

TROUBLE IN SIGHT

Within the Democratic Ranks over the U. S. Senatorship.

CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

Composed of Leading State Democrats Discuss Plans Unfavorable to McGraw for the Caucus Nomination—Another Candidate in Sight. Faulkner's Hand in the Effort Against the Grafton man—Action in Contests for Delegates.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Col. McGraw is likely to have a monkey and parrot time when he undertakes to control the Democratic caucus at Charleston next month.

A recent conference was held here comprising some of the ablest and shrewdest manipulators in the Democratic party, and it has since developed that a candidate will be pitted against McGraw whose strength will be more than sufficient to hold the balance of power.

It is suspected that their candidate is a Third district man, and that his name is MacCorkle, but they are keeping their own counsel, and this guess may be erroneous.

A West Virginian's Prediction. Discussing this matter, after learning of the conference and its object, a West Virginian of prominence said: "Mr. McGraw will be confronted at Charleston with some grave problems for his solution."

IN CONGRESS. Short Session of Both Houses Before Holiday Adjournment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The absence of a quorum of the senate to-day saved Senator Proctor's resolution providing for the appointment of a commission of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching low recess of congress from decisive defeat.

CABINET MEETING.

Instructions to General Otis Regarding the Philippines. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—At to-day's cabinet meeting Secretary Hay was the only absentee.

Death of Mrs. A. W. Lorentz. MORGANTOWN, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary R. Lorentz, wife of A. W. Lorentz, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' bank, died this morning aged sixty-two years, of heart trouble.

General Weyler hang this afternoon in Cerro, the suburb, surrounded by jeering crowds, while small processions march and countermarch along the streets, shouting constantly.

GENERAL'S TESTIMONY.

Miles and Merritt Before the Investigation Commission.

THE CONFUSION AT TAMPA

And Lack of Facilities—Miles Says it was Fortunate the Sportsmen Experienced Nothing but Good Weather—Lack of Medical Supplies—He Speaks Bitterly of "Embalmed" Beef Furnished Porto Rican Army of Invasion—General Merritt tells of Operations in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, and General Wesley Merritt, commander of the American forces at the capture of Manila, were the principal figures before the war investigation commission to-day.

General Miles responded to the summons of the commission only after several days consideration. He was accompanied by his own stenographer. His examination was comparatively brief and not sensational.

When General Miles took the stand he was asked, "Are you willing to be sworn?" "I think," was the reply, "that I can say what I have to say without being sworn."

Fortunate Good Weather. "It was most fortunate," he said, "that the transports had good weather. If they had encountered a severe storm the loss of life, or the suffering at least, must have been fearful."

CUBANS REJOICING

Over the Evacuation—Planning for a Five Days' Feast. HAVANA, Dec. 21.—3 p. m.—Effigies of General Weyler hang this afternoon in Cerro, the suburb, surrounded by jeering crowds.

A "REGISTER" STORY.

As Usual it is full of Ridiculous Misrepresentations. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 21.—If the Charleston correspondent of the Wheeling Register was as well known throughout the state as he is here at home, it would be useless to deny his misrepresentations about the governor, the administration or the Republican party.

BURIAL OF DAVID HOLMES.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, Dec. 21.—The body of Mr. David Holmes was brought here from Washington this morning and interred in the family burial grounds.

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POTTERY TRUST.

It is Said the Wheeling Company has Joined It. COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 21.—A special to the State Journal from East Liverpool, Ohio, says: A member of the pottery combine here this afternoon made a statement to the effect that by Saturday not more than six general ware potteries in the west would be outside of the trust.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE SUIT.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 21.—A highly sensational divorce suit was filed here to-day by Mrs. Vanveck, wife of Dr. Vanveck, a local dentist.

PIANO MUST BE SOLD.

About seventeen months ago we sold a very fine Upright Piano to a family in this city, who, for reasons which will be satisfactorily explained, is obliged to dispose of it at once, and in order to realize quickly, the piano will be sold at a very great sacrifice.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Standard Oil Company Accused of Burning Books.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Come to Light During the Investigation of the Corporation at Cleveland—Just Previous to the Issuance of the Order of the Supreme Court that the Books of the Company be Produced in Evidence, it is Claimed they Were Destroyed—An Unwilling Witness.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—Developments of a most sensational nature in the Standard Oil investigation came to light to-day, when Attorney General Monnett began taking depositions for the purpose of proving that the Standard Oil Company, just previous to the issuance of the order by the supreme court that the books of the company be produced in evidence, had destroyed a large number of its books.

The taking of depositions to prove Attorney General Monnett's allegations was commenced before Harry C. Mason, to-day. The most important witness produced was John Darmstetter, of No. 15 Center court, a rabbi of a Bohemian church.

MERRITT'S TESTIMONY.

He Describes the Operation of the Army Before Manila.

General Wesley R. Merritt was the first witness of the afternoon. He began his testimony by a description of the operations around Manila prior to its capture. Owing to the smallness of his force he said the army was compelled to operate along the sea front, in co-operation with the navy.

The insurgents were very anxious to take part in the attack, but Merritt notified them that the attack was to be made, as I was sure the entrance of the Filipinos into the city would mean unnecessary bloodshed and some looting.

NOBILITY'S FALL.

The sad Case of Destitution of Marchioness of Donogal. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Marchioness of Donogal will eat her Christmas dinner in a London workhouse. Ill, miserably clad and apparently in acute destitution, she applied yesterday for admittance to the Great Northern hospital, from which place she was removed to the Islington workhouse infirmary.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, rain; high south winds. For West Virginia, rain; light variable winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schepfer, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 46; 8 p. m. 51; 9 a. m. 48; 10 p. m. 49; 11 a. m. 47; 12 p. m. 48; 1 p. m. 49; 2 p. m. 48; 3 p. m. 49; 4 p. m. 48; 5 p. m. 49; 6 p. m. 48; 7 p. m. 49; 8 p. m. 48; 9 p. m. 49; 10 p. m. 48; 11 p. m. 49.

ELLIS-DAVIS.

The Marriage of the Daughter of Hon. Thos. E. Davis to Dr. J. E. E. Ellis—Grafton's Most Brilliant Social Event.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. GRAFTON, W. VA., Dec. 21.—The elegant residence of Hon. Thomas E. Davis was the scene of a brilliant event this evening in the marriage of his daughter, Bertha May, to Dr. J. E. E. Ellis, of this city.

BLISS' SUCCESSOR.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Present Ambassador to Russia, the New Secretary of the Interior. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, present ambassador to Russia, who was to-day appointed by President McKinley to succeed Cornelius N. Bliss as secretary of the interior, was until his acceptance of the Russian mission, the head of the Pittsburgh Glass Company in St. Louis.

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