

PANEL IN SNELL CASE

Twelve Men Sworn in Shortly After 12 O'clock Today.

DEFENDANT FEARS HIS OWN COLLAPSE

Deputy Marshals Assigned to Take Charge of Jury.

INTEREST IN THE TRIAL

The weather conditions outside, dreary and dismal, were reflected in Criminal Court No. 1 this morning, where the effort to secure a jury of twelve men capable of rendering a just and impartial verdict in the case of Benjamin H. Snell was resumed.



Snell and His Mother.

From reaching a crowded stage today, many of the would-be spectators who failed to gain admittance occupied the main corridor of the building and through two windows, in line, on the opposite sides of an area, attempted to catch a glimpse of the defendant.

Snell remarked this morning that his nerves are gone; that he is unable to sleep at night, and that unless he is accorded medical treatment or given an opiate of some sort, he fears he will be unable to appear in court much longer.

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To further prevent the spread of rabies it has been suggested that all dogs caught, so as to prevent the animal biting others in the wagons. The suggestion has been referred to the health officer.

NO STRIKE HAS BEEN ORDERED

President Mitchell Discusses Situation in Anthracite Regions.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 20.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, said today in regard to the threatened strike of 100,000 anthracite coal miners, that there can be no authorized strike without definite action on the part of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers. The members of that board are all in Indianapolis. The board has not yet been called together to consider the anthracite situation. There are over 20,000 organized workers in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania.

NO PLACE FOR 16 TO 1

Silver Advocates Get Chilly Reception in Miners' Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 20.—At today's session of the United Mine Workers of America a resolution favoring the free coinage of silver was tabled amid cries of: "We want no 16 to 1." "We are not a monetary convention." A resolution authorizing national board officers to push bills in legislatures and Congress, and providing that copies of the Congressional Record shall be distributed among local unions, caused a warm debate. The resolutions committee was ordered to prepare a substitute.

OHIO REPUBLICANS UNITED

Governor Nash Predicts a Tremendous Majority for McKinley.

CHICAGO, January 20.—Governor Nash of Ohio, who was one of the speakers last night at the Sons of Ohio banquet, said yesterday: "There are no factions in the republican party of Ohio today. The party is absolutely united, and I look to see Senator Foraker re-elected two years hence without opposition. Ohio, always strongly republican in presidential years, will this year give William McKinley the largest majority in the history of the state. The state is in a wonderfully prosperous condition, and the people are not going to turn to the party which stands for a reversal of present conditions."

CANADIAN TROOPS DEPART

First Section of Second Contingent Sails on Laurentian.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 20.—The first section of the second contingent which the government of Canada is sending to South Africa embarked today on the steamer Laurentian. The first section consists of artillery and is in command of Lieut. Hurd. A large number of people from different sections of the maritime provinces came here to see the Canadians depart, the railroads having allowed excursion fares for the occasion. The scene along the streets as the soldiers marched to the dock was one of great enthusiasm. The bands assembled along the route of march and gave the men a tumultuous demonstration. The men waved flags and handkerchiefs, and many waved flags and handkerchiefs.

Division of Elections Committee No. 1 on Party Lines

The House committee on elections No. 1 divided on party lines today, and by a vote of 6 to 2, decided to recommend the seating of Wm. F. Aldrich, republican, who contests the seat now held by Gaston A. Roberts, democrat, for the fourth congressional district of Alabama. It is the first decision in a contested election case at the present session of Congress. The contest was based on alleged intimidation and racial prejudice growing out of appeals for white supremacy.

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EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION

Itemized Statement Prepared and Submitted to the United States Senate.

List of Owners Who Have Refused to Pay Special Assessments for Improvements.

The District Commissioners transmitted to the Senate in response to its request an itemized statement of all the real estate in the District of Columbia exempt from taxation and the authority for such exemption, also the property owned by each owner in the United States by the District of Columbia.

List of Owners

The statement last mentioned, as forwarded by the Commissioners, shows the property exempt from general taxation, the owners of which have refused to pay special assessments for construction and maintenance of sidewalks have been refused.

Other Than Government Property

The following figures were submitted by the Commissioners in reply to the inquiry for a statement of the real estate, except government property, owned by the United States or the District:

Church Property

Church property, city, \$4,030,902, and county, \$199,155, a total of \$4,230,057. Educational institutions, city, \$1,335,804, and county, \$1,397,785, a total of \$2,733,589. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, \$1,265,263, and county, \$2,828,21, a total of \$4,093,474.

