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TAFT'S CHEERY NEWS

Philippine Commission President Cables Report of Splendid Progress.

COMPLETE PEACE ABOUT RESTORED

Condition Never Before So Favorable to Establishment of Order.

INSURGENT ATTACKS RARELY OCCUR

Reported Fighting is Police Work Rather Than Campaigning.

NATIVES LIKE THE NEW PLANS

Receive the Board Cordially in Every Province and Give Free Aid to Formation of Competent Government.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary of War Root has received the following cablegram from Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission:

"MANILA, March 3.—On eve of president's second administration, wish to convey to him assurance great progress made toward peace. Since January 1, 127 firearms captured and 1,368 surrendered. Captures, surrenders, both due co-operation natives. Since November 5,000 bolomen surrendered in Ilocos; 1,000 in Albay and Camarines; 660,000 residents Panay taken oath allegiance; offensive attack by insurgents now of rarest occurrence; Delgado, insurgent leader Panay, with 350 men and rifles; Angeles and Simon Techon, with 200, Bulacan, have surrendered. Lacuna, Mascado, Pablo, Techon, Sandico and other leaders have made overtures surrender, but condition immunity from prosecution for alleged complicity in assassination, not conceded, has delayed consummation.

Federal Party Doing Good.

"Federal party, avowed and direct outgrowth election, has spread with wonderful rapidity all parts archipelago and is active and urgent in advocacy of peace and presenting advantage of civil liberty under American sovereignty; assisted in securing surrenders in Panay. Party's banquet of 300 eve Washington's birthday and gathering of 7,000 members of party on Luneta to hear loyal, earnest addresses leading Filipinos, were most convincing of its power, purpose, completely representative character.

"Commission has during last three weeks organized five provincial governments, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, Bataan; last two are Tagalog provinces. Attended each provincial capital in a body; met by appointment president and councilors and principal men of towns; explained provisions of general provincial act and special bill for particular province and invited discussion by natives present of both bills. Conventions thus held very satisfactory; amendments suggested considered, special bill enacted, appointments followed; explanation purpose of president and people of United States to secure civil liberty received with enthusiasm.

Natives Seem Pleased.

"Anxiety for provincial government everywhere apparent, and satisfaction with form adopted manifested. Reception from people at large most encouraging. At Dagupan met convention 350 delegates from thirty-four out of thirty-five towns. In others, less delegates in attendance, but not less interested. Enthusiastic meetings federal party, called by president and directors' party who accompanied us, held every capital visited. In three large provinces natives appointed provisional governors. In Bataan, on petition eight of nine towns, volunteer officer appointed. In Tarlac feeling between loyal factions required appointment American. Expression loyalty by all natives in conventions emphatic, sincere.

"In compliance with urgent native invitations leave March 11 for south to organize provinces Tayabas, Romblon, Iloilo, Capiz, Zamboanga, such others as ready. Returning shall organize Zambales, Union, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte. Military governor has recommended organization Pamganas, Laguna, Nueva Ecija, but shall delay action as to these until return from northern and southern trips.

"Fragmentary cable dispatches detailing small engagements, which are only the result of increased activity of army after close of wet season and efficient policing country, made possible by active native co-operation, create wrong impression in mind of public as to probable continuance of war and as to conditions, which have in fact never been so favorable to restoration of complete peace and accomplishment of declared purposes of president."

SURPRISES INSURGENT CAMP

Lieutenant West, with Gunboat Laguna de Bay, Takes Thirty-One Filipinos.

MANILA, March 6.—Lieutenant West, with the gunboat Laguna de Bay, surprised an insurgent camp on the island of Talim, on Lake Bay, east of Manila, capturing thirty-one insurgents.

Many small detachments in various localities are surrendering daily.

It is reported that negotiations are in progress for the surrender of all insurgents on the island of Cebu.

The United States Philippine commission is investigating the case of Senor Mameje, the native judge of the court of first instance, in Manila, who is accused of fraudulently aiding the administrator of the Enriquez estates. The case of the Enriquez estate is well known and litigation concerning it has lasted fifteen years. The estate was originally worth $1,000,000, but, through fraud, this value has dwindled to $300,000. The venality and incompetence of the courts will probably be demonstrated.

BRUISES EMPEROR'S CHEEK

Epileptic Workman at Berlin Throws Piece of Iron with Accurate Aim.

