

ASK TREATY'S RATIFICATION

Legislators of New York and New Hampshire Petition Senate.

INQUIRY ABOUT PORTO RICAN FRANCHISES

Business Men of Leading Cities Desire that New Territory Be Returned Pending Final and Equitable Disposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A notable speech was made in the senate today by Mr. Spooner. He took for his text the anti-expansion resolution offered by Mr. Vent.

Mr. Platt of New York laid before the senate the resolutions adopted by the legislature of New York urging the immediate ratification of the peace treaty.

Measures, Hale, Perkins and Faulkner were named as the committee of conference for the senate on the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill.

Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island presented a number of memorial from business men's associations of Boston, New York and Chicago.

Mr. Tillman of South Carolina offered the following resolution, which was adopted: That the president be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest,

At the conclusion of the morning business, Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin addressed the senate upon the Vest anti-expansion resolution.

Mr. Spooner said he hoped that the flag raised over Cuba would not have to remain long, but that the United States would soon leave there a happy, free people.

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Several amendments were adopted providing for surveys, including the Missouri river, with a view to prevent the erosion of the soil.

Upon the completion of the reading of the bill the committee arose.

Mr. Maxwell, populist of Nebraska, demanded the eyes and nose upon the passage of the bill, but only secured two supporters.

A resolution was adopted, setting aside Saturday, February 11, for paying tribute to the late Representative Dingley of Maine.

At 4:55 p. m. the house adjourned.

RAFFEL STIRS UP DISCORD

Trouble at Samoa Traceable to Intolerable Hearing of German Representative.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—While the State department has received nothing by cable from Auckland confirmatory of the press advice as to the last series of events, the action has been taken by the government in the matter of representations to the German foreign minister.

Something of this kind was almost expected in view of the intractable disposition exhibited by Dr. Raffel, the German president of the municipal council, and in the attempt to secure the removal of such a dangerous position of authority.

Mr. Cannon said he did not think any financial legislation could be carried through after the next presidential election.

ALL IS PEACEFUL AT MANILA

No Immediate Attack by Filipinos is Apprehended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—There is no foundation for the sensational report that General Otis has called the War department to the insurgent Filipinos are threatening an immediate attack upon him.

WAR INQUIRY BOARD NEARLY DONE

Awaiting Response from James Farman, South Omaha Man.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The War investigating commission up to noon today had received no response from James Farman, who was yesterday summoned to Chester, Pa., to testify as to the chemical preparation of beef in Omaha last summer.

GOSSIP ABOUT MILES' INTERVIEWS

Feeling Obtains at War Department That He Has Told the Truth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Great interest has been expressed all day throughout the War department in the reiterated newspaper reports that severe action was meditated against Miles.

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CAPITAL IN NEWS, JUBA WALES

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SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Federal Capital Will Be Like Washington and Will Be Located a Hundred Miles from Sydney—Colonial Government.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Feb. 2.—The unanimous agreement finally reached by the Australian colonial premiers, who have been in conference here for some days regarding certain unsettled questions connected with the Australian federation bill, referred to them by the colonial legislatures, seems to insure the success of the federation project.

The federal capital will be, like Washington, federal territory, the existing capital of New South Wales, but at least 100 miles from Sydney, the colonial capital. Pending the erection of a federal building, the Australian Parliament will meet in Melbourne.

The Parliament is to consist of a senate and a house of representatives and an absolute majority of the members of both houses shall decide all questions that may arise between the two. In other respects the original bill is unaltered.

Delay Due to Wales. The delay in accomplishing Australian federation has been principally due to the hesitating policy of New South Wales, the chief trouble originating with the financial basis of the proposed commonwealth.

Colonial Board Meets Monday. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The new created Colonial board of the War department will meet in this city for organization next Monday. The rooms in the Lemon building used by the commission investigating the conduct of the war in Cuba have been assigned to the use of the Colonial board and are now being prepared for its use.

Deaths in Army in Cuba. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—General Brooke at Havana has sent the following reports of deaths among the army in Cuba to the War department: Deaths January 31—At Santiago, Corporal Clifford C. Atkinson, Company 1, Fifth Immunes, and Private William J. Fines, same company, malaria. At Havana—Private T. J. Dolan, Second Artillery, meningitis.

New Postal Stations in Cuba. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Four additional military postal stations in Cuba in connection with the New York postoffice were authorized today to be established February 10 as follows: No. 36, Colon, in Matanzas; No. 37, Sagua la Grande, in Batahano; No. 38, Guines, Habana, Union de Reyes, Matanzas.

Ex-Confederates May Become Jurors. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Representative Gaines of Tennessee today introduced a bill to repeal the law which prevents an ex-convict soldier from sitting on a federal grand or petit jury. This is the last relic of the laws discriminating against ex-convicts.

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RUSSIA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT BERLIN ATTACKED BY PARALYSIS. BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The Russian ambassador here, Count Von Osten-Sacken, at the conclusion of a conversation with the British ambassador William at the court ball yesterday evening, was carried to his home in a critical condition, suffering from a paralytic stroke. The emperor and the members of the diplomatic corps today made inquiries at the Russian embassy as to the count's condition.

Princeton Leaves Gibraltar. (Copyright, 1899, by Press Publishing Co.) GIBRALTAR, British Spain, Feb. 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The new United States gunboat Princeton sailed today for Manila to join Admiral Dewey's fleet. It left New York January 11 and arrived here January 26, stopping for coal.

