.35@5.35; Texas steers, \$3.00@5.00; Texas cows, \$1.75@3.00; native cows and heifers, \$1.75@4.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.15; bulls, \$2.25@4.50; caltes, feeders, \$3.00@4.15; bulls, \$2.25@4.50; caltes, feeders, \$3.00@4.15; bulls, \$2.25@4.50; calves, Hogs—Receipts, 12.000; market steady to shade lower; bulk of sales, \$4.75@4.77½; heavy, \$4.70@4.80; packers, \$4.75@4.47½; mixed, \$4.75@4.77½; light, \$4.70@4.80; Yorkers, \$4.75@4.80; pigs, \$4.25@4.70.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; lambs, \$3.25@5.25; muttons, \$1.50@4.10.

#### A TRUCE FOR THE BOERS.

London Statist Proposes Negotiations With Generals Botha and Dewet.

LONDON, Dec. 1 .- Tomorrow the Statist will propose that the government should begin negotiations with Commandant Ceneral Botha and Genstand the motive of an overture from the military, it will suggest that the highest civil authority in Capetown should begin the negotiations, if not Sir Alfred Milner, then the chief justice of Cape Colony, or even Mr. J. F. Hoffmayer.

This great financial journal will lead up to its proposal by an analysis of the situation in South Africa and will say:

"We are losing in every way; losing in prestige and losing in life. We are seeing our South African possessions plunged into greater distress and the opinion is gaining ground abroad that we are incapable of bring the struggle to a satisfactory termination. Military incompetence will be alleged and the Statist wil aver that military harshness should be avoided and the Boers be conciliated."

# Looking at Our Warships.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29 .- A party of distinguished Japanese officials arrived in city on the steamer Nippin Maru. Captain T. Matsue and Commander K. Yamada will inspect some of our modern war vessels and, provided satisfactory terms can be made, to negotiate for the construction of one or two gunboats or cruisers. They will then go east and to England to inspect the torpedo boat destroyers now being built there for Japan.

# Farmer Burned in a Car.

REINBECK, Ia., Dec. 1.-Peter Peters, a German farmer of this city, was burned to death in his emigrant car, while on the side track near Gladbrook. He had purchased a farm in South Dakota and was on his way there. Six head of cattle and three horses and his houshold goods were burned. Peters leaves a widow and a family of small children.

# Smallpox Scare at Gothenburg.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Dec. 1 .- The smallpox scare has at last reached this place and while there are no cases nearer than North Platte precautionary measures are being adopted to prevent its breaking out here. ets will not be sold from North Platte to this place and the school board has requested all school children to be vaccinated.

# Montana Makes Big Growth

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- The population of Montana, as officialy announced today, is 243,329, as against 132,159 in 1890. This is an increase of 111,170, or 84.1 per cent.

The population of Texas, as officially announced today, is 3,048,710, against 2.235,523 in 1890. This is an increase of 813,187.

# Mrs. McKinley Goes Shopping.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 .- Mrs. William McKinley and Mrs. Garrett M. Hobart, widow of the late vice president, arrived in New York this afternoon. They have come to do their Christmas shopping and are expected to remain several days. They are stopping at the Manhattan hotel.