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died it had near 40,000,000—less than 150,000 foreigners. In her colonies were some 250,000,000. The revenues for the state were \$150,000,000.

HONOR HER MEMORY.

House and Senate Join in Expressions of Sympathy on Death of Queen Victoria. Appropriate Resolutions Adopted.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The announcement of the death of Queen Victoria yesterday conveyed unofficially to the senate was recognized by that body in the adoption of an appropriate resolution, which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the prime minister of Great Britain.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Thirty-first Annual Meeting Begins at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The first session of the 31st annual meeting of the national board of trade was held here yesterday. The session was occupied almost entirely with preliminary routine business.

As Received in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Four days of anxiety had in a large measure prepared official Washington for the news which was flashed across the cable yesterday of the death of the queen of England.

Flags at Half Mast in New York.

New York, Jan. 23.—The first apparent effect in New York of the cablegram announcing the death of Queen Victoria was in the almost instantly lowering of flags to half mast.

No Right to Tax Franchise.

Kansas City, Jan. 23.—Judge Henry of the circuit court handed down a case of national importance yesterday when in a written opinion he decided that the state of Missouri, represented by the state board of equalization, had no right to tax the franchise of the Western Union Telegraph company.

Will Stick to Hand Process.

St. Louis, Jan. 24.—Candy-makers of six states entered into an agreement here affecting more than 10,000 girls employed in a score of cities. The decision was not to introduce a chocolate drop manufacturing machine which can do the work of 40 girls.

Short in Accounts With Lodge.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 24.—The preliminary examination of N. J. Neilson, who was arrested for the embezzlement of \$237 of Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge money, was completed last night and he was bound over to the May term of the circuit court in bonds of \$400.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

William E. Denton, a soldier of the Black Hawk war, aged 101, died at Madison, Wis., Wednesday.

Receiver Clark of the Chosen Friends says the total liabilities are \$800,000. To meet this he has \$2,000 in cash.

The state department has decided to maintain an attitude of exact neutrality as between the claims of the two asphalt companies in Venezuela.

The steamer Circassian Prince, concerning the safety of which so much anxiety had been felt, arrived at New York Wednesday, 30 days from Shields, Eng.

The annual report of Louis Arrington of Alton, chief inspector of factories in Illinois, shows that there are 14,356 children employed in the factories of Illinois, and that the evil is increasing.

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL.

Reorganization Measure is Carried by Vote of 43 to 23.

UNITY OF THE REPUBLICANS.

Every Member of Party But One and Four Democrats in the Affirmative—Effort to Prevent Sale of Liquor in Philippines Fails—Bill Now Goes to Conference.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Just before 6 o'clock last evening the senate finally disposed of the army reorganization bill. The measure having originated in the senate, the final question was not upon its passage, but upon agreeing to the senate amendments. They were agreed to by a vote of 43 to 23.

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Senator Morgan has not indicated his purpose with reference to the Nicaragua canal bill, but his friends say that he will delay a reasonable time and that if England does not act upon the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty he then will move consideration of the canal bill.

Renewed efforts will be made today or tomorrow in executive session to secure the confirmation of J. S. Harlan as attorney general for Porto Rico, and also to secure ratification of the treaty with Spain for the cession of the remaining islands of the Philippine group.

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SHIPPING BILL IN SENATE.

Subsidy Measure Restored to Its Privileged Position.

VEST TALKS FOR FREE SHIPS.

Holds Prosen's Navigation Laws Responsible for Decadence of American Merchant Marine—House Begins Consideration of the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Consideration of the shipping bill was resumed yesterday by the senate. At the instance of Frye, who relinquished the chair temporarily to take charge of the measure on the floor, it was made the unfinished business of the senate, thus restoring it to its privileged position.

Vest took the floor immediately in a characteristically brilliant, forceful and interesting speech, lasting nearly three hours. He advocated free ships and vigorously attacked the navigation laws of the United States, holding that they were responsible for the decadence of the merchant marine of America. He was accorded close attention by his colleagues on both sides.

Early in the session Rawlins precipitated a lively colloquy by charging that a deal had been entered into between the Republican members of the legislature and certain railroad interests and the officials of the Mormon church to secure the election of Thomas L. Kearns to the senate from that state. He accused Hale and Chandler, who contended that the statements of Rawlins ought not to be made in the senate at this stage of the proceedings in Utah, as the senate could not consider the question in any phase in advance of action.