BERLIN, March 7.—While Emperor William was driving from the Rathskeller to the railway station here yesterday a workman named Dietrich Weiland threw a piece of iron into his majesty's carriage. Weiland was immediately arrested.

The emperor is said to have been slightly injured in the cheek, but he continued his journey without interruption. Weiland, who is an epileptic, gave unsatisfactory answers to the police regarding his motive.

Montana Deadlock Continues.

HELENA, Mont., March 6.—Although the session ends tomorrow the deadlock in the Montana legislature continued today. The vote for senate follows: Carter, 32; Frank, 39; Conrad, 12; Maginnis, 8; Cooper, 8; Toole, 1.

BALFOUR'S PROPOSED RULE

It is Regarded as an Impotent Conclusion to the Row in House of Commons.

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LONDON, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram — Special Telegram.) — Widespread excitement prevails over Tuesday night's uproar in the House of Commons. Balfour's proposed new rule to provide that any member refusing to withdraw at the direction of the speaker without the application of force shall be suspended for the entire session, is regarded by the resentful ministerialists and the British press as a lame and impotent conclusion to conduct which they urge should be visited with condign punishment. The liberals, on reflection, incline to regard Tuesday's scandal as the inevitable outcome of Balfour's persistent policy of crushing out all independent debate. They are expected to support the nationalists tonight in demanding a recession of the expulsion order against two Irish members who were wrongfully included, not being present among the recalcitrant members.

John Dillon's Criticism.

John Dillon said to the World correspondent: "I have protested against Balfour's encroachments on our rights for years. Formerly, three nights on account were introduced during the normal session. Thus three nights' discussion at least was possible. Balfour now bulks the three in one, depriving the house of two nights. He tries to compensate for his incompetent, negligent management of business by arbitrary curtailments of the right of free speech. The action of the Irish party last night has brought before the public in a way nothing else could, the scandal of a systematic suppression of free debate at the hands of Balfour. It is simply a deliberate policy of preventing Irishmen from even explaining our complaints against the maladministration of our country's affairs."

Benches Bear Scars.

Jeremiah Jordan, one of the wrongfully excluded members, came to Westminster today and demanded admission. He was excluded by the police. Dillon went to him and asked that Jordan be permitted to come under the porch while on Dillon's hat he wrote a letter to the speaker stating his grievance. The police refused and Jordan had to write a letter in a heavy hailstorm on the outside door.

The Irish benches bore many marks of the struggle where the policemen had swarmed over the leather seats with their hobnailed boots and splintering the wooden backs. There is no prospect of any renewal of the disorder, but the Irishmen will resist the ministerial proposals more fiercely than ever.

FATAL DUEL IS ALL A HOAX

Durant Telegraphs the Yarn of His Own Death, Probably as a Means of Covering His Tracks.

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OSTEND, Belgium, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—To the World's Paris correspondent the story of the Durant fatal duel sounded desperately fishy from the first. For this reason nothing was cabled yesterday, though the whole American colony, including the embassy and consulate, were frantic with excitement. When the dispatches from Ostend and Bruges began to arrive describing the tragedy, several details seemed improbable. Moreover, Durant had been speaking of his coming duel all over Paris for the last three weeks. No serious affair was ever allowed to drag out that long.

Investigation failed to reveal any traces of Durant's seconds or any Russian count among his possible acquaintances. Again, the story of his brawl in a restaurant wherein Durant pretended he smashed the head of the count's nephew, is unknown to the police, which, if a Russian had been really killed, could not be true.

The correspondent, nevertheless, came to Ostend. At no hotel was there any trace of any Durant or Neville Carter registered. There was no corpse, no wounded body anywhere. With the assistance of the whole police force Ostend and its surroundings were thoroughly ransacked. Durant passed here Monday, accompanied by his mother, for Scotland, probably connecting closely with a Dover boat. He stopped at no hotel, but telegraphed the news of his dramatic death himself either as a practical joke or because he really desired to cover his tracks.

He was engaged to marry a French girl of modest station March 25. Lately he expressed dissatisfaction over the betrothal. He may not have reflected that his tale would be investigated by people not easily bluffed. Laure Mangin is his fiancee.

WOMAN SUES MANCHESTER

Breach of Promise of Marriage is the Basis of Claim for Damages.

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LONDON, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—On his arrival at Liverpool today by the Oceanic, the duke of Manchester was served with a writ for alleged breach of promise of marriage at the instance of Miss Portia Knight, Marlborough mansions, Westminster, London. The document was handed to the duke by a solicitor's clerk, to whom he granted an interview by request.

