

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Three thousand people at Indianapolis adopted resolutions of sympathy for the Boers.

Emperor William has subscribed 10,000 marks to promote German emigration to Palestine.

The Cox anti-trust bill has passed the Mississippi lower house by an almost unanimous vote.

Mary Keith Shaw, wife of A. D. Shaw, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is dead.

Governor Tanner granted a stay of execution to May 11 to Charles Lindewall, sentenced to be hanged Friday at Galesburg.

Liabilities aggregating \$140,690 are scheduled in a petition in bankruptcy filed by Otto E. Weber, a Chicago real estate broker. His assets are \$80,200.

Herr Sternberg, a Berlin banker, has been arrested on the charge of fraudulent practices. He furnished bail to the amount of 1,000,000 marks.

The betrothal of his imperial highness, the crown prince of Japan, to Princess Sadako, the fourth daughter of Prince Kujō, is officially announced.

At the meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific railway company the usual half-yearly dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock was declared.

Carver B. Cline, a well known theatrical manager, former manager for Joseph Jefferson, has died at New York from shock following amputation of a leg.

A joint resolution increasing the limit of the new government printing office \$429,000, on account of increased cost of building material, was adopted by the house.

Dr. Hahn has sent a challenge to Major Szmulka, a centrist member of the German Reichstag, who had publicly called him a liar, but Szmulka declined to fight.

Mrs. Henry Reeves, a member of Melbourne MacDowell's company, suffered a fall at Leadville, Colo., and broke her right leg. She is now in St. Luke's hospital, Denver.

Melbourne MacDowell, the actor, severely sprained his right ankle by falling on the ice at Leadville, Colo., and will not be able to rejoin his company for a week or ten days.

Major General Nelson A. Miles laid the corner stone of the tower and gateway to be erected at the dormitories of the university of Pennsylvania in honor of the war against Spain.

Decision in the matter of a president for the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway has been delayed by the sickness of representatives now holding conference in New York. No result will be forthcoming for several days.

The Federal Steel company has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common stock, payable March 20. This completes three quarterly dividends of 1 1/4 per cent each out of the earnings of 1899.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, who was in Des Moines on his way to Washington, denied the rumors that, on account of ill health, he may soon retire from the cabinet. He said he was in excellent health and had at no time thought of retiring.

Nine of the eleven prisoners confined in the Coffeyville, Kas., city jail, escaped about midnight Monday. They crawled through a hole in the wall from which they had pried a stone, turned out the lights in the yard and scaled the stockade.

President S. R. Callaway of the New York Central says that there was no truth in the report that the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway would soon be absorbed by the Lake Shore and the two managements combined.

A jury in the criminal court at Kansas City gave Ed Sims, a negro foot-pad, a forty-year sentence in the penitentiary for snatching a white woman's pocketbook. Two jurors wanted to give him a life sentence.

The Minnesota republican state committee has decided to hold the state convention to select delegates to the national convention in Minneapolis Wednesday, May 16, and the state convention to nominate state officers.

A jury in Chicago rendered a verdict setting aside the will of Mrs. Nancy Bailey in which property valued at \$150,000 was disposed of. The jury found that Mrs. Bailey when she made her will was under the influence of Charles Teufel of Chicago.

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Trustees of the institution, officers of the army and navy, thousands of students and invited guests were present. General Miles made an eloquent address.

Governor Shaw announced that he had offered the board of control appointment to ex-Senator H. L. Waterman of Ottumwa. The position has been offered to five men, of whom one has been refused confirmation by the senate and four have declined the position.

Governor Shaw said he had received information from Senator Waterman indicating he is likely to accept, although he has not yet received a formal acceptance.

The ways and means committee of the house agreed to report a bill of much interest to the brewing interests, abolishing what are known to the trade as sixth and eighth barrels, making quarter barrels the smallest packages of this character authorized by congress.

Mayor David S. Rose of Milwaukee and former Governor George W. Peck, of Wisconsin, are in New York to secure, if possible, the Democratic national convention for Milwaukee.

Mayor Rose said that Milwaukee has made an active, and he believed, a successful canvass to secure the next convention.

AS TO NEW COLONIES

Discussion of Them to Be Opened in Congress This Week.

