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PHILIPINOS ASK CONGRESS TO ABOLISH TARIFF ON SUGAR AND TOBACCO.

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Washington, Dec. 31.—It has been decided to experiment in the American zone on the Isthmus of Panama with laborers to be taken to Panama from Porto Rico.

PANAMA POSTAL SERVICE. Measures Taken to Carry Out Secretary Taft's Agreement.

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BLACK OUT OF POLITICS. Active Identification Ended Yesterday—News Followed Conference.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—As a result of the conference of Republican leaders held to-day at the office of ex-Governor Frank S. Black, in this city, Mr. Black announced that his active identification with both Rensselaer County and New-York State politics would close to-day.

The announcement was made to intimate political friends, and created somewhat of a sensation. Mr. Black assured his friends that he meant to devote himself in the future to his professional work, retaining only an interest in local and State politics, with an advisory voice.

Interest now centres in the choice of a leader to succeed Mr. Black in Rensselaer County, which had been snatched from the hands of ex-Senator Murphy and the Democracy, under the guidance of the former Governor. It is likely that Mr. Black's successor will be Cornelius V. Collins, Superintendent of State Prisons, though there are several aspirants for the honor, including, it is said, Sheriff Victor A. Allen and Charles S. Francis.

At the time of the conference, Mr. Black making it apparent that he did not care to discuss the outcome one way or the other.

TOGO HONORS THE BRAVE. He Delivers Address at Funeral of Men Killed Under Him.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The Emperor has presented Vice-Admirals Togo and Kamimura with a number of articles, including watches, formerly worn by himself. Vice-Admiral Togo has declined the reception tendered him by the municipality of Tokio, on the ground that the time is not yet ripe for such a function.

Vice-Admiral Togo will devote his time here in Tokio conferring with Marquis Ito, president of the Privy Council; Admiral Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy; Vice-Admiral Ijima, assistant chief of general staff; Rear Admiral Saito, Vice-Minister of Marine, and other members of the Imperial naval staff, upon the plans for the future conduct of naval warfare.

At the funeral here to-day of several officers and men who were killed while fighting under him in attacks on the Port Arthur fleet and fortress, Vice-Admiral Togo addressed their spirits in the following words:

As I stand before you spirits I can hardly express my feelings. Your personalities are fresh in my memory. Your corporeal existence has ceased, but your passing from this world has been in the highest discharge of your duty, the virtue of which an enemy's fleet in this world has been completely disabled and our combined fleet holds undisputed command of the seas.

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Mr. Isaac Brock, 116 Years Old Last Birthday.

SAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 116 years. For many years he resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 116 years ago.

Speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so."

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 116 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States."

"I have always been a very healthy man, but, of course, subject to the affections which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhea."

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"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine."

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The statement reviews the fluctuations of Russian bonds in the war period, showing their general stability and that practically they have suffered no depreciation since the peace period, sets forth the details of the last loan, and adds:

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RUSSIA'S CREDIT GOOD. St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The terms of the new German loan are regarded favorably here as evidence of the state of Russian credit abroad.

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