

# THE WORK OF CONGRESS

## Senate Army Reorganization Bill Passed the House.

### EIGHT NEW WARSHIPS PROVIDED.

Army Bill Agreed to Avoid an Extra Session of Congress—Senate Reduced the Price of Armor Plate—Bill Creating the Rank of Admiral Passed—The Money For Spain.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The House on Tuesday by a vote of 203 to 32 passed the Senate Army Reorganization bill under suspension of the rules.

It was reported to the House from the Committee on Military Affairs without change. By its provisions an army of adequate force is provided to meet all contingencies for the next two years, and on July 1, 1901, the peace footing of March, 1898, will be resumed without further legislation by Congress.

Chairman Hull, of the Committee on Military Affairs explained the reasons which induced the committee to report the Senate bill. It was needless to say that the committee had been constrained to report it. It was not such a measure as the committee would recommend to the House if there were time ahead, but with this Congress its only chance of being passed is not left warranted in taking action that must inevitably cause an extra session.

Many other important matters were also disposed of. The General Deficiency Appropriation bill carrying \$21,059,000, was passed under suspension of the rules after a word of criticism. This is the last of the appropriation bills. The Senate amendments to the River and Harbor bill were not concurred in.

### MONEY FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

#### Some of the Cities Which Will Be Favored With Government Structures.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Just before the final vote on the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill an amendment was adopted at the instance of Senator Allison, appropriating money for the work next year on all the public buildings which have been authorized by the present Congress, the appropriation of \$1,000,000, and in that case will have in his control \$2,000,000 with which to operate the Government plant.

The bill provides for two sea-going coast line battleships, two armored cruisers, four protected cruisers.

### MARYLAND DECORATES SCHLEY.

#### Presentation of a Magnificent Medal as a Mark of High Esteem.

BALTIMORE, Md. (Special).—Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley received a few days ago from the people of this, his native State, a superb testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Maryland and of their appreciation of his services to the country during the late war with Spain.

### BARON HERSCHL DEAD.

#### Former Lord Chancellor of England Passed Away Suddenly at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Baron Herschel, one of the Commissioners from Great Britain on the commission recently in session here to adjust differences between the United States and Canada, died suddenly at 7:05 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Sutherland Hotel, where he had been confined to his bed for some time with a broken leg, caused by a fall on a slippery sidewalk. Lord Herschel's death came without warning.

### DEIGMAN IS TO BE A CADET.

President McKinley has signed the joint resolution passed by Congress authorizing him to appoint Osborne W. Deigman, heirman of the Merrimac crew, a naval cadet at Annapolis, the having passed the prescribed age limit.

### A Tornado in Mississippi.

A tornado passed over the country surrounding Yazoo, Miss., a few days ago. Nearly one hundred people were made homeless by the storm, and the losses to property amount to thousands of dollars. Two persons were killed and at least half a dozen fatally injured.

### Train Men Killed in a Collision.

In a collision between passenger train No. 1, east-bound, and a double-headed, west-bound, near White Plains, Nev., a few days ago, four trainmen were killed and one was seriously injured.

### A Big Postoffice Robbery.

The postoffice at Covington, Ky., was robbed of stamps and money a few nights ago to the amount of \$20,000. The work was evidently done by men who had secreted themselves in the stamp department, as it was possible to do provided the watchmen, who are charged with looking after the postoffice door, neglected his duty. Postoffice inspectors have taken the matter in charge.

### Dying of Scoury in Dawson.

Advices received at Seattle, Wash., from Dawson, Klondike, say that men are dying of scoury in the suburbs of that city.

# AN APPOINTMENT FOR DAY.

## The President Has Nominated Him to Be a United States Circuit Judge.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of William B. Day, of Ohio, to be the United States Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit.



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which office was recently created by Congress. Mr. Day has been nominated as the next Republican nominee for the Governorship of Ohio, but this nomination entirely disposes of such talk.

### OUR FORCES OCCUPY CEBU.

#### Navy Quietly Took Possession of the Chief Town of the Visayas.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Admiral Dewey cabled the Navy Department a few days ago that the gubao Petrel, Commander C. C. Corwell, had gone to Cebu to take possession of it in the name of the United States. Later in the day this dispatch came to the War Department from General Otis.