DETERMINING THE FUTURE STATUS

Porto Rico in the House and Hawaii in the Senate—Late Senator Hayward to Be Eulogized Thursday—Other Matters at the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill, consideration of which the house will enter upon today, promises to be memorable in the history of this congress.

The vital question at issue in the bill is whether that clause of the constitution providing for equality of import and excise taxes throughout United States territory extends over the island of Porto Rico and in this is involved, perhaps, the determination of the future status and government of our new possessions.

The republicans in framing the bill have proceeded upon the theory that the constitution and its immunities do not extend over Porto Rico. The democrats are solidly arrayed on the other side and in committee they were joined by one republican, McCall of Massachusetts. Among the other republicans who take the same view is Littlefield of Maine who succeeded the late Mr. Dingley. He won his spurs in the debate upon the Roberts case and is already considered one of the most powerful debaters in the house.

The support of these two prominent republicans has raised some hopes in the opposition that they may be able to defeat the bill, although this hardly seems probable just now.

Both sides are preparing for a royal struggle. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, will open in support of the bill. He will be followed by Richardson, the minority leader. Bailey of Texas will close for the minority. The debate will continue throughout the week and the vote will be taken on the following Monday.

The attention of the senate this week will be given largely to the relations of the United States to its insular possessions. The bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands has its right of way, and if it should be so fortunate as to be finally acted upon before the close of the week, the Porto Rican bill, under the agreement made in the republican caucus, last week, will be immediately taken up.

The probabilities are that the Hawaiian bill be debated at considerable length and that many amendments will be offered to it. On this account and because it may be made the basis of more or less general talk on the question of the policy to be pursued toward the new possessions, considerable time probably will be necessary to the final disposal of the bill.

All admit the urgency of legislation giving the Hawaiians a government, but there are some points on which there are radical differences of opinion, and these will have to be fought out. The most important of these is the question as to whether the commercial intercourse between the United States and the islands shall be under a tariff or under the free trade system allowed between the states of the union. The bill provides for free trade, but several of the senators, under the leadership of Platt of Connecticut, are making an effort to secure a radical amendment in this respect.

Senator Cullom, in charge of the bill, will resist, and he will be supported by some republicans and nearly all the democrats members. Practically the same fight will be made on the Porto Rican bill.

The Garrison for Manila. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19.—General William R. Shafter was at Fort Porter today while returning to San Francisco. Interviewed on the Philippine situation he said: "I regard the insurrection as broken. So far as the Tagalogs are concerned, the insurrection is practically ended. As to what may occur among the other tribes people over there cannot say."

"How long will a garrison be necessary in the Philippines?" was asked. "Forever," he replied, "and by that I mean during your lifetime and mine. Troops must be there for years to come. We have garrisons in this country and certainly garrisons will be needed there."

General Shafter will leave for San Francisco tomorrow.

MACRUM WILL NOT RETRACT.

Pleased Over His Statement and Will Back It With Testimony.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—Charles E. Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria South Africa, left for Washington tonight at 10 o'clock on the Baltimore & Ohio road. Before leaving he said: "I do not withdraw a word of my charges against the British officials in South Africa. If I am called upon, I am prepared at any time to testify to them and furnish evidence of their truthfulness."

Mr. Macrum is evidently resigned over the effect of his statement made last week, and says that although he was not acquainted with Congressman Wheeler of Kentucky, who introduced a resolution in the house asking for an investigation of his case, he will call upon him. The ex-consul says he is not going to Washington on any special mission, but wants to be on the ground to give his testimony should it be needed.

Politics is Still Loaded.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 19.—A political argument between ex-State Senator A. J. Bronston of Lexington and Claude Desha, chief clerk of the senate, came near precipitating a shooting affray on a Chesapeake & Ohio train crowded with returning democratic legislators tonight. Bronston is said to have denounced the Goebel men as revolutionists, and Desha, to whom the remarks were addressed, denominated Bronston a bolter. Angry words passed and Senator Bronston drew a pistol.

LEGISLATORS IN FRANKFORT.

Differences as to Whether Democrat or Republican Will Precede.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 19.—A good part of the democratic legislators returned here tonight, and numerous conferences were in progress during the evening relating to the political program tomorrow when the democratic and republican branches of the legislature will meet together for the first time since the assassination of the late Governor Goebel.

