

ALGER TO GO BEFORE HIS RELIEF COMMISSION

Invited to Appear at the Session Tomorrow.

Embarrassing Questions Not Likely to Be Asked.

Suspicion That He Will Be Allowed to Make a Statement and Then Retire.

The Alger Relief Commission held a calm and uneventful session today. There was no testimony against the sweetness and the purity of the food furnished to the American troops by the Commissary Department. Thus, there was nothing to mar the serenity of the session nor to ruffle the temper of the Commissioners.

It was determined in a previous session that Secretary Alger be invited to appear before the Commission tomorrow. The invitation was sent, but at 2 o'clock no answer had been received from the Secretary, though it is taken for granted by the Commissioners that Secretary Alger will take the witness stand in defense of the conduct of the late war in so far as his department is concerned.

It could not be learned whether Secretary Alger will be allowed to make a statement and then retire from the stand, or whether having made his statement he will be subjected to examination by the Commissioners. The question is not clear or at least it might be made an interesting matter should the Commission so determine. It is considered improbable, though, that the Commissioners will ask Secretary Alger any question which that gentleman would dislike to answer.

An official friend of Secretary Alger stated this afternoon that the latter would accept the invitation and appear before the Relief Commission tomorrow.

Opening a Can of Beef. A can of tinned roast beef was opened by the Commission today. It was alleged to be part of a consignment of canned beef to Porto Rico which had been brought here.

Each of the Commissioners sampled the most and found it good, although there was a division of opinion as to whether it was roast or corned beef. Major Rufus M. Townsend, of the Commissary Department, was called to the stand as a witness.

He testified that he had served at Camp Black, N. Y., Chickamauga and at Tampa, Fla., during the war, and that he had heard of no complaint against the meat, nor had he heard of any complaint against the meat until he had read of it in connection with the present investigation. On the occasions of which he was chief commissary he had also served at Camp Sherman, where thousands of pounds of canned and refrigerated beef. This ship carried about 8,000 convalescents from Santiago to no other ports. These men ate the meat without complaint.

Charged With Smuggling. Arrest of a Passenger on the Steamship Stentander.

New York, Jan. 24.—M. Schaeffer, who says that he is the Cleveland agent of the International Steamship Company, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Howe, this morning on a charge of smuggling. Schaeffer was charged with the Holland American steamship Stentander, which arrived yesterday when Schaeffer landed he was searched. He wore a belt under his coat in which were found diamonds, pearls, and other jewelry of great value. He was at once arrested.

FATAL SKATING ACCIDENT. Two of a Party Drowned in the Hudson River.

Finkhills Landing, N. Y., Jan. 24.—William Knapp and Mary St. Clair, of Newburgh, were drowned in the Hudson River, when last night they and several companions, were skating, when suddenly the ice began to crack beneath their weight. Watts and Miss St. Clair were leading the party and they were only a few feet from the shore when they sank. The two boys were rescued, but the two girls were not.

GEORGE W. HITE EXECUTED. Hanged for the Murder of an Inoffensive Colored Man.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.—George W. Hite, white, was hanged yesterday at Boydton, Mecklenburg county, for the murder of Richmond Bowen, an old colored man. Hite manifested great composure on the scaffold. He made no confession or other remarks before the execution. The murderer's neck was broken and the body was cut down in six minutes after the deed.

Arrival of La Normande. The General Merritt, president of the court-martial, will arrive in this city on the 8:35 train from New York this evening. General Young, Comba, and Randall, members of the court-martial at the War Department, will be accompanied by Secretary Alger, Judge Advocate Davis, and Adjutant General Corbin.

Placed With Mr. Delacense's Speech. Paris, Jan. 4.—The Paris newspapers are profuse in their praise of the dignified speech delivered by M. Delacense, minister of foreign affairs, in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, declaring that it has furnished the interests of peace.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued today to Edward Thine and Ida Brown; Rolin Norris, Philadelphia, Pa., and Katherine Hosmer.

BILL TO REGULATE RULE IN ALASKA

NECESSITY FOR MILITARY AID

Time Not Yet Arrived for Electing a Local Legislature or Delegates in Congress.