The duke at first seemed staggered, but quickly recovering his composure he pushed the document into his pocket and hurried away to join the duchess in the London train.

ANNOUNCE THE NEW CABINET

Spanish Ministry Complete, with the Exception of Porfolio of Justice.

MADRID, March 6.—The new Spanish cabinet is constituted as follows:

Premier—Senor Sagasta.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Senor Almodovar de Rio.

Minister of Finance—Senor Urzaiz.

Minister of War—General Weyler.

Minister of the Interior—Senor Morot.

Minister of Marine—Duke of Veragua.

Minister of Public Works—Senor Villemva.

Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Romanones.

The portfolio of minister of justice has not yet been allotted.

HAS FIFTY THOUSAND LESS

Bombay's Census Record Shows What the Plague Does to a City's Population.

BOMBAY, March 6.—The census returns show the city of Bombay has 776,000 inhabitants, a decrease of over 50,000 in ten years, mainly due to the exodus of the last two months on account of plague. Partial returns from the rural districts show terrible decreases in population through famine.

ONE KILLED IN A WRECK

John Mendham of Onawa, Iowa, Loses His Life at Columbus.

T. M'KENNA OF OMAHA IS INJURED

Express Messenger's Arm is Broken and His Head is Cut—Rear-End Collision Crushes Others.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A rear-end collision in the Union Pacific yards here tonight resulted in the death of one person and the serious injury of three others, besides the destruction of considerable property.

Dead:

JOHN MENDHAM, Onawa, Ia.

Injured:

John King, slightly, Onawa.

Fireman Norris, injured by jumping from engine.

T. McKenna, Omaha, express messenger, arm broken and head cut and bruised. His injuries are serious.

The accident was caused by No. 7, the Grand Island local, in charge of Conductor Leahy and Engineer Livingston, crashing into the rear-end of No. 25, the Columbus local freight, in the east end of the yards here.

The engine telescoped the caboose of the freight train, and the express car of the passenger train was thrown upon the wreck, catching Messenger McKenna.

Mendham, who was 50 years old, leaves a family in Onawa. In company with his nephew, King, who was also injured, he was going to Spokane, Wash.

The injured were taken to the Meridian hotel, where medical attention was given them. King's injuries are not severe, but McKenna seems to be badly hurt. No. 25 was in charge of Conductor Donnelly.

SWITCHMAN IS CRUSHED

Thomas Carty Killed at McCook While Trying to Couple Freight Cars.

M'COOK, Neb., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Carty, a switchman, was instantly killed in the McCook yards tonight at 8:30 by being caught between the bumpers while attempting to couple two freight cars. He was a newcomer here. He is survived by a wife and one small child.

ROCKHILL ORDERED TO BUY

Commissioner at Pekin May Purchase Legation Site at Once—Americans Grab Nothing.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The enactment of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill has placed at the disposal of the State department a sum of money for the acquisition by purchase of legation premises for the United States legation at Pekin. Therefore, Secretary Hay has instructed Special Commissioner Rockhill that he is permitted to proceed immediately to consummate the purchase of a suitable tract of land.

With the exception of Great Britain, which owned its own legation premises in Pekin before the Boxer outbreak, it is believed here the United States will be the only power which will have paid cash for every foot of ground in its legation compound.

EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH

Cannon and Livingston Report Total of Appropriations of the Last Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Representative Cannon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and Representative Livingston, the senior democratic member of the committee, have prepared statements of the appropriations of the Fifty-sixth congress which will be printed in the Record tomorrow. Both place the total appropriations for the congress at $1,440,062,545, placing these for the first session at $710,150,862, and for the second at $729,911,683. Mr. Cannon publishes a table showing the expenditures of the previous congress at $1,568,212,637, and Mr. Livingston makes a comparison with the Fifty-fourth congress, which appropriated $1,044,580,273.

MERCHANTS GO TO PRESIDENT

Delegation Argues that Countervailing Duty Will Be Injurious to American Trade.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A delegation from the Illinois Manufacturers' association, headed by Martin D. Madden, had an important interview with the president concerning the countervailing duty on Russian sugars. They placed before the president arguments to show that the discrimination against Russian sugars might seriously injure our export trade to Russia if retaliatory measures were insisted upon and that a general trade war against the United States might arise.

