

NEBRASKA.

Crawford has now a creamery in operation.

There is active demand for real estate in Beatrice.

Seward dealers are shipping horses to the New York market.

A Castle of Lady Highlanders has been organized in Kearney.

The Platte river immediately south of Grand Island is to be bridged.

Holdrege expects to have telephone connection with the outside world at an early date.

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OPPOSES EXTRA SESSION.

Representative Cannon of Illinois Sees No Occasion for One.

SAYS THE COLONIES CAN WAIT.

Believes a Year's Delay Before Attempting Permanent Legislation Necessary to Give Time for the Study of Conditions Surrounding Our New Possessions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Representative Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the appropriation committee of the House, has arrived and the subcommittee on deficiencies will begin the consideration of the estimates for the extraordinary expenses of the army and navy growing out of the war and the preparation of a bill covering these deficiencies for the period from January 1 to July 1.

With the enactment of the regular money bills necessary to carry on the governmental machinery at this session of Congress, Mr. Cannon sees no occasion for an extra session as far as legislation for our new possessions is concerned. He believes unripe or hasty legislation for the government of the islands would be infinitely worse than military rule. "Under military government there is perfect elasticity," he said. "Changes can be made to fit new conditions as fast as they arise. A year's delay before attempting permanent legislation will give ample time for the study of all the conditions surrounding the government of the islands both by the military authorities and by commissions which may be provided by Congress. Congress can then deal intelligently with the subject."

The grand total of the appropriations for the fiscal year ending July 1, including all the extraordinary war expenses to January 1, but not including the deficiencies for extraordinary expenses from January 1 to July 1, is \$893,231,515. There are no figures yet upon which the appropriations for the coming session of Congress can be based, but Mr. Cannon believes they will be considerably below the figures for the last Congress.

DREYFUS' LETTER TO HIS WIFE

Extracts Said to Have Been Read to Her by a French Official.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Madame Dreyfus, wife of the unhappy prisoner on Devil's Island, is in bed and has been extremely ill since the receipt of the recent letter from her husband. She has been so prostrated, in fact, that access to her is denied and the text of the cable message, which she is said to have sent to Captain Dreyfus, is not obtainable.

Following is the translation of the letter from Captain Dreyfus, read to his wife by the chief clerk of the minister of the colonies, the French government having withheld from her the possession of the original letter:

"Despair is beginning to seize me. Have all my friends forgotten me? No one seems to be occupying themselves with me. I recall to you that months and months ago I wrote to the president of the republic and to General Boisdeffre, begging them to introduce a revision of my case. I am without news; nothing, nothing comes to me. I leave as a bequest to the president and General Boisdeffre the task of avenging my memory, of clearing my honor, my name and that of my dear children, whom I shall see no more. I shall no longer communicate with my family, as I have said all there is to be said, and I have nothing more to say."

This letter has been hinted at, perhaps, but this is the authentic copy. Captain Dreyfus' affection for his family is well known, and the pathetic nature of this letter is all the more apparent.

TO RAISE CATTLE IN CUBA.

A Texas Man Found Conditions Favorable For the Industry.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 28.—David Pryor has just returned from a trip to Havana and other places in Cuba. Mr. Pryor went to that island in August in charge of a shipment of cattle to Havana via Galveston. He visited the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara and investigated the conditions there in relation to the cattle industry, which he contemplates engaging in. He found that there are great possibilities there. It is not a feeding country, being tropical, and suitable cattle feed is not raised there. But it is a splendid grazing country and cattle fatten and flourish well on the native grasses. Mr. Pryor is thinking seriously of returning to Cuba later and engaging in the cattle business there, so well pleased was he with his prospecting trip.

The Kaiser at His Journey's End.

POTSDAM, Nov. 28.—The emperor and empress of Germany arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning on their return from the Holy Land. They will remain here until after Christmas.

Mrs. Marlowe May Leave the Stage.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Owen Marlowe, the actress, whose daughter, Ethel Marlowe, died in the wings of the Knickerbocker theater November 16, during a performance of "The Christian," is ill, and will probably withdraw permanently from the stage. Mrs. Marlowe has been on the stage for forty years, and has been identified with all the best companies. Her husband, Owen Marlowe, was a member of Lester Wallack's company, and died in 1876. They come from old theatrical families.

LITTLE TO CHANGE IN HAWAII.

