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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 1900.

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LIVE NEWS IS EXPECTED

Check to Be Removed from African War Correspondents.

SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN

Lord Roberts Informs the Newspaper Men That They Will Have Ample News in a Few Days—Kimberley Is in Sore Straits—Terrible Death Rate from Disease—The State of Affairs in December Cannot Have Been Much Improved, Bombardment Increasing.

London, Feb. 12.—4.15 a. m.—Lord Roberts has gathered 35,000 men with whom according to the best military opinion in London, he purposes turning the left of the Magerfontein line.

Yesterday Lord Roberts announced the appointment of General Sir Henry Collyer, his first commander of the garrison brigade to the command of the Ninth division, which is being formed and will consist probably to a great extent of colonial troops.

At Kimberley. Kimberley, twenty miles away from the Modder river position, is in sore straits. Details show that in a population of 14,000 whites and 19,000 blacks the mortality was sixty whites and 120 blacks per thousand.

The war office is making preparations to continue the stream of troops for South Africa. Four large steamers have been chartered to England to let the Armstrongs transfer to England for naval use.

Kimberley Bombardment. Kimberley, Feb. 9 (Friday).—There was a heavy bombardment yesterday and today the fire of the Boers' big guns at Kamperdam has been very trying.

GEN. BULLER'S REPORT. Why He Abandoned His Third Attempt to Believe Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 12.—The war office has received at 4.12 p. m. today the following despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated from Modder River, Sunday, February 11: "I have received from Buller as follows, dated Friday, February 9: "It was necessary after seizing Vaal Krantz to trench it as the pivot of further operations. But I found after trying two days, that owing to the nature of the ground, that was impracticable. It was also exposed to the fire of heavy guns in positions from which our artillery was dominated.

GEN. WYNDHAM'S REPORT. Secretary of the War Office Makes Statement.

London, Feb. 12.—In the house of commons today, George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, made a statement in regard to

THE ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE

CLOSE OF THE FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Tonight at the close of the first day's proceedings of the anti-trust conference called by the National Anti-Trust league, good progress had been made with the set speeches, of which a dozen or more were delivered.

DEMOCRATS MEET.

They Call Upon Taylor to Withdraw His Troops. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 12.—The Democratic members of both houses of the legislature met again in the court house here today. In the house a resolution which had passed by the senate was presented, calling upon W. S. Taylor to at once withdraw the militia and force of armed men which he has gathered about him in the state house and surrender the executive offices to J. C. W. Beckham, the lawful governor.

THE CLARK CASE.

Four Witnesses Testify Before the Senate Committee. Washington, Feb. 12.—Four witnesses testified before the senate committee on elections in the case of Senator Clark of Montana, today. They were D. B. Peeler, a banker of Kailispell, whose evidence related to the bank account of Senator Deiger, W. H. Cochran, of Butte, who was called by the defense, but before he concluded was stigmatized by them as a witness for the prosecution, State Senator C. W. Hoffman and Mr. J. S. McNeill, proprietor of the Helena Independent.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

February Session Began Yesterday at Williamsport. Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 12.—The regular February session of the Superior court opened in this city this afternoon with Judges Rice, Beaver, Orady, W. W. Porter and W. D. Porter on the bench, Judge Smith and Mitchell being detained by sickness. The trial list was gone over and the following cases not pressed: Hall, Kaul & Co. vs. Gunther, appellant, Elk county; Opp vs. Shoemaker et al., appellants, Lycoming; Osborn et al. vs. Mansfield borough, appellant, Tioga; Robb vs. Mack et al., appellants, Tioga; Clarke vs. Bachle, appellant, Tioga. The cases of Commonwealth vs. Young, appellant, Centre, and Commonwealth vs. Becker, appellant, Schuylkill, were continued. Argument on the remaining cases will be commenced tomorrow.

PUERTO RICO'S TRADE.

Statement of Imports and Exports During American Occupation. Washington, Feb. 12.—The war department today gave out the statement that the total value of imports into the island of Puerto Rico from the date of American occupation to December 31, 1899, was \$12,191,829, and that the value of exports from the island during the same period was \$11,696,587.

MINE FOREMEN MEET.

Arrangements Are Being Made for a Convention at Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—A meeting of the legislative board of mine foremen and fire bosses mutual aid association, of the bituminous mines of Pennsylvania, is being held here. Arrangements are being made for holding a convention at Pittsburgh. From three hundred to four hundred members are expected to attend the convention.