The president expressed hope that no such war should be precipitated, but explained that the law was plain. He suggested that the only solution of the question would be a test case, such as was contemplated by Secretary Gage when he issued the order imposing the countervailing duty.

HAY HAS TO ENDORSE HIMSELF

Secretary Forced to Signify, in Writing, His Confidence in His Own Virtues.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary Hay has been forced to testify to his own ability and fidelity. Today he signed his own commission, as he is required to sign all the commissions of cabinet officers, and he thereby declared that he imposed implicit confidence in himself and in his own fidelity and ability.

QUESTION ALLEN'S PRESENCE

Some in Washington Contend that Nebraska Senator's Term Expired Last Monday.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Allen's name is still carried on the rolls as a senator from Nebraska and it is understood that it will be until the Nebraska legislature elects or adjourns. There is some contention that his appointment expired on March 4, but the authorities hold otherwise.

Matron Falls Heir to Fortune.

LEAD, S. D., March 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Blanche McPherson, who has been matron of the Homestake hospital of this city, received word that $50,000 was left to her by her grandmother, Lady Ann Beresford of Devonshire, England. The property from which the money comes is called the Williamstown estate of Devonshire.

HILL WANTS THE BURLINGTON

Reported to Be Behind Purchase of "Q" Stock to Benefit the Great Northern.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Commercial Advertiser says: "The heavy buying of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad shares within the past few days is partly explained today by the report from a trustworthy source that James J. Hill and his friends have been seeking to obtain control of this property in the interest of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. Wall street operators say that both the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific interests have secured sufficient stock to be entitled to representation in the board of control.

The efforts of outside parties to secure control of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy have been stoutly resisted by some of the largest stockholders who have been connected with the property for many years and who have a strong faith in its future growth. These inside interests have thus far prevented the newcomers from securing a majority of the Burlington stock. Whether their resistance to a change in the control will continue to be effective remains to be seen. It is an interesting fact that one of the strongest interests in Burlington which is seeking to preserve the independence of that property is the same interest that was largely instrumental in preventing J. P. Morgan and James J. Hill from getting control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road.

The report that the Pennsylvania railroad interests were buying Burlington shares is authoritatively denied by representatives of that company. The Pennsylvania people say that they have now got all of the railroad property they want.

SYNDICATE AFTER THE ROAD

Gould-Harriman Experts Making Examination of Rio Grande Western.

DENVER, March 6.—The News says today: The community of interest is after the Rio Grande Western railway. For a week past a party of experts from New York has been making a thorough inspection of the system, and if present plans are carried out the Rio Grande Western will pass into the control of the railway magnates headed by Gould, Rockefeller and Harriman within the next thirty days. The financial management of the road has set a price, and if the syndicate accepts the figures the deal will be quickly consummated.

The leader of the inspection party is Virgil O. Bogue, one of the greatest living railway engineering experts. Stephen Little, comptroller of the Denver & Rio Grande road, is a member of the party, as is J. H. McClement, comptroller of the Chicago Terminal Transfer company.

The Rio Grande Western railway has 636 miles of road, extending from Grand Junction, this state, to Salt Lake and Ogden. It has an earning capacity of $4,500,000 or $5,000,000 a year, and its net earnings last year reached $1,794,030. The surplus for the year is practically $1,000,000.

The road is stocked for $17,500,000, of which $10,000,00 is common and $7,500,000 preferred. The preferred is selling in the market at 93 cents and the common as high as 87 to 90 cents. Assuming that the owners of the stock will accept these cents per share for both kinds of stock the road can be bought for $16,000,000. This is at the rate of $25,000 a mile, a moderate cost, taking into consideration the excellent condition of the property and its earning capacity.

'FRISCO WANTS PRESIDENT

Henry Scott Now Enroute to Washington to Complete Arrangements for the Ohio's Launching.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Henry T. Scott, president of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, passed through Chicago today on his way to Washington, where he will complete arrangements for Presidents McKinley's western tour and the christening of the battleship Ohio, at Mare Island, May 18.

Mr. Scott said: "We are planning for a big time when the Ohio is launched. It has been a long time since we had a president out there, and in fact, President Harrison is the only one who ever officiated there at a launching. Mrs. Harrison christened the monitor Monterey during her husband's administration. President Hayes and Arthur were both out west, but during their time there was no navy and nothing to christen. There seems to be nothing to interfere with President McKinley's trip as the program has been arranged and I am going down to confer with Mr. Cortelyou and Charles Moore of New York about the details."