The question whether Lieutenant Governor Marshall (republican) or President Pro Tem Carter (democrat) will preside in the senate tomorrow is as wide open tonight as it has been. The democratic leaders say Senator Carter will preside. Lieutenant Governor Marshall is not here tonight, but before leaving the city last night he stated positively that he would return Monday and insist on his right to preside and the republican leaders assert positively tonight that he will preside. Neither side goes farther than these bare statements and what steps they will take, if any, to carry out these cross purposes respectively can only be determined by events tomorrow.

Governor Taylor went to church today without military escort and spent the remainder of the day at the mansion with his family.

Governor Beckham returned to the city tonight with the democratic legislature and will have his headquarters at the Capital hotel. Messrs. Justus and Arthur Goebel, brothers of the late democratic governor, also returned and will remain here until the body of their dead brother is finally consigned to earth. The body still lies in the little chapel in the cemetery, the relatives having been slow to determine the exact spot of burial.

The question of reopening the contest over the governorship by presenting resolutions in both houses ratifying the action taken by the democratic legislators on two occasions declaring Senator Goebel governor, was discussed by some of the democratic members tonight who favor it. They say this would not be a concession that the former proceedings were illegal, but would probably put an end to the controversy sooner. The matter has not been decided on definitely, but a majority of the members who are outspoken on the matter expressed themselves as opposed to reopening the matter in any form. They will abide by the decision of the party managers, however, and there may be some reference to it in the session of the legislature tomorrow.

Stout City in Goes to Paris.

STOUT CITY, Ia., Feb. 19.—John H. McGibbons, chief assistant to the director general of the United States to the Paris exposition, left yesterday for New York, en route to Paris. He has been actively engaged in preparing the American exhibit. He says: "The United States exhibit at the Paris exposition will be the most complete of any nation except, of course, France, and the number of exhibits will be larger than any other except France. It will be in every sense American. The United States exhibit will be fully ready for the opening, April 15. Its building is nearing completion and its exhibits have all been collected and partly transported, the last shipment going in the Prairie, which left New York February 7."

Coloradan's Wanderings.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—John Costello, who said he was the owner of a cigar store at 311 Bennett street, Cripple Creek, Colo., was found wandering around the streets tonight. He was nearly overcome by the cold and exposure. He was taken to the police station, where he told the police that on January 13 he was sitting in his store at Cripple Creek with \$500 in his possession, and he can recall nothing of what happened since that date until he was found by the officer. After having been revived by warm drinks, he looked at his tattered clothing and asked where he got them in place of his other clothes.

Captain Died at Sea.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—When the Prince line steamer Asiatic Prince arrived at quarantine this morning from Santos, Chief Officer Camp reported the death of Captain Woodhouse, from yellow fever on February 3. The captain was buried at sea the same day. Chief Officer Camp then took command and brought the Asiatic Prince safely to port.

Sacks Contained Gunpowder.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from the Swaziland border, dated Friday, February 16, says: "The Boer agent at Bremersdorp, Swaziland, has been maintaining regular communication with Delagoa bay, via Swaziland. Two coolie carriers have been bearing sacks, supposed to contain salt, through Tongaland. On examination it was found that the sacks contained gunpowder."

News from Skagway.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—The steamer Tees arrived this morning from Skagway. The Tees brings news that most of those who started from Dawson for Nome are making a detour to the recently discovered diggings on the Koyukuk.

Indians Drink Alcohol.

BUTE, Mont., Feb. 19.—Some of a band of Cree Indians, camped near town, came to the city to get a quantity of alcohol. By mistake they were given wood alcohol. Three of the band, two bucks and a squaw, drank it. They all died in great agony.

Fighting Plague at Manila.

MANILA, Feb. 19.—Out of a total of fifty-one cases of suspected bubonic plague reported forty-two proved genuine and thirty-two deaths resulted, half of them being Chinamen. There were twelve cases during the past week, mostly within the walled city, and 100 inspectors, under the supervision of a health officer, Major Edie, are enforcing the sanitary regulations. Thirty of the inspectors are Chinamen, who have been furnished by the Chinese merchants.

The health department census shows the population of Manila is about 190,000, including 31,000 Chinese.

