

LAW FOR FILIPINOS

Form of Government Decided on by the Senate Committee.

BILL IS READY FOR INTRODUCTION

Continues the Philippine Commission in Control of Islands.

PROVIDES FOR A COMPLETE CENSUS

Currency Section Orders Establishment of Mint in Manila.

NATIVE SILVER DOLLAR TENDER

Majority Members Do Not Oppose Substitute Bill of Democracy.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The senate committee on the Philippines today completed consideration of the bill prescribing a form of government for the Philippine islands and authorizing Senator Lodge to report it to the senate after writing down the democratic substitute by a party vote.

That whenever the existing insurrection in the Philippines shall have ceased and a condition of general and complete peace shall have been established therein and the facts shall be submitted to the president by the Philippine commission, the president, upon the recommendation of the senate, shall order a census of the Philippine islands to be taken; such census in its details and the manner of taking the same, shall be made as far as practicable, full report for all the islands, whether native or foreign born, literacy in Spanish, native or foreign, race, language, school attendance and ownership of homes, and such other information separately for each island, each province and municipality, and other civil division, needful to inform the president and congress and to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a permanent popular representative government.

PROMINENT MEN VISIT CUBA

Ex-Speaker Reed, Mark Twain and H. H. Rogers Inspect the Island.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, March 31.—The American steam yacht Kanawha, with H. H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil company; T. B. Reed, ex-speaker of the house of representatives; and Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) on board, arrived here today. The party visited the points of historical interest near Santiago. Mr. Reed expressed himself as greatly pleased with Cuba and said the island contained more natural wealth than any country he had ever seen.

GENERAL ELECTION IN FRANCE

President Loubet Signs Decree Calling It for Sunday, April 27.

PARIS, March 31.—At a council of the ministers this morning President Loubet signed a decree fixing the general election for April 27.

PLAGUE SITUATION TERRIBLE

Seventy Thousand Deaths Monthly in India and Conditions Growing Worse.

SIMLA, India, March 31.—The plague situation is growing worse in the Punjab, where 70,000 deaths are reported monthly.

KILLED BY HIS COACHMAN

Prominent Cleveland Man is Shot Dead and His Slayer Confesses.

CLEVELAND, March 31.—George H. Allen, a prominent dealer in coal and timber lands and general real estate, was shot to death in the yard in the rear of his home on Belmont avenue, East Cleveland, tonight. The deed was done by his coachman, John Hagedorn, who, a little more than an hour later, surrendered at Central police headquarters and made the statement that he had killed Allen.

EXPELLED FROM THE PULPIT

Minister Deposed for Issuing Pamphlets in the Interest of Saloons.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 31.—Rev. Louis Richter, a Presbyterian minister, was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church tonight, after a trial before the Minneapolis presbytery. He was charged with publishing in pamphlet form articles in the interest of the saloons and also with receiving pay from a Minneapolis brewing company. The pastor admitted the charges, but denied that he had issued any pamphlets. He was expelled from the ministry and the presbytery ordered him to leave the city.

TO BUILD OLD LADIES' REST

Mrs. William Small Donates Fifty Thousand Dollars for Memorial to Husband.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 31.—Mrs. William Small, it is announced, has donated \$50,000 to establish an old ladies' rest in this city, which is to stand as a memorial to her late husband, William Small, who was a pioneer merchant of Leavenworth. Mr. Small died of Chicago two years ago while undergoing an operation. Some time ago Mrs. Small paid off the indebtedness of the new Young Men's Christian association building.

MONUMENT TO OLD SOLDIERS

Shaft Proposed in Honor of Ex-Prisoners of War Killed in Sultana.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A movement is under way for the erection of a monument in this city in memory of the 1,657 soldiers, ex-prisoners of war from Andersonville and Cahaba, who lost their lives just after the close of the war by the explosion of the steamer Sultana near Memphis, Tenn., on the night of April 27, 1864.

KRUGER BECOMES ANXIOUS

Will Confer with Colleagues on Motives of Schalkburgers' Peace Movement.