The President Will Suggest a Modification of the Island Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Senator Cullom is preparing the report of the Hawaiian commission and will submit it to the President for transmission to Congress so that it will be ready at the opening of the session. The senator declines to give details as to the character of the report, but from other sources it was learned that the report, as finally drafted, will provide for a partial continuance of the present government in the islands under direct federal supervision. There will be a senate of fifteen members and a house of double that number, which is an increase upon the present house membership of Hawaii. There will be a graded qualification upon the suffrage. Members of the house may be elected by voters who pass an educational test alone, while members of the senate will be chosen by voters possessing both educational and property qualifications. There is now a property qualification for voting in Hawaii, but the proposed form of government will modify this so as to furnish an inducement for small holdings. There will be educational and property restrictions in regard to holding office, the qualifications for which will be closely defined.

There will be no "open door" in Hawaii. The tariff laws of the United States will be extended to the islands without alteration, because Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States by a statute law and any other course would undoubtedly be opposed by the supreme court. The present supreme court of the islands, whose members hold their places for life, is to be continued and to be given jurisdiction of local laws, whose force will also be continued as far as possible, as they have been taken by law from the statute books of different states in the union and are, as a whole, quite acceptable.

The immigration, labor and general election laws of the United States will be specifically extended to the islands. These will keep out further inroads of coolies. The islands will be given a delegate in the House of Representatives, who will have no vote, but will have the same privileges as the representatives of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The governor and some of the higher territorial officers will be appointed by the President. The legislature will have control over local taxation and expenditures. The restriction of the suffrage on educational and property lines will reduce the numbers of voters far below the present organized territories.

MISSOURI'S OFFICIAL VOTE.

Secretary of State Opens the Returns of the Late Election.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Secretary of State Leasure opened the official returns of the election held on November 5 yesterday. He announces the following vote, as shown by the totals of the county clerks:

For judge of the supreme court, long term—Marshall, 285,770; Finkelnburg, 253,428; Voris, 9,937; Robinson, 2,933; Sanderson, 1,643; Custerberber, 1,056; scattering, 54; Marshall's plurality, 30,372.

For judge of the supreme court, short term—Valliant, 288,136; Higbee, 253,178; S. Livingston, 9,752; Orr, 2,871; Hoehen, 1,631; Cunningham, 1,034; scattering, 65; Valliant's plurality, 34,968.

For superintendent of public schools—Carrington, 287,213; Kirk, 253,963; Brown, 9,631; Bond, 2,812; Kendall, 1,646; Kaucher, 1,621; Carrington's plurality, 32,950.

For railroad and warehouse commissioner—McCully, 287,002; Hathaway, 254,495; Hillis, 9,655; Williams, 2,823; Storz, 1,649; Andrews, 1,059; scattering, 53; McCully's plurality, 32,507.

INVITED THEM TO A MASSACRE

Murder of Christians Was Urged by the Turkish Commander.

CANEA, Crete, Nov. 28.—During the trial of the murderer of the Tsangaki family to-day the deposition of a Mussulman was read. It was said that at the time of the massacres Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander, assembled the influential Mussulmans and invited them to massacre all the Christians found in Candia twenty-four hours after the meeting. The pasha's remarks were uttered in the presence of Major Churchill, who protested strongly and was ordered by Edhem Pasha to leave the room.

NO BULL FIGHT FOR DENVER.

Live Stock Men to Be Spared an Exhibition of Spain's National Sport.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28.—The committee in charge of arrangements for the coming convention of the National Live Stock association has rejected the proposition to make bull fighting a feature of the outdoor sports on that occasion. Broncho riding, lassoing and all the exciting operations usually associated with cowboy life will be on the program.

Never Too Old to Wed.

GOLDEN CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—A Thanksgiving wedding, in which the combined ages of the bride and groom equalled 173 years, was a Missouri novelty this year. The contracting parties were Rev. William E. Paine, aged 88, of Peakesville, Mo., and Mrs. Mary T. Ringer, aged 85, of this city. Neither party had seen the other before they met at Lamar Thursday. The courtship had been carried on by mail, facilitated, no doubt, by the fact that the groom was postmaster at Peakesville.

LAUNCH OF THE WISCONSIN.

The Pacific Coast Gives the Second Battle Ship to the Navy.

GREAT CROWDS PRESENT.

Miss Stephenson Christened the Vessel—It Will Not Be Finished for Eighteen Months—The Last of the Three Great Sister Battle Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The first class sea-going battle ship Wisconsin was launched at half past 9 o'clock this morning, from the yards of the Union Iron works, the builders of the Oregon. Great crowds of people were present.