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LEAVES IT ALL WITH LEE.

Appeal for Troops is Referred to Him by War Department.

Washington, Jan. 24.—At the instance of the attorney general the war department yesterday took steps for the preservation of law and order at Muscogee, I. T., where the Snake Indians are making trouble for the authorities. United States Marshal Bennett has telegraphed from Muscogee to the attorney general saying the Snake band of outlaws has organized into several sections, with about 50 well armed men in each, and have publicly whipped several persons, killed at least one and generally are terrorizing the people. They have organized in open rebellion against the constituted authorities, and have destroyed several hundred allotment certificates issued to Creek Indians by the Dawes commission. Marshal Bennett asks that a troop of cavalry be sent to quell the disturbance. The war department has telegraphed General Fitzhugh Lee, commander of the Department of the Missouri at Omaha, authorizing him to act in his own discretion in the matter of sending troops.

INDIANS IN UGLY MOOD.

Snake Band Threatens to Burn Town of Checotah if Two of Their Number Are Not Released.

Muscogee, I. T., Jan. 24.—The Creek trouble continues. The fullbloods are still in arms, terrorizing the whites, and are posting notices threatening lives. Two fullblood members of the Snake party were arrested this afternoon at Checotah and brought to Muscogee. They were Eastman Polk and Hulto Hotulka. They were going all through the country posting notices. The Snake party sent word to Marshal Bennett that if the men arrested were not released in 24 hours they would burn Checotah. The town fears an attack, and the citizens are armed. Alex Evans and Eugene Newton were captured and taken away by the Snake band. It is feared that if relief does not come from federal troops bloodshed will soon follow. Marshal Bennett says he will lead a band of 50 deputies against the Snake party if troops are not sent soon.

25th Spinning Spiders.

Consul Plumbard of Maracaibo reports that large silk spinning spiders are found in the palm trees of Venezuela. Some produce white and some yellow silk. The consul understands that the silk has been made into handkerchiefs. A copy of the report, together with a specimen of silk which accompanied it, was referred to the department of agriculture. The entomologist says that silk produced in this way cannot be made valuable commercially because of the troublesome necessity of keeping the spiders separated to prevent their devouring each other. Their food being insects, this also involves considerable labor in supplying them. Attempts to utilize the silk of a Madagascar spider of the same species some years ago resulted in the discovery that the product was more expensive than ordinary silk.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Disabled by Distraction.

"Is your husband a good whist player, Mrs. Chatter?" "No; he can't play at all if anybody at the table talks."—Indianapolis Journal.

GAMBLE READY FOR SEAT.

His Election as South Dakota's Senator is Announced and His Certificate Signed.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 24.—In joint session yesterday the lieutenant governor who was presiding, declared Robert J. Gamble to be duly elected as United States senator. The certificate of his election was presented and read and signed by the proper officers.

House Bills Passed.

House bills passed: Ballot reform, preventing any name from appearing more than once; to appropriate \$242 expenses and mileage of presidential electors; to appropriate \$2,000 for transportation of prisoners to the penitentiary.

Department is Established.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The act establishing the department of public instruction was unanimously passed by the Philippine commission yesterday after a debate between Commissioner Moses and Judge Taft over the section permitting religious instruction in school houses.

Senate Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 22.—No business of special importance was transacted yesterday in open session. An executive session of more than two hours duration was held and 64 pages of legislative, executive and judicial bill were acted on before adjournment.

Amendment Not Acceptable.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The house committee on military affairs yesterday disagreed to all the amendments to the army reorganization bill and authorized the chairman to move similar action in the house with request for a conference.

Major Newby at Rest.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Funeral services over the body of Major A. J. Newby, who served through the civil war with the Fourth Iowa cavalry, were held yesterday from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Ricketts, in this city.

Argentine's Surplus of Wheat.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 22.—Official statistics estimate the exportable surplus of wheat at 1,750,000 tons. Trade circles regard this an exaggerated estimate, believing that the surplus will be about 1,200,000 tons.

Defends His Daughter.

Peplar Bluff, Mo., Jan. 22.—Joe McInturf was stabbed and fatally wounded last night in this city by J. V. Roberts. McInturf and Thomas Jones, while intoxicated, visited Roberts' home and attempted to assault his 13-year-old daughter. Roberts, in defending his daughter from indignities, was compelled to use his knife.

Rheumatism.

Nobody knows all about it; and nothing, now known, will always cure it.