"Condition of affairs quiet; progressing favorably. Anxiety need not be felt in regard to the situation. Will send small body of troops to Cebu, where navy took quiet possession of the island on account of the fact that there was no conflict in the assumption of American authority over the island did not surprise the officials here, as General Otis had cabled recently that the coast was favorable to peaceful possession there."

The province of Cebu embraces the island of that name, and is the most important province of the Visayas, on account of its central position, the nature of its soil and the industry of its inhabitants. The area is 2092 square miles and the population 504,776. It is crossed by mountain chains. The coasts are rather high and the rivers of little importance. The capital is Cebu, where the Petrel assumed possession. It has a population of 35,243. It is the mercantile centre of the Visayas group, and is 460 miles from Manila.

### DEAD MAN WON THE BICYCLE RACE.

#### Heart Disease Killed a Rider as He Crossed the Tape.

VANCOUVER, B. C. (Special).—Advices from Australia by the steamship Mlowera give details of a remarkable bicycle race in Sydney, which was won by a dead man. It took place a big electric light carnival. In a one-mile contest there were fifty entries, some of the fastest men in Australia taking part. While 10,000 persons watched this race, young James Somerville passed under the tape a winner and a dead man. Heart disease killed him as he passed the tape.

At the start he quickly forged ahead, closely followed by another crack rider, Percy Cliff. They left forty-eight riders in the rear and shot around the track wheel to wheel. When within twenty-five yards of the tape Somerville, who generally held a wheel, was seen to relax his hold on the handle bars. His pedals whirled around, and he plucked his position. Five yards from the tape Cliff put on a tremendous start and struck Somerville's hind wheel, shooting the machine with its rider almost inanimate burden like a rocket under the tape.

### THE DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA.

#### Cattle Dying by Hundreds and Landowners Are Discouraged.

VANCOUVER, B. C. (Special).—Reports have reached here of the drought in Australia. Cattle are starving to death by hundreds. An attempt to take the cattle into sections where hay is plentiful proved unavailing. The distressed landowners are meeting to discuss measures of relief, and in cases of Government land being occupied are asking for the remission of the penalty. At these meetings many of those present said that for three years they had not made a dollar, and that thousands of acres of crops had been destroyed by drought. To add to the distress, bush fires are raging over thousands of miles of territory.

### NOT A SOLDIER EXECUTED.

#### Record in the Late War Believed to Be Unparalleled.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—In reaching the decision to recommend a long term of imprisonment in the case of a private in an Alabama regiment who had killed a man in an affray, Judge-Advocate-General Lieber has completed a remarkable record, disposing of the last of the capital cases which came before his department for review without in any case imposing the death penalty. That he was so successful without the execution of a single soldier on account of military crimes. This is believed to be without parallel in history. The American record in this respect is a record of malice or premeditation, and there were no desertions because of cowardice or treachery.

### CERVERA FORESAW DISASTER.

#### The Admiral Says His Defeat Must Be Attributed to the Government.

MADRID, Spain (By Cable).—The committee of the Senate for the verification of credentials has examined Admiral Cervera, who had contended that he was entitled to sit in the Senate, inasmuch as criminal proceedings had not been taken against him. The Admiral declared that if the loss of his squadron were a crime, it must be attributed to the Government, which sent him to the Antilles against his will.

### STARVATION IN CHINA.

#### American Residents Ask That a Steamship Load of Corn Be Sent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (Special).—American residents of Chee Foo, province of Shaug Fung, China, have sent a petition to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, begging that a steamship load of corn be sent immediately to relieve the distress in the province. They say that with two million Chinese peasants are threatened with actual starvation, owing to the Yellow River flood, which is declared to be the worst in the history of China.

### Cycling Notes.

Champion Charles Miller won the six-day bicycle race at San Francisco. He beat his own record by 15 miles.

### A. A. Chase, of England, and "Tom" Linton, of Wales, Will Arrive in America This Fall for the Closing of the American Racing Season.

Several attempts will be made to advance the one-hour bicycle record this summer, and with motor cycles several of the distance cracks hope to do even better than twenty-five miles an hour.