For an hour before the plunge a large force of workmen tore away chock after chock which supported the vessel, and they finished almost to the minute of the time set for the launching, leaving only one chock in place. At a signal little Miss Laille Gage, daughter of the governor-elect of the state, pressed the electric button, and the crash of breaking timbers announced to the thousands of spectators that the vessel was about to leave the ways. As she plunged into the water Miss Elizabeth Stephenson of Wisconsin broke a bottle of wine across her bow and said, "I christen thee Wisconsin."

Before the launching a flag 27 feet long and 14 feet wide was presented in honor of the Wisconsin. The flag was given by the children of the Irving M. Scott public school. Following the presentation of the flag a poem "To the Wisconsin," was read by Miss Clara Iza Price, its author.

The Wisconsin is a sister ship of the Alabama and Illinois, which were launched from the yards of Cramps and of the Newport News company, last summer. She is an improved ship of the type of the Iowa, of 11,525 tons displacement, 518 feet long, and seventy-two feet wide. She can carry between 1,400 and 1,500 tons of coal. Her probable speed will be 16 1/2 knots. She will probably not be completed until the spring of 1900.

The main battery will consist of four 13-inch breech loading rifles in Hichborn balanced turrets, oval in shape, placed in the center line of the vessel, and fourteen 6-inch rapid fire guns. The secondary battery will consist of sixteen 6-pounder rapid fire guns, four 1-pounder rapid fire guns, two 400 guns and two field guns. She will carry four torpedo tubes. The small guns will be mounted in fighting tops fifty-nine to seventy-nine feet above sea level.

The armor belt, which extends from the stem to abaft the after turret, is to be sixteen and one-half inches thick at the top, and nine and one-half inches thick at the bottom, except at the forward end where it will be tapered to four inches at the stem. This belt armor will extend from four feet below the normal load line to three and one-half feet above it. Diagonal armor twelve inches thick, connecting this belt armor and barbettes, and extending from the slopes of the protective deck to the top of the side belt, on each side, will give protection from raking fire. The steel deck ranges from two and three-quarters inches to four inches in thickness. The turret armor is from fifteen to seventeen inches thick.

The Wisconsin is protected against the entrance of water through a hole in the side by a packing of corn pith cellulose that will swell and close any wound made by a shell. The hold is divided into between 200 and 200 water tight compartments.

More than eighty auxiliary engines will do most of the work that was formerly done by hand on old naval vessels. Electricity will be used largely as a motive power.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 28.—Speaking of the acceptance of a bottle of imported French wine instead of California wine for the christening of the Wisconsin, Hermann Bleyer, whose brother chose the wine, said: "The offer of the gold-wired bottle and case came unsolicited and was accepted in the spirit in which it was tendered. Had the Californians been wide-awake and presented their claim in season, I have no doubt that it would have been considered favorably."

FOR SUFFERING SPANIARDS.

The Infanta Eulalia to Open a Bazaar in London.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Countess Casa Valencia, wife of the former Spanish ambassador of that name, has written to the newspapers, appealing for funds to be devoted to the relief of the wounded Spanish soldiers and widows of the slain. As contributions already received will not suffice to meet the misery among the suffering Spaniards, a three days' bazaar will be opened at Downshire house, Tuesday, by the Infanta Eulalia. The proceeds will be devoted to the Spanish fund for the relief of the wounded and the widows.

Insane Because He Killed a Burglar.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 28.—George Van Hoser, a constable was admitted to the insane asylum here yesterday. He became insane from brooding over the killing of a burglar in the county five years ago.

She Was Gertrude Atherton's Mother.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Gertrude Franklin Uhlhorn, the mother of Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, the author, is dead. Mrs. Uhlhorn has been an invalid for ten years. Mrs. Atherton has been living in London.

CATTLE KING GOES UNDER.

Grant Gillett Falls for About \$1,000,000—Leaves Many Creditors.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Owing from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 Grant G. Gillett, the greatest feeder of cattle in Kansas, and for that matter in the world, has failed.

This debt, in the form commonly known as "cattle paper," is in large part held by twenty-five or more commission firms at the Kansas City stock yards. The Kansas City creditors, without exception, contend that the cattle which secures their paper will easily meet all obligations. The brunt of the blow will fall on Kansas City commission men.

At Abilene, Kan., yesterday J. S. Hollinger, president of the Gillespie Commission company of Kansas City, filed an attachment against Gillett for a debt of \$40,000, which it is alleged, was secured with an intent to defraud. The attachment is general, and is intended to cover everything that can be found.

News of the attachment spread rapidly, and all day lawyers here have been busy investigating the case in behalf of Kansas City, St. Joseph and Denver firms that did business with Gillett. The register of deeds of Dickinson county has been compiling a list of chattel mortgages given by Gillett and finds that those still in force will come close to \$1,000,000, on most of which Gillett was the only signer.