The report made by the Committee on Territories on the bill establishing a civil government for Alaska has been submitted to the House.

The report says: At present the only government in Alaska consists of the governor who has no revenue at his disposal, nor has he any power or authority to raise revenue. His duties under existing law seem to consist in making an annual report to the condition of affairs in the district.

The bill provides for the election of a local legislature or delegates in Congress. It is the purpose of the bill to provide for the growing demands of the country for an efficient administration of the law and to provide for the protection of the rights of the citizen.

Salaries will be paid only to the governor, the judge of the court, the three chief deputies and the three United States district judges.

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EAGAN PREPARING HIS LINE OF DEFENCE

READY FOR COURT-MARTIAL

Preliminary Fight to Be Made on Technicalities-Conspicuous at His Office.

In defense of army rules and precedent and in violation of public opinion, Brigadier General Eagan made himself conspicuous again appearing at the War Department today. His friends stated that he was completing his line of defense and that he would be promptly on hand at the court-martial when it assembles at the Ebbitt House tomorrow forenoon.

Should the court throw out Eagan's technicalities and his point in reference to Presidential protection, which is undoubtedly true, the friends of the Commissary General say he will plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE HOLDING TWO OFFICES

Hearing Given Them Before the Judiciary Committee.

General Wheeler Files a Brief Defending His Position.

The Judiciary Committee, at its meeting this morning, took up the Bally resolution directing it to inquire whether any Representative had vacated his seat by accepting another office under the United States.

Mr. Hitt was the first witness. He said that the Hawaiian Commission was created by a joint committee of the House and Senate. The Congressional members received only necessary expenses and no salary.

Representative Terry brought out the fact that there were other members of the Commission, not Congressmen, who had served on the Commission, a thing that would have been impossible had it really been a committee of Congress.

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Divorce Granted. Justice Cox today signed decrees granting Joseph Cooper and W. F. Burnhardt, divorce from each respective wives. Justice Cooper and W. F. Burnhardt.

ARMY BILL DEBATE OPENS IN THE HOUSE

HULL LEADS THE DISCUSSION

Mr. Cox of Tennessee Opposes the Measure—Mr. McCallahan Appears in Its Support.

The army reorganization bill was taken up in the House this morning. Mr. Hull, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, made the opening remarks in behalf of the bill and Mr. Cox of Tennessee replied in behalf of the minority.

The majority bill fixes no maximum strength for the army. Assuming that the Government will require about 100,000 troops for defense of the frontier, for coast defense, and to maintain our authority in the islands for whose good order and government this nation is now responsible, together with a reasonable reserve force, the bill provides for the reduction of cavalry and infantry to provide the number required for each arm of the service and a corps of artillery for our seacoast batteries, with two regiments of artillery for Alaska.

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FALK CONVICTED, BUT NOT IN COURT

Failure to Appear Creates a Sensation.

Defendant's Wife Sends a Note to His Counsel.

A bench warrant to be issued for his arrest—under suspension of sentence for another crime.

A sensation was created in Criminal Court No. 1 this morning by C. C. Carlin, of counsel for Maximilian W. Falk, who was on trial yesterday on the charge of adultery with and informing Justice Cole, the trial judge, that his client was not in court, and, he believed, would not appear for trial.

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EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN THE WEST INDIES

RULES TO PREVENT INFECTION

Surveillance of Vessels, Carriages and Crews Visited in the Marine Hospital Service.

The Secretary of War today promulgated an executive order relating to epidemic diseases in the colonies.

The examination in ports of the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico of incoming and outgoing vessels and the necessary surveillance over their sanitary condition as well as of cargo, passengers, crew, and all persons effects, is vested in and will be conducted by the Marine Hospital Service, at the ports of Havana, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and Santiago immediately, and at other ports in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico as soon as practicable.

A SENATOR ELECTED IN NEW JERSEY

JOHN KEAN TO SUCCEED SMITH

Receives the Full Republican Vote. Complimentary Ballot of Democrats for Retiring Member.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 24.—John Keane, of Elizabeth, was elected United States Senator today by the New Jersey legislature to succeed James Smith, Jr., of Essex. In the senate Keane received 14 votes and in the assembly 37, being the full party vote.