Big Railroad Deal.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—The record tomorrow will say: "The recent acquisition by the Pennsylvania Railroad company of large interests in the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which has already resulted in the retirement of M. E. Ingalls as president and the selection of G. W. Stevens as his successor, will cause a complete reorganization of the present board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio. When the change is made the new board will be found to contain three Pennsylvania railroad representatives, three representing the Vanderbilts interest and the remainder will be made up of men from the local territory, through which the line traverses.

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RESOLUTIONS FORMULATED ASKING FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF ALL RAILWAYS AND TELEGRAPH LINES, AND THE PLACING ON THE FREE LIST ALL TRUST GOODS—DELEGATES WELCOMED BY MAYOR HARRISON—SPEECHES BY JUDGE PRENTISS AND OTHERS.

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TAYLOR CONGRATULATED.

A Message from the Republican Clubs of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—The Ohio League of Republican clubs, this afternoon elected officers, headed by D. Q. Mord, of Hillsboro, as president. Cleveland was selected as the place for the convention next year and resolutions were adopted endorsing the national platform of the Republican party.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

Important Bill Passed by the House. Debate in Senate. Washington, Feb. 12.—An important bill was passed by the house today, which makes universally applicable the law that now permits the transit of goods in bond through certain parts of the United States.

NEW CABINET OFFICER.

Will Be Known as Secretary of Mines and Mining. Washington, Feb. 12.—A new cabinet officer to be known as the secretary of mines and mining, is provided in the bill favorably acted on today by the house committee on mines and mining.

"WELL, GO AHEAD."

Governor Taylor's Message to the Kentucky Legislature. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 12.—The Republican house and senate met at 10 o'clock, nine being present in the latter and twenty-eight in the former.

Lincoln Day Banquet.

Williamsport, Feb. 12.—The eighth annual Lincoln Day banquet of the Young Men's Republican club took place here tonight in the Utopia hall.

Bankruptcy Petition.

Pittsburg, Feb. 12.—In the United States court today Henry Wiseman and Isadore Blather, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., filed a petition in bankruptcy. The firm owns \$41,728.84 and has no assets or liabilities.

LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATIONS

CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA AND OTHER CITIES TAKE PART.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The fifteenth annual Lincoln day banquet of the Marquette club was given tonight at the Auditorium hotel, covers being laid for 300 guests.

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BASE BALL BOOMERS.

Desperate Efforts to Organize a New Association. Chicago, Feb. 12.—The meeting of the promoters of the American association of base ball clubs, called for this afternoon by President Harry Quinn, of Milwaukee, was postponed until tomorrow morning and the organization of the new league put off another day.

THE ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

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WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION.

A Number of Anti-Suffrage Ladies Received by Mr. McKinley. Washington, Feb. 12.—President McKinley this afternoon received at the White House a number of the ladies representing the state associations that are opposed to woman's suffrage.

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Mr. Barnes Thinks They Will Soon Be a Necessity. New York, Feb. 12.—James R. Barnes, of Uniontown, the head of a large coal syndicate in Pennsylvania, is at the Waldorf-Astoria. The purpose of his present visit is to urge the construction of a railroad from Uniontown, Pa., to Wheeling, W. Va., a distance of seventy miles.

NEW ISLANDS NOW OURS

American Flag Rised Over Tatanas and Calagan.

CRUISE OF THE PRINCETON. Territory in the Philippine Archipelago Not Mentioned in the Treaty of Paris—Bayat Was Also Said, the Japanese Flag Was Found Floating There.

RETURN OF TRANSPORT SIAM

Vessel That Lost 311 Mules Out of 330 Back from Manila. San Francisco, Feb. 12.—The mule transport Siam, which lost 311 mules out of a cargo of 339 on her last voyage to Manila, arrived last night from that port.

SHOT A BURGLAR.

David Long's Experience with a Nocturnal Visitor. Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 12.—David S. Long, a farmer of South Lebanon township, late last night shot and instantly killed John Becker, of Midway, this county, who was detected by members of Long's family in the act of robbing the house. Long gave himself up and was released on \$1,000 bail. He will be given a hearing tomorrow afternoon on the charge of involuntary manslaughter.

FIRES AT BRADFORD.

Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed. Bradford, Pa., Feb. 12.—Shortly before midnight, the large wood-working plants located near the foot of the hill were fired by an incendiary and both were destroyed. The first was the store house of McAmbly mill, owned by Acors Rathburn. The loss on this property is estimated at \$10,000, partially insured.

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TRADES COUNCIL AGREEMENT.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The building material trades council with a membership of 20,000, has announced that it will support the building trades council and that no material will be furnished to contractors employing non-union labor.