



THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 11, 1902

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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, D. C., December 11.

General Wright of the Philippine commission was heard this morning at length by the Senate Philippine committee, in support of the bill to establish the gold standard in the archipelago and authorize the coinage of a silver Philippine peso to circulate at the rate of two per one American dollar.

Mr. Peter Finley Dunne (Mr. Dooley) and his bride were among the callers at the White House today and shook hands with the President.

Mr. Shafroth offered a joint resolution in the House today setting forth that whereas the dispute between Great Britain and Germany is likely to result in an infringement of the Monroe doctrine with possibilities of serious complications with the United States, the President be authorized to propose to Great Britain and Germany that their claims be submitted to arbitration, and to agree that the United States guarantee the payment of any awards against Venezuela.

Senator Daniel is to lecture in the Tabernacle in Baltimore on Thursday, February 26. His subject will be "Thoughts of General Robert E. Lee."

The Texas Congressional delegation headed by Senator Bailey called upon President Roosevelt today to urge the appointment of Governor Sayers to a place on the Isthmian Canal Commission. Senator Cullom, of Ills., also called at the White House today to present the claims of a constituent for a place on the Isthmian Canal Commission. The applicant is a judge, but his name was kept secret.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

It is expected that the nomination of Major R. G. Banks as Collector of Customs at Norfolk will be made in a few days. So far as known there is no opposition to him.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Count Boni de Castellane has purchased for \$60,000 the famous Chateau de Grignan, in southern France.

Senator Mark A. Hanna was re-elected president of the National Civic Federation's industrial department, which adjourned in New York, yesterday.

The Senate committee on foreign relations has acted favorably upon agreements for the extension of the time limits fixed in the various reciprocity treaties pending before the Senate. The extension is for a year in each case.

It is semi-officially announced in Washington that President Roosevelt has decided to appoint William H. Taft, Civil Governor of the Philippines, a member of the United States Supreme Court, to succeed Justice Shiras when the latter retires.

The bill for "the incorporation of a General Education Board," which recently passed the House of Representatives, is intended to pave the way for the establishment of an educational center of extensive proportions in Washington. Wealthy northern men including Mr. Rockefeller intend to create a fund to aid existing schools and colleges in the South.

Almost the entire session of the Senate yesterday was devoted to consideration of the omnibus statehood bill. In the course of the reading of the several reports and the statehood bill, the Senate passed a bill refunding certain revenue taxes to owners of private dies, and also a bill relieving certain importers from the duty on tea placed in bonded warehouses.

The trustees of the American University held their semi-annual meeting in Washington, yesterday. Bishop John F. Hurst, who was unable to be present, assigned as chancellor because of ill-health. He was elected chancellor emeritus. Bishop Chas. C. McCabe, who has been vice chancellor, was elected chancellor, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the M. E. Church South vice chancellor.

Four times in eight hours yesterday the Baltimore Fire Department was called upon to fight serious fires, and each time succeeded in holding the flames within the building in which they originated. The losses will aggregate probably between \$45,000 and \$55,000, which is partly covered by insurance. The fires were at the stores of Allen & Son & Co.'s candy factory, Straus' furniture and carpet store annex and O. Herring, Sons & Co., furniture and carpets, James H. Millikin & Sons' whip factory.

WAR IN VENEZUELA. The seizure of the Venezuelan fleet in the harbor of La Guayra, the destruction of most of them, the landing of marines and the seizure of railroads by the Anglo-German naval forces has precipitated the casus belli apprehended. These proceedings have produced the greatest exasperation in Venezuela, and the government is resorting to reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railroads and other undertakings belonging to them.

There was a patriotic demonstration in Caracas when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guayra. Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets and squares of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who made an address. The mob then moved on to the German Legation shouting, "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the latter resisted these efforts, and Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who has been ill in bed for the past two months, and, therefore, could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstration. The excitement was still intense when the governor ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 205 persons prominent in social and commercial life were crowded together in the police station. All the British residents were arrested except Albert Cherry, of the Venezuela British-owned Central Railway, and Mr. Wallace, manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety. Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German consul, Valentin Blohm, and Herr Knoop, the manager of the German Central Railway. Herr Simmross, chancellor of the German Legation, was met by the police near Bolivar Square, and also arrested. Amid cries of "Death to the Germans" and "Down with the foreigners," the populace directed its way to the German residential quarter, and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German Club, vociferating and uttering insults. On learning these incidents United States Minister Bowen and Secretary W. W. Russell went at once to see President Castro, and after a long conference, succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician, and Consul Valentin Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan government to represent German and British interests during the imbroglio. The populace is still intensely excited, and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