THE HAGUE, March 31.—Mr. Kruger, Dr. Leyds and the Boer delegates in Europe are expected to hold an important meeting on the 2nd inst. to consider the situation in view of Acting President Schalkburgers' peace movement. Well informed people here say General Schalkburger was evidently influenced by the receipt of the Dutch note to Great Britain and other matters near the here.

REBELS CAPTURE THE TOWN

Bombard Barahona and in Fierce Encounter Forty Soldiers Are Killed.

SAN DOMINGO, March 31.—The town of Barahona on the south coast was attacked and captured by the revolutionists after a severe fight in which forty were killed or wounded. Later a government gunboat bombarded Barahona and landed troops, who took the town and the revolutionists retired to a stronghold in the neighborhood. The Dominican minister of war has proceeded to Barahona with other troops and will take severe measures to re-establish order. This revolutionary activity is, for the present, confined to Barahona.

DECISION ON GRAZING LANDS

Wyoming Supreme Court Declares Illegal the Use of Unenclosed Land of Another.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—A decision of vital importance to stockmen who have for years been grazing their stock on the alternate sections of government land enclosed within the railroad land grants was today rendered by the Wyoming supreme court in the case of Cozzigri Bros., plaintiffs in error, against L. C. Miller, defendant in error.

HOLD UP THE BOXER CLAIMS

House Committee Decides to Withhold Payment Pending China's Remittance of Indemnity.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—No action has been taken thus far by the appropriations committee of the house on the recommendation of the president to pay by appropriation the Boxer claims.

OFFERS SYMPATHY TO BOERS

Resolution by Sulzer Enjoins President to Protest for Civilized Warfare.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Representative Sulzer of New York today introduced in the house the following resolution: That we sympathize with the heroic Boers in their struggle to maintain their liberty and independence and protest in the name of humanity and civilization against the continuation of a war which outrages the feelings of all liberty-loving people and that the congress of the United States, being committed to the principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes, and the president be respectfully requested to urge upon the government of Great Britain the wisdom of stopping the awful atrocities now going on in South Africa, and that the president be urged to maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, and to refrain from the use of force to aid the British soldiers in South Africa, and that the president be urged to continue to insist that the rights of the Boers be maintained and that the war be stopped and the provisions agreed to and adopted by the Geneva convention and the Hague convention.

MEETS ROCKEFELLER TERMS

Barnard College Raises Two Hundred Thousand, Which Gives It a Duplicate.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The treasurer of Barnard college announced today that the full amount of \$200,000, which is to be duplicated by John D. Rockefeller, had been subscribed. In addition to this amount the treasurer received an additional donation of \$50,000, and as Mr. Rockefeller pledged himself to double the amount and up to \$250,000, provided the amount was subscribed by midnight of tonight, the total subscribed by Barnard college will now have an added endowment of \$500,000. The \$50,000 last subscribed reached the treasurer just before midnight and came in a letter from Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, who stated the subscription came from an anonymous donor.

ON TRIAL FOR OLD CRIME

Man Defends Himself Against Charge of Murder Thirty-Three Years Ago.

JAVA, Mo., March 31.—In the trial here of James Wilson, charged with the murder in 1869 of Orville Lyons, a neighboring farmer, the taking of testimony was begun today.

ADAMIRAL SAMPSON NO WORSE

In Poor Physical Condition, but Alarming Rumors Are Not Borne Out.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Reports were in circulation today that Admiral Sampson's condition had taken another turn for the worse and that the end was near, but it was learned upon inquiry that his condition is unchanged and that he takes his outdoor exercise regularly, weather permitting, as has been his custom for some months. At his residence tonight it was stated that he was down to his dinner. It is conceded that he never will regain his health, but no new untoward developments have occurred recently.

OVER CLIFF TO DESTRUCTION

Cattlemen Slaughter Twelve Thousand Sheep in Wyoming Fight.