QUAY'S FAILING PROSPECTS.

Lacks Fourteen Votes Today in the Harrisburg Balloting.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—The sixth ballot was taken for United States Senator today in the legislative joint convention. The result was as follows:

Quay, 106; Jenks, 80; Dalzell, 15; Stewart, 8; Stone, S. Irvin, 3; Huff, 5; Smith, 1; Tubbs, 2; Downing, 2; Markle, 2; Grow, 1; Rice, 2; Weidner, 2; Hale, 1. Total, 238; necessary to a choice, 120.

When the two houses met there was the usual contention over pairs, many being still waiting for the presence of the paired Senator Cochran, leader of the state Democrats, announced that his pair with Senator Magee would continue owing to the fact that the Pittsburg leader was not well.

A BIG DEED OF TRUST.

Filed by the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railway Company.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.—The Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railway Company yesterday morning filed in the chancery court a deed of trust to secure an issue of first mortgage bonds, amounting to \$2,000,000. The deed is given by DeWitt Smith, president of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Company to John G. Galt, of the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore. The deed recites that the property of the road and that its length is to be 163 miles. It is to form a connection with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Road at Heintzville, a few miles north of Richmond.

VETERANS AND WIDOWS.

Women Who Marry Dying Soldiers Entitled to Pensions.

The widow of George W. Bulkeley, who he married on his deathbed last Wednesday at Port Chester, N. Y., that she might obtain a pension, is likely to get it without any great difficulty. Bulkeley was a veteran of the civil war. The woman was a widow when she married him, and there was no law preventing a woman from marrying an old soldier in order to obtain a pension. If the fact could be established that such a marriage had been contracted just before the death of the soldier for the purpose of fraud the claim of the widow would be rejected. The Pension Office finds it very difficult, however, to establish evidence of fraud. The claimant has a marriage certificate and the evidence of witnesses, and it is difficult for the Government to prove fraud.

CONSIDERING TAX COLLECTION IN CUBA

Topics Under Discussion by the Cabinet.

General Wood's Views Regarded Favorably by the President.

The Cabinet was in session a little more than two hours today. In the absence of official dispatches from the United States consul at Apia the difficulty in the Samoan Islands was not considered.

Nearly the entire session was devoted to a discussion of the Cuban tax collecting problem. Gen. Leonard Wood, the military governor of the province of Santiago, and Joaquin Castillio held several important conferences with Mr. McKinley recently.

They urged that the receipts from taxes and customs at Santiago should be retained there and expended for improvements and the general betterment of that province. General Wood contended that no part of the money from Santiago should go to Havana.

FILIPINOS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT

ASK MR. HAY FOR A HEARING

Want to Present Aguinoldo's Argument and Ask an Official Reply.

Sixto Lopez, secretary of the Filipino Junta here, called at the State Department this afternoon and left an official communication from the junta.

He did not see Secretary Hay, nor did he hold communication with any of the State Department officials. It is believed the communication contains a request for an interview between the Secretary of State and the Filipino delegates. The communication was drawn up by attorneys for the junta, Messrs. Ralston and Siddons.

RAPID TRANSIT SUGGESTIONS.

Measures Submitted in the New York Legislature.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 24.—In the senate today Senator Schuchert introduced a memorial to the New York Transit Commission, which reviews the efforts of the commission to carry out the purpose for which it was created. Three courses to procure rapid transit are suggested to prevent the borrowing capacity of the city being exhausted.

TO BE DECLARED A BANKRUPT

S. H. Shadbill Files a Petition in the Supreme Court.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed today by S. H. Shadbill, in the Supreme Court of the District, asking that he be declared a bankrupt within the purview of the act of Congress of July, 1888.

SUICIDE WITH DYNAMITE.

Shocking Means Employed by a Bohemian Tired of Life.

Friedland, Bohemia, Jan. 24.—A man named Francis Stein has committed suicide here in a shocking manner. While lying in bed he placed a dynamite cartridge on his breast and touched it off. The explosion left his hand and foot undisturbed, while the rest of the body was completely blown to pieces.