CADETS UNDER ARREST.—Disgruntled, it is alleged, because of the refusal of the board of visitors to grant their request for a 10 day holiday Christmas, the members of the third class, with few exceptions of cadet of the Virginia Military Institute yesterday morning at 1 o'clock held high carnival from the roof of Smith Memorial Hall by firing bombs and crackers and setting off roman candles and sky-rockets. For this breach of discipline all the participants are under arrest. Several days ago he left Omaha after giving his testimony before the grand jury, ostensibly to go to Alliance, Neb., to begin the destruction of the fences raised illegally on Government land. The grand jury was not through with him and he was only temporarily excused. The jury is again ready to receive testimony from him and he cannot be found. There is as yet no suspicion of pool play, although the tales of intended armed resistance have floated down from the Northwest, and some persons at the federal building think Mosby has read a sensational story emanating from Cheyenne, in which it was alleged there is a plot to assassinate him and that he has disappeared for a few days.

COURT OF APPEALS. Petty John vs. National Exchange Bank of Lynchburg, argued and submitted. Allison vs. Allison's executors and others, argued and continued until today.

The court will take a recess until January 6, after the conclusion of the case under argument.

LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. The Senate was in session only ten minutes yesterday and not a solitary bill or resolution was presented for consideration, nor were any measures considered. The resolution regarding the repairs to the Capitol was not taken up.

Mr. Clayton, chairman of the committee on special, private and local legislation, to which had been referred the bill providing a charter for the General Education Association of the University, reported the bill back with a recommendation that the objects of the bill could be attained under court proceedings. The bill was then committed to the committee on public institutions.

One Senate bill and two House bills were reported from the finance committee and were immediately sent to the printer. The reports are voluminous documents, embracing a variety of provisions.

Mr. Jordan offered a joint resolution designed to secure statistics as to the payments made on the oyster tax in the various counties. The resolution was agreed to on the part of the House without objection.

The House bill to provide for an industrial and commercial exhibit by the commonwealth of Virginia at the Louisiana purchase exposition, and to appropriate money for the same was passed.

The Senate bill to amend act to provide for the payment of pensioners under the pension act of April 2, 1902, whose claims were not approved and filed in the office of the auditor of public accounts prior to September 1, 1902, was passed.

These bills were introduced and referred:

To protect fish and oysters in the waters of Virginia.

To abolish the office of examiner of records.

To amend the code in relation to warrants for small claims.

To amend the code in relation to divorce suits.

Mr. R. W. Mallet concluded his argument in the Norfolk contest for the House committee, making a conservative speech for his clients, Messrs. Lambert and Bibb, and avoiding all personal flings against the contestees, Messrs. Whitehead and Woodward. He claimed that the first precinct of the First ward was padded in the interest of the contestees, and if thrown out would elect his clients.

An informal meeting of chairmen of committees was held to discuss the meeting of the Virginia Conference for Charities and Corrections, which will assemble in Richmond on February 10, 11 and 12. The secretary was instructed to invite the mayor of each city and the director of each public charitable institution in the State to attend in person or to send a delegation to the conference.

The committee on courts and justice fixed January 14 as the date to commence the investigation of the charges against Judge Campbell. Senators Bland and Massey and Delegate Ware appeared before the committee in the interest of Judge Campbell and tried to secure a later date on account of Judge Campbell's engagements, one being the January term of his court. This the committee decided was a State affair, and that if necessary they could get someone else to hold it. The investigation will be held in Richmond and witnesses summoned to appear before the full committee on that date. Judge Campbell's friends tried to have the investigation moved to Annerst, but the committee decided to hear it in Richmond. The committee on finance reported favorably the bill to appropriate \$500 for an iron fence around the Lee statue. The Richmond City Council is expected to augment this sum.

It is understood that the Western State Hospital will ask the legislature for an appropriation for the improvement of the hospital and the increase of its accommodations.

The Senate committee on finance and banks has postponed consideration of the bill creating a State Bank Examiner until January 13.

COLONEL MOSBY.

