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Weekly News Summary. (Continued from Page Ten.)

the Argentine minister to the United States, was sent back to Washington from the City of Mexico for the express purpose of seeing Secretary Hay. As the result of conferences held at the state department last week, it was immediately developed that, while the United States was fully committed to the doctrine of arbitration, it would never consent to an agreement compelling weaker nations to apply to arbitration, even if an exception was made of questions affecting national honor and territory.

William Allen White of Emporia, Kas., wrote an article for McClure's Magazine in which he praised President Roosevelt very highly, and described Senator Platt of New York as one whose whole life has been devoted to burrowing and intrigue, as lacking in patriotism and public spirit, dragging down friends and foes alike to increase his political power. Senator Platt has announced that he will commence a libel suit against Mr. White, in order to show that he by no means is as black as he has been painted.

Senator Jones of Arkansas has introduced into the senate this resolution: "That the thanks of congress and the American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley and the officers and men under his command for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by them in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, July 3, 1898. That the president of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Rear Admiral Schley and through him to the officers and men under his command." A number of similar resolutions have been introduced in the house.

Lord Rosebery delivered a speech at Chesterfield, December 16, in which he declared for peace in South Africa, and said that to that end he favored negotiations with the Boer leaders.

A dispatch in the Chicago Record-Herald speaks in the highest terms of Lord Rosebery's address and among other things says: "Concerning the government's conduct of the war, Lord Rosebery was severe and scornful. The complaint of the government that the Boers had not made war according to the recognized rules reminded him that the same thing had been said by the old Austrian generals of the young Napoleon, when the latter was beating them. He was particularly sarcastic at the expense of the explanation of the Earl of Halsbury, the lord chancellor, that only a 'sort of warfare' was now going on, and he strongly condemned what he termed the scandalous misrepresentations by which the government had precipitated the last general election. Lord Rosebery heavily blamed the government for its tactlessness, which he declared had produced unparalleled ill will toward Great Britain in every European population, and which he attributed largely to what he called the provocative oratory of Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary. While he was emphatic on the necessity of vigorously prosecuting the war and expressing the fullest confidence in Lord Kitchener, Lord Rosebery said that he thought the government should be prepared to listen to peace overtures. He contended there was nothing degrading or abasing in recognizing the exiled Boer government for the purpose of making peace. The three greatest civilians who had waged war in the past century, the speaker said—Pitt, Bismarck and Lincoln—had not disdained such efforts to secure peace."

Admiral Schley, through his attorney, Isidor Rayner, has filed with the secretary of the navy his bill of exception to the majority report of the court of inquiry. The bill of exception covers a large number of points

and cites a number of marked inconsistencies on the part of the majority of the court. The bill of exceptions concludes as follows: The applicant, besides the reasons herein given, hopes to be able during the further investigation of this inquiry to adduce other serious and important reasons why the majority opinion of the court should not be approved. The applicant is prepared to show that the whole proceedings on the part of the majority of the court have been entirely irregular; that his rights have been prejudiced and ignored; that his testimony in many more particulars than have been herein cited has not been considered, and that the evidence is absolutely insufficient to sustain the opinion which has been rendered by the majority of the court; that a grave injustice has been committed, which would become irreparable and be perpetuated unless this opinion of the majority of the court should be disapproved. Wherefore, the said applicant most respectfully prays that approval of the opinion of the majority of said court of inquiry be withheld and that said opinion be disapproved, and that he may be afforded the opportunity to have the testimony of record of himself and his witnesses properly considered and passed upon and that the proceedings be remitted to the court for that purpose, and that he be given such other and further relief as he is entitled to in the premises.

Admiral Sampson's attorneys have filed with the secretary of the navy objections to the minority report in the court of inquiry made by Admiral Dewey. The point of the objection is that in the Sampson view, Admiral Schley was not, as Admiral Dewey said he was, in actual command. Admiral Schley's attorneys have filed a request asking the privilege to be heard in regard to Admiral Sampson's appeal.

David Floyd-George, M. P., attempted to deliver a speech in Birmingham on the night of December 18. Floyd-George is pro-Boer and he made some bitter criticisms of Mr. Chamberlain. The hall in which Floyd-George spoke was attacked by a mob of several hundred people. Windows were broken, rocks were thrown, the audience dispersed, while the orator sought refuge with the police.

It is reported that Germany has officially informed the United States of her purpose to compel Venezuela to pay the just claims of German subjects.

A dispatch from Berlin reports that the American tobacco trust has invaded Germany and Russia. This trust has recently expended \$476,000 in the purchase of a cigarette factory in Dresden. It has also purchased a factory in Berlin, and is now negotiating for purchases in Russia.

Frightful Expenditure.

The Times believes that the war in South Africa will be ended within a year and that this result will be brought about by a demand from the British people that this frightful expenditure of blood and treasure shall cease. No greater disgrace to the arms of England is possible than has already befallen. No victory can atone for the defeat that has lasted for years. The British are a conservative and a sensible people. They are tired of this war; they are fast becoming doubtful as to its results. They are not tyrannical in spirit. When they find out a Chamberlain they abase him.—Minneapolis Times.

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