MARCONI VISITS AMERICA

Expects Opportunity to Test His System with Lightships and the Navy.

NEW YORK, March 6.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: Signor Marconi, who sails this week on the Majestic for New York, said to a correspondent: "I have no big scheme on hand, but am going on the invitation of a few friends. My business is for the most part private, though something, of course, may come out of it.

"I am going to see some members of the equipment bureau of the navy, with a view of getting my system officially examined. I shall at least demonstrate my method of working and in all probability fit up a number of installations on the coast to establish communication with lightships. I also hope to have an opportunity of experimenting on an American war ship."

"Has your visit any object with the establishing of wireless communication between England and America?" was asked.

"Not the slightest. We have a long way to go before that can be attained. Tesla has the field at present with that notion. If he succeeds I shall be among the first to congratulate him. In the meantime I have managed to cover over 200 miles without difficulty and hope in a very short time to double that distance, as my apparatus is steadily being improved."

Marconi intends to stay a month in the United States.

NEARLY DOUBLED IN ALASKA

Population in 1890 Was 32,052; Now It is 63,592—Nome City, 12,486.

WASHINGTON, March 6. — The total population of Alaska in 1900, as shown by the returns of the twelfth census, is 63,592, as against 32,052 for 1890. This is an increase in ten years of 31,540, or 98.4 per cent.

There are two cities in the territory which have a population of over 2,000, namely, Nome City, 12,486, and Skagway City, 2,117.

The twelfth census has been taken under more favorable circumstances than the two previous census of this remote territory of the United States, because of the increased facilities for communication and the introduction of a new and large element attracted by the gold discovery.

TO SUCCEED MEIKLEJOHN

William Carey Sanger of New York is to B Assistant Secretary of War.

SURPRISE TO WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

Though Change Was Expected It is Announced Sooner Than Meiklejohn's Friends Had Hoped For.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The selection of William Carey Sanger of New York to be assistant secretary of war, announced this morning, came as an absolute surprise to the officials of the War department. While they knew that Mr. Meiklejohn's resignation was in the hands of Secretary Root they did not expect that a recognition of the same would take place for some time.

Colonel Sanger, who was in Washington yesterday, left for New York last night and it is understood that the announcement came from the New York end, instead of from Washington. Senator Platt stated today that he had not been consulted in the matter and that he had nothing to say in regard to the nomination, should it be decided upon.

New York, under these circumstances, will have control of the War department, the secretary and assistant coming from that state. Whether this is good politics from the viewpoint of republicans is largely speculative, but undoubtedly there is a disposition to rotate these offices to various states. Colonel Sanger went abroad last year to write a story of the militia organizations of Europe at the joint request of the secretary of war, Elihu Root, and the then governor of New York, Theodore Roosevelt. Sanger is a rich man, also a club man and is looked upon by the administration undoubtedly as quite an acquisition to the official family of the president.

Governor's Party Starts Home.

Governor Dietrich and his staff left for Nebraska this afternoon over the Pennsylvania after an exceedingly busy day. In the morning before the convening of the senate they made a formal call upon Vice President Roosevelt. Many of the members of the staff were known to the vice president, he having met them in his speechmaking tour through Nebraska and the west during the last campaign. Governor Dietrich is quite a favorite with the vice president and the call soon drifted into friendly chat over incidents connected with the Nebraska trip and speculations as to the future.

After the call the governor and his staff were entertained at dinner at Harvey's by Colonel J. Cameron Anderson of Omaha, surgeon general, and during the course of dinner were treated to a speech by General Charles King, the well known novelist, who spoke about the Nebraska troops and their splendid efficiency in the Philippines. He said during the course of his remarks that they were entirely reliable at all times and that their efficiency was on a par with the troops of the regular army, whose training extended over years. He paid tribute to the officers of the First Nebraska, whom he had met while in the foreign service, and incidentally alluded to the death of Colonel Stotsenburg at the head of his regiment. Toasts were drunk and responses made by Governor Dietrich, Adjutant General Killian and Brigadier General Barry. The rendition of Oliver Wendall Holmes' "Our Boys," by Colonel George Lyon, was enthusiastically received by the party. The luncheon at Harvey's was paid for by Colonel Anderson as a fine by order of the mock court-martial which convened during the trip east, on charges being preferred against him by Colonel Hayward for appropriating the latter's shoes.