Colonel John S. Mosby arrived in the city yesterday from Omaha and has taken up his abode at the Hila Grand. Mr. Mosby is not inclined to talk of his business here or elsewhere, and when asked by a Herald representative as to how long he expected to remain in Alliance, replied "You'll have to ask President Roosevelt about that."

It seems that the President should take the Colonel with him on some of his bear hunting expeditions instead of sending him out here to annoy our stockmen and injure one of the state's greatest industries, or better yet, let Mr. Roosevelt forego the pleasure of a bear hunt and take the time to come out here and investigate the "outrages" those "cattle barons" are committing. It's up to you, Mr. Roosevelt.

Col. W. H. McCann, former register of the United States land office at Chadron, was in the city yesterday on his return from a trip to the sand hills. While at one of the small towns east of Alliance, Mr. McCann met an acquaintance who greeted him as "Colonel." By-standers mistook the Chadron man for Colonel Mosby and the news spread quickly that the distinguished "government fence destroyer" was there. The citizens became excited and were eager to get sight of the supposed Mosby while the ranchmen who had government land fenced shrugged their shoulders and volunteered to take down their fences. Things were becoming pretty warm about the time McCann established his identity. Col. McCann and Colonel Mosby resemble each other somewhat in appearance. — [Alliance (Neb.) Herald.]

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From Richmond. [Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—A bill was reported in the House today to elect commissioners of revenue by the people. It will likely pass the House and sentiment is growing favorable to it in the Senate.

The Cabell child labor bill was favorably reported in the House and will pass. The Lyle child labor bill was reported in the Senate.

The legislature will adjourn for the holidays on December 20.

Preparing to Resist Aggression. Lagayra, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—There is no sign of weakening in the Venezuelan position. Instead, reports from Caracas state that President Castro is gathering an army to resist German and British aggression. Two thousand men and eighteen guns have been sent from Caracas to reinforce the garrison here. The men are now camped four miles from the town. Fort Lavigna is being stocked with ammunition and there are every indications of preparations to resist. Castro's position is very popular and volunteers are offering themselves in numbers. Nearly one thousand such have been armed here.

London, Dec. 11.—Private information has been received here that the Anglo-German allies have landed a force of sailors and marines at La Guayra and that fighting has commenced in the streets.

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London, Dec. 11.—Viscount Cranborne, parliamentary secretary to the foreign office, replying to a question by Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman in the House of Commons, said that the government had not been informed of the reported arrest of the British consul at Caracas. The British Vice Consul at La Guayra with some women and children had been taken aboard the warship Retribution during Wednesday night. It is said, Cranborne concluded, that President Castro is holding British and German subjects as hostages. All of these, when the last dispatches were received, were evidently unharmed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The State Department received the following dispatch this morning from Minister Bowen, at Caracas under yesterday's date: "President Castro informs me he has released all Germans and British who were arrested."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The third day of the Anglo-German-Venezuelan war finds the combined naval forces of the two European nations in control of the entire Venezuelan coast; five ships of the Venezuelan navy captured and destroyed and two others manned by German and English tars; marines landed at La Guayra to guard the customs house and the property of British and German residents in that city; other vessels on the way to seize the stations at Puerto Cabello, Maracaibo, and Ciudad Bolivar; the British torpedo-destroyer Quail dispatched to capture the Venezuelan war vessel now blockading the mouth of the Orinoco river; and gunboats and launches of the allied powers patrolling the rest of the coast to prevent the landing of vessels without the payment of duties at other points. It is reiterated at the State Department that this affair does not involve any consideration of the Monroe doctrine; that American policy, as interpreted repeatedly and by different jurists and administrations of the United States, can not be invoked to prevent any European power from going to war with an American republic nor from collecting just debts by force.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—The miners' counsel continued their assault today on the attitude of the independent companies toward the employees. So far counsel for the miners has only lightly touched on the wage question which exists between the employees of the big railroad companies. Lawyer Darrow declares that the railroads will hear some strong evidence on the wage question later. Darrow hopes to show that a black list exists among the big companies and, if he does, he will weigh it against the charges of boycott made against the miners by the operators. The open disclaimer entered by David Wilcox, counsel for the Delaware & Hudson Company, of the condition of affairs at the mines of Coxe and Markle may cause ill feeling.