The commission firms claim that many cattle have been mortgaged more than once. About 5,000 head are at his ranch. Gillett has recently taken \$277,000 life and \$200,000 accident insurance, has traveled in special trains and had a cowboy band. He is 30 years old and has started the old cattlemen by his bold methods.

About twenty-five commission company representatives arrived in Woodbine yesterday. They investigated all day, and found that the mortgaged cattle are supposed to be scattered all over Central and Western Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Searches made so far have been fruitless, and the prospects are that further efforts in that direction will bring no result.

Gillett has been the "Coal Oil John" of the live stock business, an Aladdin of farmers, a Napoleon of cattle paper finance. His 7,000 acre stock farm near Abilene, Kan., is a town with a name and a postoffice of its own, Woodbine.

SANTIAGO'S MAYOR A CUBAN.

General Wood Appoints Senor Becardi to That Position.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 28.—Some time ago Major McLeary, whom General Leonard Wood had appointed mayor of Santiago, requested to be relieved of his mayoralty duties and to return to his military post. This request was granted yesterday.

In the opinion of General Wood it is preferable to appoint to the mayoralty a civilian acceptable to the Cubans, and he has appointed as Major McLeary's successor Senor Becardi, an old resident. He is anxious to give the mayor as much authority as is compatible with military jurisdiction. The new mayor will conform to General Wood's ideas, which are to give the Cubans every opportunity to show themselves capable of self-government.

The first official act of Mayor Becardi was to discharge the entire clerical force in the mayor's office and to employ Cubans who had served in the war. He will shortly issue a manifesto to the effect that he intends to encourage the city's development and give employment as far as conditions will permit to worthy persons. General Wood has high hopes of this first attempt at civil government under Cuban control.

A NIGHT CABINET SESSION.

President McKinley Summons His Advisers in Post Haste.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—A special meeting of the cabinet was held at 10 o'clock last night. All the members were with the President except Secretary Long, who was out of the city. The meeting was called by the President in order that his advisers might consider with him advice received from the American peace commissioners at Paris. It is understood that the advice related to counter proposals informally made to the American commissioners by the representatives on the commission of the Madrid government.

It is understood that one point new in the negotiations thus far was raised in the dispatches received by the President. It related to a modification of the terms of the proposition submitted to the Spanish commissioners a few days ago by the American commissioners, but in just what particular the proposed modification was to be made could not be ascertained. That the proposition was not accepted was made clear by the President in cabling to the American commissioners a reiteration of his former instructions.

No Paper Money for Chile.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Nov. 28.—In the chamber of deputies the minister of finance declared in the name of the president that there would not be another dollar of paper money issued.

Election Bettors Indicted.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Nov. 28.—The nodaway county grand jury adjourned after a two week's session, during which sixty-four indictments were returned. The nature of all of them has not become public, but some sensations are promised. A large number of election bettors, among them some prominent men, were caught, it is said. It is understood also that a large number of Nodaway county druggists who have been violating the liquor laws, will soon be in the meshes of the law.

MARINES LANDED IN CHINA.

Captain of the Charleston Places 2 Guard Ashore at Tien-Tsin.

THE SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

Was Necessary in Order to Protect American Interests Owing to Political Disturbances—Landed 100 Miles From Peking, the Chinese Capital.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The navy department received a dispatch to-day that the cruiser Charleston has landed a marine guard at Tien Tsin, in the roadways of the gulf of Pe-chi-li, 100 miles by water from Peking, the Chinese capital. The dispatch was considered of grave importance, and was taken to President McKinley at the White house at once.

The disturbances in Peking following the dethronement of the Chinese emperor suggested to Washington the necessity of sending a naval vessel to Chinese waters to protect American interests. Admiral Dewey was ordered to dispatch the Baltimore and Petrel to the Gulf of Pe-chi-li. The Baltimore, on account of a slight accident, was unable to sail. The Boston and the Petrel sailed from the Philippine islands October 6. It was regretted at that time that the Helena was not on the Asiatic station. The Helena had been built with a light draught, purposely for ascending Chinese rivers. At the early part of the war she was recalled to America. The Boston's draught would not permit her to ascend the river above the Taku forts, near the river's mouth. The Petrel, however, took a position near Tien-Tsin. The Charleston arrived later, relieving the Boston. On account of the fall floods the Charleston was able to join the Petrel at Tien-Tsin. Peking is about 2,000 miles from Manila.

The American vessels at Tien-Tsin could not be joined by another cruiser from Admiral Dewey's fleet, on account of the shallow water.