Foreign Legations

Foreign legations, \$55,935; last item and those given above making a total of \$10,326,767.

Property Acquired by the United States

The property acquired by the United States here between 1837 and July 1, 1899, in the city was \$2,378,218, and in the county \$1,298,288. This item does not include land acquired by condemnation for street purposes. Acquired by the District of Columbia, city, \$1,143,973, and county, \$104,088; a total of \$1,248,061.

Emergency and Relief Committee

The emergency and relief committee, formed during the blizzard last winter, energetic and careful methods, did much toward the amelioration of the discomfort attendant upon the time.

Committee on Immigration

The committee on immigration published and distributed a well-arranged and attractive pamphlet, descriptive of Rockville and its good points.

Committee on Transportation

The committee on transportation and roads has been endeavoring to secure lower freight rates from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

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SHORT SESSION OF THE HOUSE

At 10 O'clock Members Heard Eulogies of the Late Senator

When the House met today Mr. Taylor (Ohio), chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Representative elect B. H. Roberts, presented the majority report in favor of the exclusion of Mr. Roberts, and gave notice that he would call the case on Tuesday.

Mr. Littlefield (Ohio) presented the minority report in favor of seating Mr. Roberts and then expelling him.

Resolution was passed authorizing the Secretary of War to admit Almedo Alfaro of Ecuador to the West Point Military Academy.

A bill was passed to grant the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad a right of way for a line from Fort Snell to Fort Reno military reservation.

The Senate bill to authorize the building of the Mare Island and League Island dry docks was passed without discussion.

The joint resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the case of Representative elect B. H. Roberts was adopted.

A resolution was adopted calling for information in the possession of the War Department as to the condition of the military reservation at Fort Snell.

Thomas' Literary Society, square 406, lot 3, \$10.17; 4, \$16.32; total, \$26.49.

Shiloh Baptist Church, square 184, lot 12, \$20.10; 13, \$13.58; 15, \$13.58; total, \$47.26.

Grace M. E. Church, square 385, subplot 20, \$24.18.

Methodist Protestant Church, square 847, \$28.33; 3, \$132.95; 3, \$81.24; total, \$542.52.

Academy of Sacred Heart of Mary, square 423, subplot 4, \$7.88; 5, \$7.88; total, \$15.76.

Home for Aged Colored People, square 114, subplot 2, \$14.50; 3, \$14.50; total, \$29.00.

Grace Baptist Church, square 946, lot 2, \$126.48.

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LOSS OF THE CHARLESTON

Report of Captain Pigman to the Navy Department

Admiral Watson Praises the Commander's Work in Saving the Crew, Arms and Ammunition.

Under date of the United States naval station, Cavite, P. I., November 28, 1899, Captain George W. Pigman reports to the Navy Department the loss of the United States steamer Charleston, under his command, on November 2, 1899, by grounding on a sunken and uncharted reef about 70 miles to the eastward of the north end of Kamigin Island.

In his report the captain gives with great particularity into all the details of the accident, and it appears that all precautions were observed; that the ship was running at a slow knots speed; that the captain himself, with his signal, was on the lookout when the ship struck, and, in fact, that all of the ordinary measures were taken to insure the ship's safety.

The ship struck heavily, being swept broadside in a tree and held there by a terrific current so that the engines could not move ahead.

Fires Soon Put Out

The boats were gotten out with great difficulty, owing to the pounding and rolling of the ship, but no casualties of any importance occurred, though there was a swift current and the ship was rolling heavily. The ship struck on a rock ledge and the fire raged on, and in a few minutes all of the first were extinguished and the engine rooms abandoned.

Admiral Watson indorses Captain Pigman's report of the disaster in the following words: "I am glad to say that the getting out of all boats and saving of every life, together with arms, ammunition and rations, under the circumstances, without any loss of property, is a most commendable feat on the part of the captain, officers and men of the Charleston."