COURIER BEARS FIRST AUTHENTIC NEWS

Refuses to Disclose Identity of Men Involved in Outrage, but Says None of the Men Were Wounded.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—A courier reached here late tonight from the scene of the fight between the sheepmen and the cattlemen east of Big Piney, which occurred last Friday. He was on the ground Saturday and states that no one was injured, but that 12,000 sheep were killed and scattered, the animals being shot, clubbed to death and run over a cliff into a deep and narrow ravine. Three sheep wagons were burned, together with the bedding and camp outfit of the flockmasters.

EVANS MAY GO TO MADRID

Penion Commissioner Mentioned as Storer's Successor in Proposed Ministerial Changes.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Henry White, at present secretary of embassy at London, is the latest and most formidable candidate for the vacancy in the Italian embassy, to be created by the retirement of Ambassador Meyer. Mr. White is strongly urged by Senator Lodge and has a most enviable record in diplomatic practice. He was secretary of the embassy, when Mr. Hay was ambassador, and consequently he has a warm friend in the secretary.

DES MOINES REPUBLICANS WIN

James M. Benton Defeats Mayor Jerry Hartenbower by Twelve Hundred Majority.

DES MOINES, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—At the city election today the entire republican city ticket was elected by about 850 majority, James M. Benton being elected over Jerry Hartenbower (dem.), the present incumbent of the office. The republicans elected nearly all the aldermen and will control the city in full the next two years. A. L. Moore, on the citizens' ticket, was elected alderman in the Third ward by a small majority.

CALDWELL CARRIES SIOUX CITY

Republican Nominee Has Thousand Plurality Over Judge Van Wageningen, Democrat, for Mayor.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Ten precincts out of twelve gave E. W. Caldwell a plurality of 1,000 over Judge A. Van Wageningen, democrat, for mayor of Sioux City.

DEMOCRATS TAKE BURLINGTON

Elect Mayor and Six of Nine Councilmen, Also Take All City Hall Offices.

BURLINGTON, Ia., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats elected a mayor and six of the nine councilmen. The former council was republican by four majority. The democrats also elected every candidate for city offices. The campaign was a hot one.

COLOMBIA CONSENTS TO SALE

Agrees to Disposal of Canal Rights by the New Panama Company.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Señor Concha, the Colombian minister, today delivered to Secretary Hay a definite protocol between the United States and Colombia, embodying the terms under which Colombia will agree to concede the rights necessary for the construction of a Panama canal.

SHAW GETS NEW SECRETARY

Appoints Robert B. Armstrong, Chicago Newspaper Man, to the Position.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Secretary Shaw has appointed Robert B. Armstrong of Chicago to be his private secretary in place of C. V. Rich, who has resigned to accept a responsible position in New York. Mr. Armstrong has been connected with one of the Chicago newspapers.

MILITIA BILL IS DIFFERENT

Nebraskans Under Misapprehension Object to Plan for Improvement of National Guard.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Members of the Nebraska delegation have been receiving letters recently regarding the bill to increase the efficiency of the National Guard. From the letters received it is assumed that the writers are under the impression that the bill refers to the general staff proposition advocated by the secretary of war and antagonized by General Miles. The bill, however, has no relation whatever to this subject, but is only designed to provide for a more stable militia than the present laws contemplate.

MORGAN WINS IN THE BLUFFS

Republicans Elect Mayor Against Jennings' Third-Term Effort.

CITY COUNCIL'S COMPLEXION STICKS

Six Republicans to Two Democrats is Maintained as Ratio—Alderman Huber Loses by Two Votes.

