

FIGHT FOR A THRONE

Mataafa Compis Recognition as Provisional Chief of the Samoans.

APIA IS BURNED AND LLOOTED BY HIM

Hostilities Break Out Upon Chief Justice Declaring Malletoa Tanus King.

DISQUALIFIED CHIEF STARTS THE FIGHT

Foreign Residents Protected Under Guns of British Vessels.

TWO FACTIONS HAVE A BLOODY BATTLE

United States Consul and Other Consuls Decide to Recognize Deposed Chief Temporarily Until Powers Are Heard From.

and, moreover, the treaty in terms provides distinctly that in case of any dispute between the natives themselves or between the foreigners in Samoa that dispute shall be referred to the chief justice and his decision shall be final.

The report that three consuls have joined in a provisional recognition of Mataafa could not be reconciled with the open disagreement with the terms of the treaty as to the choice of a king that such action would involve, the power of settling disputes of this character being, as already stated, solidly in the hands of the chief justice, who, by the way, is in this case an American.

The last advices of this government were to the effect that the chief justice had this particular dispute under consideration. It is, however, generally referred to him in accordance with the terms of the treaty. His decision, in all probability, would be regarded as binding by the government of the United States.

WORKING FOR THE EXPOSITION

Senator Thurston and Congressman Mercer Do What They Can to Help It Along.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Thurston was for the first time on the floor of the senate today. He was greeted warmly by his colleagues and signaled his attendance by a short speech in favor of the Nicaragua canal bill, which has been pending for many sessions past in the senate.

Mr. Stark of Nebraska is openly fighting the resolution and endeavored today to enlist the opposition of a minority of the members of the senate. The resolution was signed by a majority of the members of the house, and the resolution in the senate, Representative Bailey, however, being opposed to the government going into any exposition business whatever.

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The British and American consuls then appealed to the captain of the British war ship Porpoise, who landed a force of blue-jackets and chief justice chambers, under their guard, took their seat.

Mataafa held aloof from these last developments. The excitement continues.

Revolution is General.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—A cablegram to the call from Auckland, New Zealand, under date of January 15, says: When the ocean steamer Alameda left Apia on January 12 a revolution had broken out on the Samoan islands and was being waged with much bloodshed and great destruction of property.

The war ships Falke and Porpoise, the latter in command of Sturdee, were then at the islands and were taking a part in suppressing the rising. On December 31 the chief justice determined in favor of Malletoa Tanu, asserting Mataafa was barred by the treaty of Berlin.

LAST RITES ARE PERFORMED

Many Citizens of Maine Attend the Final Services Over the Remains of Dingley.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 18.—In the midst of the evidence of public and private mourning the ladies of Maine, including the neighbors and friends of the late Hon. Nelson Dingley, engaged in the closing services attending the burial of Maine's honored congressman here today.

FIRE IN WYOMING COAL MINE

Ten Men Supposed to Be Cut Off from Escape—Great Excitement Among Miners.

NEWCASTLE, Wyo., Jan. 18.—The Wheeler mine, one of the big properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, was discovered to be on fire just after the night shift started work. An alarm was sounded and the men called out. Many had great difficulty in escaping, on account of the deadly fumes that filled the entries, and it is believed some did not get out at all, as an explosion was heard and this seems to confirm the fears of loss of life.

WELCOMES OUR CO-OPERATION

Secretary Chamberlain Reviews Foreign Questions Confronting England.

UNITED STATES' POLICY IN NEW TERRITORY

Declares that if France Desires Amicable Settlement of Difficulties Great Britain Will Meet More Than Half Way.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.)—The secretary of state for the colonies, speaking this evening at the banquet of the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce, review at great length the various threatening foreign questions confronting the government.

In connection with the withdrawal of the French demand for an extension of the settlement at Shanghai, Mr. Chamberlain congratulated his hearers that Great Britain's opposition to the French proposal had been strenuously supported by the representative of the United States.

That, I think," he said, "a significant and noteworthy fact. Nay, I think and hope it would be history. It shows that circumstances are bringing about the community of interests between Anglo-Saxons, which in the future may have far-reaching and beneficial results.

France an Encroacher.

Dwelling elaborately upon the Newfoundland difficulty, the minister said: "In spite of the charges to the contrary, nobody here has the slightest desire to evade the obligations of the treaty of Utrecht, but we desire that the rights conferred upon France by that treaty should not be extended and abused to the injury of our pocket.