Excitement Over Gold Discoveries There in No Way Abated

Vice Consul Morrison, at Dawson City, reports to the State Department that the excitement caused by the reports of the phenomenal richness of the Cape Nome gold fields has not by any means abated. Many miners will attempt to make the trip over the Klondike this winter down the river, which, the consul says, seems a fairly hardy undertaking, considering the dangers to be encountered, and the distance to be covered over the ice and snow. It is admitted, however, that with an open river the Yukon and Skaguay routes afford the shortest passage to Cape Nome, which is accessible by this route a month before the start of the winter season.

"FALSE IN EVERY PART"

Senator Jones Denies Report of Disagreement With W. J. Bryan.

A story was sent out from Washington last night detailing that there had been a violent disagreement between Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and Mr. W. J. Bryan, and that in a heated altercation between them Mr. Bryan practically called Senator Jones a traitor to the Chicago platform.

TARIFF FOR GUAM FRAMED

It is based on the schedules used by the Cuban and Porto Rico tariff.

The Navy Department has prepared a tariff for the island of Guam, based on the schedules now in use for the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. It was the intention to adopt the Philippine schedules for the island, but it was found that they were not applicable to the conditions of the island, which existed before the acquisition into the possession of the United States, and so were unsuitable because of the island's conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Representative of North Carolina, the chief representative in the House, today introduced a bill "for the protection of all citizens of the United States against mob violence," &c. It provides that all persons shall be protected from being murdered, tortured or burned to death by mobs known as "lynching bees," whether sponsored or protected by any person, and participating, aiding or abetting in such affairs are made guilty of treason against the United States government and subject to the punishment in the United States courts.

INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

Number Coming This Year Will Probably Reach 500,000.

Assistant Secretary Taylor of the Treasury Department said today that estimates made by people in position to know indicated that the immigration to this country during this calendar year will be an increase of more than 100,000 over the last year. The estimates are based largely on steamship tickets sold for the next three or four months.

KIDNAPING OF EVERETT

Washington State officials intend to investigate the matter.

CONCESSIONS FROM NICARAGUA

Maritime Canal Co. to Have Representatives on the Arbitrating Board.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Report of Special Committee Adopted—Another Meeting Next Wednesday.

The republican caucus of the Senate held yesterday afternoon, but without marked gain in the volume of legitimate business. The result of the large interests to come forward and advance prices has done more toward encouraging the professional element than any other development of the week. This evident preference for inaction is capable of a variety of constructions, but the explanation does not alter the fact that aggressiveness is wanting.

RETROCESSION FROM VIRGINIA

Commissioner Wight and Others See Senator McMillan on the Matter.

Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, received a call this morning from Commissioner Wight, Mr. Frank Hume and Mr. W. V. Cox, in reference to the proposition to have a portion of that part of the old domain which was formerly a part of the District of Columbia. There was a general feeling of confidence that the legislature of Virginia will view this proposition favorably, and that it is to be realized.

UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION

Alleged Trespass Upon Reclaimed Flats to Be Prosecuted.

Public interest generally will probably be aroused in the matter of the alleged unlawful occupation by private parties of public land within the domains of Potomac Park, better known as the reclaimed Potomac flats. As heretofore stated in The Star, the officer of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., in charge of the flats repeatedly notified the parties referred to, to vacate, but they refused to do so.

MILITARY CADETS

Recommendations of the Academic Board.

Having been reported deficient in study by the academic board, the following named cadets of the Military Academy have been discharged from the service of the United States:

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Stock Market

Table showing New York Stock Market prices for various stocks including American Cotton Oil, A. S. Wire, Am. Steel & Wire, etc.

Washington Stock Exchange

Table showing Washington Stock Exchange prices for various stocks including Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock, etc.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets

Table showing Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets prices for various commodities including Wheat, Corn, etc.

Baltimore Markets

Table showing Baltimore Markets prices for various commodities including Flour, etc.

FINANCIAL AND TRADE

Satisfactory Bank Statement, But a Lack of Demand.

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British Victory Would Probably Help the Situation.

In the first place, tight money chilled speculation and the crumbling of bank reserves inspired caution and finally absolute mistrust. This mistrust of securities was as evident in banking circles as it was among the owners of the collaterals. The remedy seemed to be in limitation and in a gradual building up of banking resources. In arriving at the latter result many very prominent operators suffered in the process. The main situation was benefited, however, and the enforced idleness of formerly active interests has allowed the banks to work back to more comfortable conditions.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

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