RELIEF FOR KIMBERLY

Lord Roberts Cables that Gen. French Reaches the Belonged City.

ALL ARE WELL IN THE TOWN.

English General is Scouring the Country North of the Place—Boers Retreat Before Kelly-Kenny—Advices from Pretoria of a Victory by the Federals Near Jacobsdal.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The War office announces that General French reached Kimberley Thursday evening. Following is Lord Roberts' message to the War office: "JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.—2 a. m.—French, with a force of artillery, cavalry this evening, Thursday."

The War office makes public a dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts saying: "I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley, from Alexanderfontein to Oilphantsfontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's lager and store supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualties about twenty of all ranks wounded. Kimberley cheerful and well."

The War office has just issued the following from Lord Roberts: "JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.—7:45 p. m.—Much gratified on arrival here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by the German ambulance corps under Drs. Kaettner and Hildebrand, who, with their staff, have shown the greatest kindness to our wounded, as they have been here since December. Some were brought in yesterday."

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Commercial Cable company at 2 o'clock this afternoon sent out the following notice: "We are advised that telegrams can now be accepted for Kimberley, South, at sender's risk and not exceeding twelve words."

LONDON, Feb. 17.—New York World Cablegram.—Roberts reports the Magersfontein trenches clear of Boers. French is scouring the country north of Kimberley. A large force of Boers is retreating toward Blomfontein with Kelly-Kenny's division in pursuit.

OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 15.—Jacobsdal is now in possession of the British. Yesterday a small cavalry patrol entered the place and found it full of wounded, including several British from Rensburg. The place was occupied by only a small patrol, after a series of small skirmishes. A battery of artillery shelled the environs and drove out the last of the Boers.

Early this morning a large force of Boers from Colesburg, with ten guns, attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet river, shelling vigorously and doing damage. But strong reinforcements have been sent hence and it is hoped they will bring in the whole convoy in safety.

General French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly entrenched. General French bombarded them and drove them off. Today he moved rapidly in the direction of Kimberley.

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CASTELLANE'S TURN TO PLAY.

Today Sees the French Count's Bluff and Raises Him the Limit.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—(New York World Cablegram.)—When a correspondent communicated the last threats Count Boni de Castellane made as he left New York for Paris to Rodaya, he said: "In my opinion the young man's cockiness will diminish gradually each day as the ship draws near these shores. His swaggering threats and bluffing denials are quite necessary while in America or else his position during his stay there would be absolutely impossible. But depend upon it, Boni just now is mighty uneasy in his mind. I predict when he gets here he will find all sorts of excellent reasons to not make good his promises to take pugilistic liberties with me. Perhaps his counsel will advise him not to jeopardize his success in the law suits between us, or his doctors may say that his wife's delicate nerves wouldn't resist the shock of a street clash between us. But whatever excuse is chosen he will not slap or cane me, much less blow out my brains. For my part, I intend to stand by what my paper said; moreover, I am quite ready to give Castellane all the duelling he wants. I fancy I will even be able to give him a trifle more than he would seek of his own accord, if unhushed by public opinion. I have a record, with which everybody, including Castellane, is acquainted, and I refer you to that. But while willing to meet him both that way and before the courts, where the Figaro intends to prove its assertions, I shall not tolerate any gentlemanlike assault. Whoever tries to pummel me is warned that he will do so at great risk."

The editor of the Figaro enjoys the reputation of a cool and fearless man. He has fought a number of duels with both sword and pistol, with prominent antagonists. On the other hand, nobody disputes Castellane's pluck. Two years ago he displayed, not only great courage, but immense skill in an encounter with Henri Turot. On that occasion the count wounded the journalist severely after one of the longest and fiercest duels of recent times. Paris is now preparing to feast on the results of the meeting, which will be inevitably sensational, between these two men.

Start on a New Campaign.

MANILA, Feb. 17.—Brigadier General Alfred E. Bates and Brigadier General Bell, with the Fortieth and Forty-fifth infantry, Keeler's battery and many pack mules, started today for the province of Camarines. The cruiser Baltimore and the transports Tartar and Athenian compose the fleet, while the gunboats accompanying will land at Nueva Cuesares and sweep the province. It is expected that there will be much campaigning in the mountains.

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