DERVISH FORCES SURRENDER

Leader Escapes, but Last Armed Body of Consequence in the Sudan is Conquered.

CAIRO, Jan. 18.—The whole remaining force of Ahmed Fedi, the only unconquered Dervish chieftain, numbering about 2,000 men, has surrendered to the British on the Nile. Fedi escaped.

DREYFUS' IMMORAL REPUTATION.

General Mercier Tells Why He Thinks the Exile Averted for Him.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The soire today publishes an interview with General Mercier, who reiterates his former statements and asserts that the bordereau was "certainly not his work, and he is very anxious to see the truth of his case established by the tribunal in the future, which it is not expected he will do when he is informed of the ruling of the Treasury department.

PARLIAMENT OF SWEDEN OPENS.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Comments on the Peace Conference.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 18.—The Diet, opened the Parliament of Sweden was opened today. The speech from the throne was read by the minister of foreign affairs, Count Douglas, who pointed out that whatever might be the result of the czar's peace conference the fact that it had been summoned did not imply that the country could afford to neglect the necessary measures for its defense.

REFUSES TO BETRAY COMPANIONS.

"Harry the Violet" Sentenced for Stealing Duces' Jewels.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Johnsen, alias "Harry the Violet," who is believed to be one of the cleverest jewel thieves in Europe, and who was arrested in London on November 28 with a man named Lipman, having in his possession a considerable quantity of the jewelry stolen from the duchess of Sutherland early in October last, was sentenced today to seven years' penal servitude.

the bulk of the jewels, of which only \$500 worth out of \$25,000 of jewelry contained in the stolen satchel was recovered. The prisoner, however, informed the judge that he would betray his companions if he got five hundred dollars.

CELEBRATION TO MISSIONARIES.

Cecil Rhodes Grants Privileges to Methodists in South Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Rev. Dr. J. C. Hartzell of Cincinnati, the Methodist Episcopal bishop to Africa, who left New York for Europe on January 16, spoke from a pulpit on Saturday for Africa. He had a long conference yesterday with Cecil Rhodes and he has been granted concessions of lands and buildings and has been promised co-operation in their development, especially in establishing industrial missions among the natives.

PROTEST MEETING AT COLOGNE.

Sugar and Alcohol Manufacturers Condemn the Proposed Treaty.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Rhine sugar and alcohol manufacturers have held a protest meeting at Cologne and have adopted a petition to the imperial chancery, Prince Hohenlohe, requesting his aid for the purpose of protesting against the proposed treaty.

Spanish Spies Rewarded.

London, Jan. 18.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—The Daily Mail's Madrid dispatch says: Among those recently rewarded for services during the war with America are five Spanish officers who went to the United States on a mission to Hamburg on the declared. They were a lieutenant colonel and major of staff, three infantry officers, and formed a commission under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Don Luis Serrano.

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DOUBLE DRAGON FOR EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Kaiser, minister, Lu Hoi Houat, today, who presented his majesty with the insignia of the Double Dragon, conferred upon the German emperor by the emperor of China.

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El Diario de la Marina, La Lucha, El Pais and La Discusion, as well as other papers less influential, include in editorial columns a stinging and just denunciation of the administration, asserting that it tends to anarchy. They declare that each provincial governor and each garrison commander is a military dictator, acting independently of the governor general and exercising administrative, legislative, judicial and executive functions.

SKIPTON AT THE BAR

Fillmore County Judge Called to Account by House of Representatives.

HE IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS

Contempt Case a Very Lively Proceeding While it Lasts.

JUDGE READS HIS DEFENSE FROM FLOOR

Refers to the Legislative Body in Contemptuous Terms.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Warmer; Southerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 8 a. m. 10 1 p. m. 22 9 a. m. 12 2 p. m. 24 7 a. m. 10 3 p. m. 26 8 a. m. 9 4 p. m. 27 9 a. m. 12 5 p. m. 27 10 a. m. 14 6 p. m. 26 11 a. m. 18 7 p. m. 25 12 m. 20 8 p. m. 25 9 p. m. 24

RECORDS TO BE KEPT

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—In the contest cases in the house this afternoon fairly overshadowed the senatorial battle. The matter came up right after the noon recess and the trial of Judge Skipton of Fillmore county before the bar of the house was lively while it lasted.