Mayor—DELL G. MORGAN, Rep. Alderman-at-Large—JOHN OLSON, Rep. L. A. CASPER, Dem. Solicitor—S. B. SNYDER, Rep. Treasurer—FRANK T. TRUE, Rep. Auditor—FRANK EVERETT, Rep. Engineer—S. L. EBY, Dem. Assessor—W. M. HIGGEBORN, Dem. Weighmaster—A. C. GRAHAM, Dem. Park Commissioner—A. C. GRAHAM, Dem. Ward aldermen: First ward—J. R. BELL, Rep. Second ward—H. LOUGHEE, Rep. Third ward—W. C. FLEMING, Rep. Fourth ward—W. C. FLEMING, Rep. Fifth ward—ISRAEL LOVETT, Rep. Sixth ward—ISRAEL LOVETT, Rep.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS IN KANSAS

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, Fair and Warmer; North to East Winds.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temp., Deg., Hour, Deg. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: 5 a.m. 33, 10 a.m. 38, 7 p.m. 32, 8 a.m. 32, 9 a.m. 32, 10 a.m. 34, 11 a.m. 37, 12 m. 37.

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MEN BLOWN TO BITS

Twenty-Two Miners Killed by Terrific Explosion of Gas.

LIST OF DEAD MAY GO STILL HIGHER

Large Numbers of Others Injured, Some of Whom Will Die.

PREMATURE BLAST CAUSES TROUBLE

Seventy-Five Men Are Employed at the Fatal Place.

MOST OF MINERS ESCAPE UNHARMED

Scene of Disaster is Tennessee Coal Shaft in Which Two Other Serious Explosions Are Said to Have Occurred.

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DEAD

LARK HUNTER. ALEX TAFFER. JAMES FRANKLIN. JOHN HARNY. TOM SHAVER. JAMES HARRIS. P. G. TRAVIS—all white. GEORGE GRIFFISS. BEN GRIFFISS. REESE DEAN. NORRIS PIERSON. MORGAN SMITH. JOHN ROBINSON. J. E. HILL. RYAN SMITH. M. K. POLST—all colored, and six others, names unknown.

INJURED

W. T. Head, brother of James Head, superintendent of the mine, burned internally; will die. James Riley (white), right leg broken; bruised about the face. Will Pressnell (white), badly burned. William Scarborough (white), badly burned. Arthur Hughes (white). George Wafford (colored). Tom Cummings (white). Henry Gouyon (white).

OTHER SERIOUS EXPLOSIONS

This mine has been the scene of two serious explosions in the past. In 1889 four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion of gas. On December 20, 1895, an explosion of mine dust occurred, in which twenty-eight lives were lost. This was caused by a minor carrying an open lamp, contrary to regulations. In May, 1901, an explosion of a similar nature occurred in the Shalloy mine, operated by the same company, in which twenty-one lives were lost. The force of the explosion in the Nelson mine today was terrible. Bodies were literally mangled and torn to pieces. A similar nature occurred in the mine today, in which twenty-one lives were lost. Most of them were out of the mine when the explosion occurred.

MISS MORRISON BACK IN JAIL

Alleged Murderess Surrenders to Sheriff and Takes Up Old Cell.

ELDORADO, Kan., March 31.—Miss Jessie Morrison, whose bond was nullified when the state supreme court granted her a new trial recently on the charge of murdering Mrs. Olin Castle, her rival, surrendered to the sheriff today and was placed in the cell she occupied several months previous to her first trial. Miss Morrison will, it is said, have no trouble in furnishing a new bond, the amount of which will be fixed when the district court meets tomorrow.

ONE YEAR FOR EACH WIFE

Confessed Bigamist Nelson Sentenced to Penitentiary for Three Years for Possessing as Many Wives.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 31.—C. C. Nelson, who was brought here from San Antonio two weeks ago, charged with bigamy, pleaded guilty to having three wives today and was sentenced in the criminal court to three years in the penitentiary. Nelson came under jurisdiction of the St. Joseph courts by reason of his marriage here last September to Mrs. Mary Parker of Plattsburg.

DICKINSON TO SHUN SOFIA

United States Counsel Will Stay Away from Bulgarian Capital Until Action is Taken.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—It is stated here that there will be no movement in the case of Costel Dickinson by the government in the immediate future. He simply will stay away from Sofia, and as the Bulgarian government has no representative here, there can be no retaliation in the shape of an invitation to him to depart.