Dietrich Aims at Model.

Governor Dietrich before leaving said it was his purpose to give Nebraska a model administration if he could possibly do so. There was no intention whatever, he said, to play for a second term, but everything should be done to make the republican party stronger in the state than it ever was before.

Incidentally, he outlined a plan for a new penitentiary in some location to be selected by the board, which he hopes the legislature will provide for. He said that the penitentiary should be situated upon some high ground with 1,000 or more acres, where the raising of sugar beets and the growing of other vegetables could be carried on by the convicts. Incidental to the growing of beets, he said, the refuse could be used for feeding cattle and sheep, while a canning factory could be erected for the purpose of canning vegetables raised on the farm and that output from the penitentiary could be sent to several Nebraska state institutions, thereby lowering the cost of vegetables, cattle and sheep used for the benefit of the state.

Vetoes for Normal Schools.

Upon the question of the location of the normal schools Governor Dietrich's position is well known in Nebraska. He says he will veto any bill passed by the legislature looking to the erection of any new school in sparsely-settled sections of the state and he was emphatic in his statements that he would give strong support to a bill looking to the establishment of one school in a central portion of the state, easily accessible and reached by all lines of railroads. He spoke of the Peru Normal school and the desire of the people in that section to receive from the legislature an appropriation of $75,000, Peru being near the Missouri line. He spoke of other sections of the state which desired similar appropriations and thought that they were entirely outside the pale of consideration.

"Eighty per cent of the population of Nebraska," said the governor, "is within a radius of 100 miles of York, and to my mind some one town within that radius should be chosen as the point where a normal school should be established, efficient in every respect and on a par with the best known schools of the United States."

Upon the senatorial situation the governor said it looked as though it might be a deadlock for some time to come, but he still believed that the election was in sight before the adjournment of the legislature.

Bad Blood Among Democrats.

There is much bad blood among democrats in congress over the record they made for their party during the closing session. Their general surrender to the administration and the subsequent disappointment at the loss of the river and harbor bill, which many were eager to save at any cost, had left sore spots which became more irritated and inflamed as the matter is discussed.

The adoption of the Philippine amendment, rather than that relating to Cuba, followed by the loss of all the "pork" that the democrats were looking out for, is the subject of recrimination. Democrats of the house charge the senate democrats with weakness in failing to maintain the party character of opposition and to this the retort is made that the senators were importuned to follow the course they did by

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Continued Warm, Increasing Cloudiness Thursday; Winds Generally Southerly; Friday Occasional Rains or Snow.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	14	1 p. m.	38
6 a. m.	14	2 p. m.	40
7 a. m.	14	3 p. m.	43
8 a. m.	14	4 p. m.	45
9 a. m.	20	5 p. m.	47
10 a. m.	23	6 p. m.	45
11 a. m.	26	7 p. m.	43
12 m.	31	8 p. m.	42
		9 p. m.	40

MISSOURI AT BOTH FAIRS

Legislature Votes Exhibits at Buffalo and St. Louis Costing $50,000 and $1,000,000.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 6.—The bill appropriating $1,000,000 for a state exhibit at the St. Louis World's fair was sent to engrossment by the house today. The vote was practically unanimous.

An amendment fixing the salaries of the commissioners at $10 a day and allowing them $5 per day for expenses was adopted. Also, a proviso to turn over all buildings not disposed of after the fair is ended to the State Board of Equalization for the benefit of the state institutions.

The house after a long fight passed a bill providing for a freight schedule commission, to be composed of the railroad and warehouse commissioners and two other members to be selected by the governor. The bill provides that the commission shall make each railroad corporation a schedule of maximum rates for the transportation of goods in less than carload lots. These rates are to be published and enforced by the commission.

The house passed the Panamerican exposition bill appropriating $50,000 for an exhibition at Buffalo. It creates a commission of five persons to have charge of the Missouri exhibit. They are to take it to Charleston after the Buffalo show and exhibit at the Southern States and West Indian exposition.

SHUTS OUT THE SHEEPMEN

Cattle Growers' Convention Does Not Want Them—Arid Land Subject Up.

DENVER, March 6.—The question of the leasing of the arid lands of the open range to stock growers has come to the front among the subjects to be considered at the convention of cattle growers now being held in this city, although it was not mentioned in the call for the convention.