Governor of South Australia. LONDON, Feb. 1.—Lord Hallam Tenison, son of the late Lord Alfred Tenison, has been appointed governor of South Australia.

PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT. Union Pacific's Wishes in Reorganization of Western Association.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—General passenger agents of western roads met today to take action regarding the proposed reorganization of the Western Passenger association, and good progress was made toward agreement. The "So" line was the only important road not represented.

Buffalo Tracks Manila. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Buffalo arrived at Manila today, having made a record-breaking run from New York to Manila in 45 days. It has about 700 sailors to relieve men in Dewey's fleet whose ships have expired. It will be used to transport supplies to men and naval stores, making regular trips between Manila and San Francisco every three months.

Third Regiment on the Way. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The Third United States infantry from Fort Seiling, Minn., passed through Syracuse today on the way from Fort Seiling to New York, where the transport Sheridan will be taken for Manila. The regiment is traveling on four trains over the New York Central railroad.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS. Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been granted: Issue of January 26: Additional—Daniel Slesner, Stankov, \$4 to \$5. Increase—John H. Durbin, Denver, \$2 to \$3; Frank M. Irish, Denver, \$5 to \$10. Release and increase (special) \$5 to \$12.—George Todd, Rocky Ford, \$8 to \$12.

To Ratify Treaty with Turtle Indians. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on Indian affairs today decided to report favorably the bill for the ratification of the agreement with the Turtle Mountain Indians to cede the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska to the United States.

House Bill on Navigation Laws. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on commerce today agreed to report the house bill, extending the laws of commerce and navigation to navigation, connected and merchant steamers, to the Hawaiian Islands instead of the senate bill on

CANADIAN SKATING CONTESTS

Many Experts from the States Enter Races at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—The Canadian skating championships closed at midnight with 115 entries, ninety in the amateur and twenty-five in the professional class.

The entries in the latter are: Half-mile: John R. Johnson, Minneapolis; John Nelson, Minneapolis; Harry Davidson, Toronto; Thorwald W. Thomsen, Minneapolis; Corville Rappin, North Dakota; William C. Blinney, W. Thomsen, Minneapolis; Nelson, Harry Davidson, Norway; Blinney, C. Blinney, John S. Johnson, W. Thomsen, Harry Davidson, Norway; John Nelson, T. W. Johnson, Harry Davidson, Norway; George B. Ash, Montreal; W. C. Hingley, John S. Johnson, Harry Davidson, Norway; John S. Johnson, Harry Davidson, Norway.

The amateur events most of the crack skaters are entered. The Americans entered are D. McPartland, C. McClave and C. Spaulding. New York is the only city to have five men entered. The American events were: First race, selling, six furlongs; Jim Gore 1, Tom, Water Crest second, Prince Harry third, Time: 1:14. Second race, seven furlongs; Sir Florian Van, Our Nellie second, Beckon third, Time: 1:17. Third race, selling, mile and a sixteenth; C. Spaulding won, Donal second, Amber Glims third, Time: 1:42. Fourth race, handicap, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile; Debius won, Donal second, Amber Glims third, Time: 1:52. Fifth race, one mile; Hanlight won, The Star of Bethlehem second, Butkus 1, Time: 1:43. Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth; Terby won, Sister Stella second, Kallitan third, Time: 1:49.

Winners at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—This was the sixty-first day of the Crescent City Jockey club's winter meeting. Weather fair; track fast. The following were the results: First race, selling, six furlongs; Jim Gore 1, Tom, Water Crest second, Prince Harry third, Time: 1:14. Second race, seven furlongs; Sir Florian Van, Our Nellie second, Beckon third, Time: 1:17. Third race, selling, mile and a sixteenth; C. Spaulding won, Donal second, Amber Glims third, Time: 1:42. Fourth race, handicap, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile; Debius won, Donal second, Amber Glims third, Time: 1:52. Fifth race, one mile; Hanlight won, The Star of Bethlehem second, Butkus 1, Time: 1:43. Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth; Terby won, Sister Stella second, Kallitan third, Time: 1:49.

State of the Union. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The state of the union meeting of the State Shortcourse association has been fixed. It is May 23, 24 and 25. At that time all the state's best skaters will gather at Albany and for three days compete for various cups and prizes that have been donated by the state. This is the first time the state association has met in the northern part of the state and the event will be a notable one.

Muckefuss Must Pay Rent. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—Chris Von der Ahe today appeared in two suits against B. S. Muckefuss, receiver of the circuit court of St. Louis, for the rent of a house occupied by Von der Ahe. The motion for the circuit court of Muckefuss as receiver of Sportmann's Park and Club was granted after the sale of the property by the sheriff.

Question of Revenues. The opponents of the federation project in New South Wales contend that under a federal government the four colonies would lose a large portion of their revenue by the abolition of border duties. A tax of a small percentage on the value of goods imported except in New South Wales, where there are no border duties to be repealed.

The practical result would be that the deficient revenues of the four protectionist colonies would have to be made good, very largely at the expense of New South Wales. This is to say, Australian federation, on the lines of the bill as originally prepared, would mean an increase of taxation from the parent colony and diminished fiscal burdens in the others.

Apart from this feature the New South Wales colonialists have all along approved the proposed constitution and it is fair to assume that their demands for an equitable fiscal arrangement have been met as the foregoing dispatch from Melbourne refers to a "unanimous agreement."

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