INSISTS HE WILL NOT GIVE UP BALLOTS

Committee Reports in Favor of Sentencing Skipton and the Unseating of Benjamin—Minority Wants Case Reconsidered.

RESORTS TO RIDICULE.

While he admitted that the whole legislature might get what they wanted, he ridiculed the power of the committee to do so, saying that he was not able to see by what authority of law or by what inherent right a committee of that kind could coerce the legislature into compliance with its will.

SOME FAVOR DELAY.

Among the republican members who were in favor of delay today it is understood that there is no contention about the majority that is found to have, on the record of the ballots, but they believe the whole case should be examined into carefully, and all the evidence be brought forward by the inspection of the poll books that are not yet out.

After the presentation of the defense offered by Judge Skipton, the prisoner at the bar was quite sharply cross-questioned by Olmstead of Douglas in the manner in which he had taken possession of the ballots in which the reply was elicited that the ballots had been taken into possession by the county judge himself, and that they had been taken before the case had been set for trial.

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMISSIONER.

The printing commission made a report this morning that an investigation had been made as to the cause of the delay in printing, and the contractors had promised to hurry up matters. Some of the delay had been because of the length of the revenue bill, which would cover 100 pages. The printers had promised to keep up with the business hereafter.

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Under the head of standing committee reports H. R. 13 and 127 were reported for general file by the committee on fees and salaries. Rouse of Hall, chairman of the committee, moved that H. R. 14 be engrossed for a third reading. He explained that it was calculated to repeal certain sections of the statutes that had recently been declared unconstitutional.

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Some objection was raised by members of the house that the case pending in Fillmore county was brought before the bar of the house and was asked what defense he had to offer for not obeying the first summons sent him.

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In making answer Judge Skipton explained that he did not desire to make any speech, and had already filed his report with the clerk of the house. On motion he was invited to read the report.

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The report being read, maintained that the ballots of the three precincts of Fillmore county were not held out of contempt of the power of the legislature, but were held as evidence in a case now pending in Fillmore county. The right of the legislature to gain possession of the ballots was denied, as also was the right of the legislature to order the arrest of the party of court of Fillmore county.

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Taylor of Cass talked against the substitute. He said that under the constitution the house was the judge of its own proceedings.

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Wheeler of Furnas said the nine members on the committee ought to be able to make up a report. As for himself he would like to know whether it was the county court of Fillmore county or simply an individual that had been brought before the bar of the house.

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Fisher of Dawson replied that the lawyers on the committee were not here to give gratuitous opinions to suit the whims of the majority.

HAYWARD GAINS ONE

Small Accretion for Nebraska City Man on Second Ballot.

TWENTY-NINE VOTES IN JOINT SESSION

Thompson of Lancaster and Webster of Douglas Hold Their Own.

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First Second Ballot.

Table listing candidates and their vote counts for the first and second ballots.

Final Second Ballot.

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Vote in Detail.

The precise record of individual votes on today's ballot is:

For William V. Allen—Senators Canada, Dunn, Farrell, Hale, Knappner, Morgan, Miller, O'Neill, Scheal, Smith, Spohn—11; House—Anderson of Fillmore, Benjamin, Boulier, Bower, Carton, Cawtra, Cosgrove, Crockett, Cunningham, Doby, Esterling, Eastman, Elwood, Endicot, Flynn, Fretz, Fuller, Grandstaff, Gray, Grosvernor, Hardy, Johnson, Kleiter, Lema, McCracken, McFisher, Meminger, Moran, Morrison, Murray, Peck, Sheck, Shore, Smith of Butler, Sturges, Swan, Tanner, Taylor of Custer, Taylor of Fillmore, Thompson of Clay, VanDey, Watson, Weaver, Wheeler, Woodard, Wright, Wood—47; grand total, 58.

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For M. L. Lambertson—Senators Roca, Talbot—11; House—Anderson of Lancaster, Burns, Clark, Harrison, Lane—5; grand total, 7.

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Prognostications.

"What of the morning" is the question most prominently propounded wherever the political gathering. While the best of political prognostication is a dangerous one, there are no indications of sudden changes of vital character. The intention of the Hayward managers unquestionably was to have exhibited a bigger difference than that shown in today's ballot. It had been arranged to add three or four more votes to his string, but for one reason or another the plan was not carried out. It may be expected, however, that such a policy will now be pursued as it is of utmost importance to his candidacy as high man to stimulate his men with a constantly growing phalanx.