Resolutions have been introduced by Colonel John P. Irish of California, declaring in favor of "leasehold control and protection of the public range" by the federal government and "the expenditure of the resulting revenues in promoting irrigation in the states and territories where it is derived."

The committee on credentials, in making the temporary roll, rigorously excluded all delegates who have even the slightest interest in the sheep industry, but referred to the convention the question of admitting applicants for membership who are engaged in raising both cattle and sheep.

At the night session, the convention selected a new executive committee of one member and an alternate from each state represented.

The old committee met and decided to report favorably to the convention tomorrow the Irish resolutions in favor of leasing the public lands.

WINS AGAINST MRS. NATION

County Attorney Gets Verdict for One Dollar in His Suit for Damages.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 6.—Several months ago Mrs. Carrie Nation, in a street speech at Medicine Lodge, stated that Samuel Griffin, county attorney of Barber county, was granting the saloon keepers of Kiowa immunity from prosecution for money consideration.

"They are giving $15 a month," she is quoted as saying, "and I have witnesses to prove it."

Griffin sued Mrs. Nation for damages and the jury gave him a verdict of $1 and costs of suit. Mrs. Nation, by her attorney, David Nation, who is also her husband, has taken the case to the supreme court on writ of error.

COLORADO TUNNEL BURNING

Three Men Probably Suffocated at Apex, Seven Miles West of Colorado City.

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., March 6.—The Wolepole tunnel, piercing the Utah hill at Apex, seven miles west of this city, is on fire. Three miners are caught in the tunnel and are probably dead from suffocation. They are Con McNeerny, superintendent; W. Bellows and W. H. Coltrin.

The fire originated in the blacksmith shop at the mouth of the tunnel and communicated to the timbers of the tunnel before it was discovered.

The fire was extinguished tonight and the bodies of three men were recovered. All of the men had suffocated in trying to escape.

IMMIGRANT LOSES CASH

Five Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars Slips Away in the Night.

M'COOK, Neb., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—W. H. Chambers, an immigrant from Anderson, Ia., who arrived in McCook last night, is poorer by $585 in cash today. He had the money in a wallet and does not know what became of the money after he left Indianola last night. He was with a car of goods on the way to Culbertson.

FAILURE OF NATURAL GAS

Factories and Schools at Lancaster, Ohio, Forced to Close from Lack of Fuel.

LANCASTER, O., March 6.—There is much suffering here as a result of a failing natural gas supply, and factories and schools have been forced to close, and the Lancaster Traction company is unable to run its cars, owing to the lack of gas for fuel.

Movements of Ocean Vessels March 6.

At New York—Arrived—Hohenzollern, from Naples; Mesaba, from London. Sailed—Vaderland, for Southampton; Teutonic, for Liverpool; Southwark, for Antwerp (aground off Sandy Hook).

At Hong Kong—Arrived—China, from San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Oceanic, from New York; Lake Superior, from St. John, N. B., and Halifax. Sailed—Grecian, for Halifax; Lake Champlain, for Halifax and St. John, N. B.; Waesland, for Philadelphia.

At Glasgow—Arrived—Furnessia, from New York.

At Rotterdam—Arrived—Maasdam, from New York.

At Southampton—Arrived—Lahn, from New York, for Bremen; New York, from New York.

At Plymouth—Arrived—Pretoria, from New York, for Cherbourg and Hamburg and proceeded.

CHANGES IN THE LINE

Republican Members Switch Their Votes on Senatorial Candidates.

THOMPSON AND MEIKLEJOHN CLOSING UP

Aligning Their Followers for a Final Rush After the Places.

DEATH OF BROWN CAUSES A WIDE GAP

Representative from Otoe Will Be Missed Sadly by Republicans.

MAJORITY IN HOUSE IS SLIM NOW

Constant Care Will Be Required to Secure Votes Needed to Carry Through the Strictly Party Measures.