LABEL COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED. Chicago, Dec. 11.—In a raid by constables and labor leaders early this morning, it is believed the greatest plant in the country for counterfeiting union cigar labels was discovered. The printing establishment of Hyman L. Meites was established, Meites arrested and ten counterfeit plates captured, from which it is believed all the counterfeit labels in the United States have been printed. One hundred thousand counterfeit labels were also confiscated. It is said the raid has cost the cigar makers union at least \$100,000 in the past ten years. Meites shipped the counterfeit blue slips in lots varying from 1,000 to 100,000 to all parts of the United States.

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Immediately after the opening of the Senate this morning Mr. Quay sent to the desk and had read an official copy of a resolution passed by the five civilized tribes, objecting to the merging of the Indian Territory into Oklahoma for the purposes of statehood.

Mr. Jones (Ark.) also submitted protests from the Indian Territory to such proposed merger.

Mr. Platt (N. Y.) presented a memorial from the New York Chamber of Commerce, favoring a reciprocal trade policy, declaring that it was essential that the United States depart from its policy of exclusiveness.

An amendment to the act relating to the consular service was passed. It permits an allowance of not to exceed \$1,000 a year for office rent for consular general, consuls, and commercial agents, where the President may deem such allowance necessary.

The bill providing for the payment of the expenses and compensation of the anthracite coal strike commission was taken up and amended so that the members of the commission be allowed \$15 per day, the assistant recorders \$10, and all others in the employ of the government \$6 per day in lieu of traveling and other expenses.

Mr. Berry offered an amendment to limit the salary appropriation to \$12 a day for the time employed and allowing them only actual expenses, not to exceed \$10.

Mr. Berry declared that this business of giving the President of the United States a slice fund for the payment of a lump sum of money to any one, without specific arrangement, was bad.

Mr. Allison thought that this service was an extraordinary one, and he would oppose fixing a per diem for the members. He would even vote for a salary of \$4,000 per annum.

Mr. Teller believed in a fixed salary, whether it be \$4,000 or \$5,000.

Mr. Tillman said he was anxious to know how many more such commissions were to be appointed by the Chief Executive contrary to the constitution. "I don't like such politics," he shouted. "This all comes from our inability to prevent the robbery of the people by monopolies."

At 2 o'clock consideration of the statehood bill was taken up. Mr. Quay declared that if some day was set for a vote he would not urge a vote. "If, however," he said, "we have to continue to fight for a vote, we might as well fight now."

An amicable agreement was finally reached that when adjournment was taken today, it be until Monday, at which time the debate will proceed.

HOUSE. When the House met today a resolution was adopted setting aside Sunday, January 25 as a day on which to eulogize the late Representative Russell, of Connecticut.

Mr. Olmsted, chairman of the committee on elections No. 2, called up a resolution limiting the time for the filing of answers and the taking of testimony in the contested election case of C. E. Wagoner versus James J. Butler, Twelfth Missouri district.

Mr. Richardson raised the question of consideration. On a vote by tellers, the question was decided in favor of present consideration on a strictly party vote—138 republicans, against 114 democrats.

The House proceedings were interrupted by Mr. Wadsworth, who gave notice that on Friday, he would call up a resolution making appropriations needed to stamp out the foot and mouth disease now raging among the cattle of the New England States.

Mr. Richardson, when considering the election case was resumed, raised a point of order against the resolution.

Speaker Henderson ruled that the point of order came too late, as the House had already voted to consider the question.

Mr. Robinson offered a substitute to be considered as pending, authorizing an investigation of the contest by a subcommittee of five of the House committee on elections No. 2, this committee to visit Missouri, if deemed necessary.

The general debate on the resolution was limited to three hours.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The American Match Company, of Reading, Pa., has received a proposition from a number of other independent companies to form an independent trust to fight the Diamond Match Company.

Sarah Ann Waters, an aged but wealthy woman, died suddenly at her home No. 451 West 21st street, New York, this afternoon. Mrs. Waters was ninety years old, and had about \$500,000.

Gas escaped from a leaky man, exploded in the basement of the Merchant's Express office on Merchant's Row, in Boston, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, injuring five persons, among them State Senator Holden, and Jerry McCarthy, former collector of the port.

Some nasty rumors regarding the financial situation started a flood of liquidation in New York, and a resulting tumble in stock values this afternoon. There were whispers that some prominent houses were pinched. The declines extended to 4 per cent. After one o'clock the selling pressure lessened and numerous recoveries of 1 per cent. and over were scored.

A bill providing for an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of the progress of education and experimentation in agriculture and mechanical arts, was introduced in the House today by Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota. An appropriation of \$100,000 is provided.