# GERMANY IS FRIENDLY.

## All Her Warships Ordered to Withdraw From Philippine Waters.

### WE GUARD LIVES AND PROPERTY.

German Government Makes a Formal Request That the United States Undertake the Protection of German Subjects in the Philippines—Proof of That Country's Friendship For Us.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The German Government has effectively set at rest the rumors of a purpose directly or indirectly to embarrass the United States in the Philippine Islands, and has given a signal manifestation of its desire to promote the most cordial relations with the United States by ordering the withdrawal of all vessels of its navy from Philippine waters, and placing the lives of its subjects there under the protection of the United States Government.

The action taken is regarded here as a stroke in diplomacy which all possibility of a hostile attitude toward American interests in and about Manila will be removed and notice given to all the world, and especially to any Americans who have entertained suspicions of sinister designs by Germany, which with an eye to the purpose of the German Empire to cultivate the friendship of the United States. By it Germany at once places the protection of all her large interests in the island almost completely in American hands.

### CUBANS TO RULE IN CUBA.

#### The Insular Administrators Will Be Given Some Freedom From Military Restraint.

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# SPRINGER LOSES HIS OFFICE.

## His Term as a Judge in the Indian Territory Has Expired.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—President McKinley has appointed Joseph A. Gill, of Colby, Kan., and Judge Irwin, of Elgin, Ill., to be Judges in the Indian Territory, succeeding respectively Judge William M.



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Springer and Judge John Tarsney. Judge Springer's term of four years will have expired before his successor qualifies.

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## Asks That the Battleship Be Hurried to Manila For Political Reasons.

### A GRAVE CRISIS THREATENING.

The Cabinet Discusses Admiral Dewey's Unexpected Request—A Danger of Foreign Interference in the Philippines—The Ship Needed There to Prevent Further Complications.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The following dispatches have been received at the Navy Department:

"MANILA, February 24. 'For political reasons the Oregon should be sent here at once. Dewey.'"

"MANILA, February 24. 'Yorktown arrived. Charleston and Petrel cruising around the Philippine Islands. Affairs more quiet. Dewey.'"

The Oregon is expected by the Navy Department to arrive at Manila about March 10, and General Otis within a week will have about 2500 men as reinforcements.

The dispatches from Rear-Admiral Dewey asking for the Oregon were received with surprise by the officials here. No one knew, or at least would admit that he knew, of the political reasons which the Rear-Admiral says demand the immediate presence of the battleship.

The cable dispatch was taken to the Cabinet meeting and fully discussed there. Knowing Dewey to be cool-headed and not inclined to exaggerate the importance of the situation, the Administration authorities are satisfied that he had good cause to urge that the Oregon be sent to him with all haste.

The phraseology of his message indicates to the minds of the officers that there is danger of foreign complications, and naturally, in view of the past experience of Dewey, the first supposition was that the German warships at Manila had been again acting in an offensive manner. It is believed, however, that in the fires at Manila the property of foreign residents and business concerns was destroyed. That these fires were caused by the insurgents cannot be denied, and it may be that some of the foreign naval commanders in the East are disposed to seize upon the pretext that their interests demand protection, which we cannot afford them, to make a landing or do something obnoxious to the United States, and likely to encourage the insurgents. With such a strong naval force as would be afforded by the reinforcement of Admiral Dewey's fleet by the Oregon, there could not be any sound reason for such a landing on the part of the third parties.

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CHICAGO, Ill. (Special).—During a fire which for two hours a few days ago threatened to annihilate the entire packing house district of the stock yards, one fireman was killed and three others severely injured, one seriously. The blaze destroyed Swift & Co's warehouse No. 7, directly in the centre of the packing house district, and several of the adjoining structures were slightly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Patrick F. O'Neil, pipeman, was the name of the fireman who was killed. The injured are Lieutenant Bernard McDonough, Matthew Gaule, Lieutenant Frank Walter and E. Patrick, lieutenant superior for Swift & Co. Both building and contents were fully covered by insurance.

Fire also destroyed the Lind Building, one of the few buildings which stood in fact through the great fire of 1871 and through several smaller fires which threatened to destroy it since that time.