	Ballots					
	33.	34.	35.	36.	37.	38.
Allen	36	43	36	31	22	50
Berge	..	..	..	..	43	..
Crounse	8	7	7	7	7	9
Currie	13	14	13	13	12	15
Dietrich	2	2	2	2	2	1
Harrington	43	6	4	2	1	2
Hainer	2	2	1	2	2	..
Harlan	3	3	2	2	3	2
Hitchcock	39	29	20	22	3	
Hinshaw	13	12	11	9	13	19
Kinkaid	2	2	2	2	2	2
Martin	5	4	4	3	4	2
Meiklejohn	34	33	30	26	35	28
Morlan	2	2	..	1	2	2
Rosewater	15	15	14	15	15	14
Thompson, D. E.	38	38	36	35	37	36
Thompson, W. H.	11	15	17	9	8	50
Wetmereid	..	..	..	2	2	2

LINCOLN, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The ballot for United States senator in joint session today showed a considerable shifting of the vote, more changes being recorded than for many a day. Mr. Rosewater had withdrawn the Douglas county votes cast for Thompson a week ago and Mr. Thompson gave notice this morning of the withdrawal of the two Lancaster county votes in the Rosewater column, as anticipated. Simultaneously with this severance of exchange between Lancaster and Douglas came a movement to solidify the scattering vote by massing it in the South Platte move upon Hinshaw, with a net result of running the latter up to 19, a gain of 7 over his previous vote. The Hinshaw accessions were Crounse, Corneer, Owens, Oleson, Mead, Uhl and Whitmore, two coming from Hainer, two from Martin and one each from Harlan, Dietrich and Crounse. Another result of tightening the lines was seen in a loss for Meiklejohn of four votes, Swanson and Oleson going to Crounse, Mendenhall to Rosewater and Broderick to Currie. The two Lancaster votes moved by Mr. Thompson went, one to Crounse and the other to Currie.

To the general observer this rearrangement appears to be the prelude to a sharper alignment of the supporters of the various candidates as a result of the very apparent effort of the Thompson and Meiklejohn forces to concentrate on those two men. The representation of the federal brigade on hand to assist Mr. Meiklejohn is still decidedly in evidence, their zeal being to make a showing before Mr. Meiklejohn makes way for his successor as assistant secretary of war, which is looked for almost any day, and which would tend to weaken the administration prop on which he has been leaning.

In the interval the caucus stands in statu quo, with a sort of suspended animation. The dominant spirits do not appear to want to go on record that a decision of the caucus is binding on all participating in it without regard to the attendance of the sixty-seven necessary to put a caucus decree into effect, and the others are simply waiting till this question is settled. The conference called for tonight is to discuss legislative matters and no attempt will be made to resume the caucus until tomorrow night.

Loss of Representative Brown Serious.

The death of Representative David Brown, which was announced in the house this morning, is more serious even than it strikes the casual observer. Mr. Brown not only represented one of the most important districts, but he brought with him an experience in legislative matters gained by previous service that made him valuable in many ways. In the senatorial contest he had been known as a steadfast admirer of Governor Crounse and firmly opposed to the ambition of D. E. Thompson. His death lowers the republican strength in joint session and in caucus to seventy-one and the seat will necessarily remain vacant for the present, because it can be filled only by special election.

Another serious feature of the loss of Mr. Brown is the reduction of the republican majority in the house to fifty-two, being but one more than the constitutional majority, a rather precarious margin when it is remembered that no bill can pass the house without fifty-one votes recorded in its favor. The republicans have a number of important bills that will have to be put through as party measures, and with the always present danger of impaired strength by reason of sickness, absenteeism or one or two balky members, the advantage of the majority party is likely to be lost at critical movements unless a strict surveillance is maintained and every republican kept within reach on call of the house. No apprehension need be felt that the fusionists will not be constantly alive to their opportunities or overlook any chances to gain a point over the republican opposition.

Present talk is that if the funeral of Mr. Brown is set for Saturday adjournment will be taken over from Friday to Monday to permit of as numerous an attendance of his legislative colleagues as possible.

House Sifting Committee.

In personnel the sifting committee is about what had been looked for, Laflin having been picked for chairman in the land of rumor and gossip for some time. Speaker Sears says his chief concern has been to select a committee that would work together and avoid internal dissension. He had promised Douglas and Lancaster representation on it and wanted to leave the choice to those delegates. Douglas endorsed Mead, he and Uhl competing for the place, while Lancaster declined to make a declaration, forcing the speaker to name the man. The fusionists say they expected two places out of the seven instead of the one given them, but are yet thankful over what they have. Loomis is the only lawyer on the committee and Beckly the only farmer. The sifting process will not be put into operation before next week, and possibly not till still later.

MUCH SHIFTING OF VOTES.

Symptoms of New Alignment in the Joint Ballot.

LINCOLN, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—More changes than usual were recorded in the ballot for United States senator today and they indicate a tendency to a new aligu-