

BY A PARTY VOTE

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Has a Majority of Thirty-Three—The Measure, as It Now Stands, Abolishes the Army Canteen—Quite a Number of Other Amendments Are Adopted Before Final Action Is Taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house of representatives at the end of a long sitting passed the army reorganization bill by a vote of 166 to 133. Three Democrats, Messrs. Hall (Pa.) and Underhill and Dayton (N. Y.), voted with the Republicans for the bill, and Mr. McCall (Rep., Mass.) with the Democrats against the bill. Otherwise it was a strict party vote.

The provision which some of the Democrats tried to commit their side to in caucus, an extension of the present temporary army until July 1, 1908, which was voted on indirectly on a motion to recommit, commanded the votes only of about half the opposition and two Republicans, Mr. McCall and Mr. Mann (Ill.).

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Admiral Rawson replied that the words of the king harmonized with the thoughts of the government and people of Great Britain.

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TO TAKE EFFECT AT ONCE

Only Amendment Made in Committee to the Revenue Reduction Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The ways and means committee met in special session at 10 a. m. to consider the bill reducing the war revenue taxes to the extent of about \$40,000,000 as previously framed by the Republican members of the committee and introduced by Chairman Payne.

The consideration by sections proceeded, the bill being preserved in the main as framed by the Republicans.

Before adjourning the committee voted to report the bill as introduced with an amendment making the act take effect on its passage, instead of 30 days thereafter.

THE NAVAL BILL.

It Will Provide for Two Battleships and Two Armored Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It is expected that the forthcoming naval appropriation bill now being framed by the house committee on naval affairs will contain provision for two more battleships and two armored cruisers, following the recommendations of Secretary Long.

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MINISTERS RECALLED

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM SEVERE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

Dismissal of the Dutch Consul at Lisbon. Marquis the Principal Cause of the Trouble, but a Speech of King Charles of Portugal, Toasting Queen Victoria, Hastened Matters.

LISBON, Dec. 10.—The minister of The Netherlands to Portugal and the Portuguese minister at The Hague, have left their respective posts. It is believed that a difference has arisen on the subject of the exequatur to the Dutch consul at Lourenço Marques, which the Portuguese government has withdrawn.

Tension between Holland and Portugal appears to have been emphasized, perhaps not altogether unintentionally, by the peculiar warmth of King Charles' toast to Queen Victoria at the banquet given at the royal palace to Vice Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson and the officers of the British fleet now in the river Tagus, and by the telegram which the king

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CREW IS DROWNED

Iron Ore Barge Charles Foster, Founders in Lake Erie With All on Board.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—A special to The Plaindealer from Erie, Pa., says: In the midst of one of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie, the iron ore barge Charles Foster, a tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom 10 miles off Erie and eight persons were drowned, including Captain John Eridge of Cleveland, and the first and second mates.

The Charles Foster was one of the fleet of James Corrigan of Cleveland, and for two months has been running from Duluth to Erie with iron ore. Her cargo consisted of 1,500 tons of ore.

RECEIVED BY WILHELMINA.

President Kruger Has an Audience With Holland's Queen.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10.—Queen Wilhelmina received Mr. Kruger in audience during the day. As the Boer statesman was traveling incognito the visit was not attended by the ceremony usually paid to a chief of state. A court official proceeded to his hotel and accompanied Mr. Kruger to the royal palace in a state carriage.

MINERS ESCAPE DEATH.

Rescued in an Unconscious Condition From an Anaconda Shaft.

BUTTE, Mon., Dec. 10.—Fifteen miners employed in the Bell mine, one of the Anaconda properties, had a narrow escape from death by suffocation. A fire had been burning in the mine for several weeks and has been getting beyond control. Six men who had been at work on one of the lower levels failed to come to the surface when their shift was ended, and another lot went down to investigate and found the men unconscious. The rescuers were also overcome by the gas and all were rescued with great difficulty.

GREAT BATTLE RAGING.

British Under Knox Engaging Boers Under Dewet.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Evening Standard, which has special reports of information, says that a great battle between the British forces under General Knox and the Boers under General Dewet is going on.

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NEWS CONDENSATIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Mrs. Margaret King is dead at Greensburg, Ind., aged 108 years.

Fire has destroyed the business portion of the little town of Etna, Ill.

William R. Dunton, formerly auditing clerk of the Chicago Union National bank, has been found guilty of embezzling \$15,500.

Mr. Driggs of New York has introduced a resolution in the house asking the secretary of war to investigate the practice of having at West Point.

It is reported that Signor Marconi is arranging to erect wireless telegraph stations along the route from Great Britain to Australia to enable voyagers to send and receive messages daily throughout the trip.

Lloyd J. Smith of Chicago, who was acquitted in the criminal court of a charge of shipping grain from the warehouses of the Chicago Elevator company without cancelling the receipts, has been expelled from the board of trade.

Thursday, Dec. 9.

The czar's convalescence is following generally a favorable course.

The Bulgarian cabinet has resigned owing to ministerial differences.

John Luke Haly-Hutchinson, fifth earl of Donoughmore, is dead in London.

The plurality of Governor Beckham of Kentucky, as officially announced, is 3,689.

The cotton crop of Central Asia is expected to be excellent this year according to Vice Consul Smith at Moscow.

In all the St. Petersburg churches Wednesday special services of thanksgiving were held for the convalescence of the czar.

The president has nominated Silas Alexander of New Mexico to be associate judge of the supreme court of New Mexico.

Austrian papers generally criticize the United States' policy as outlined in President McKinley's message to congress with respect to China.

Friday, Dec. 7.

Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador, distributed the prizes at the City of London college.

John Joy Edson has been named as chairman of the committee having in charge the inaugural ceremonies. He has accepted.

Mr. Henry Russell, composer of over 800 songs, including "A Life on the Ocean Wave," and "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," died at London Thursday.

M. Schnaebele, whose imprisonment by the Germans in Metz in 1887 nearly led to war between France and Germany, is dead at Nancy, France, of apoplexy.

Northwestern postmasters have been appointed as follows: Wisconsin, I. R. Nye, Wittenberg; Minnesota, J. K. Fancher, Dodge Center; Iowa, E. K. Covert, Vinton.

Saturday, Dec. 8.

The census returns show Berlin has a population of 1,884,945, compared with 1,477,904 in 1895.

The Denver board of aldermen has passed a bill licensing prize fights to the extent of \$50 for each performance.

August Anderson and Charles Massman, laborers, were killed in South Chicago by the collapse of a scaffold 90 feet in height.

Emperor Nicholas, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times, is again attending to state business.

The Westminster Gazette says Lieutenant General Sir Charles Warren has been named commander of the British troops in Canada.

The Illinois supreme court has denied a petition for a rehearing in the case of Former Banker E. S. Dreyer, who was convicted last March of the embezzlement of \$316,000.

Sunday, Dec. 10.

Mount Wrangel, Alaska, is again in eruption.

Warden Johnson has announced that typhoid has broken out among the convicts in Sing Sing prison.

Fire at Des Moines destroyed the main building of Ames college. Loss \$25,000, with no insurance.

The French chamber of deputies rejected a motion providing for a parliamentary inquiry into slavery and cruelty in the French colonies.

A negro who assaulted and fatally wounded Mrs. Joseph White, wife of a farmer living 13 miles from Rome, Ga., was caught 13 hours later and lynched.

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Warren, at one time commissioner of the London Metropolitan police, has been nominated commander of the British troops in Canada.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Captain Estace Gibson, former congressman and Confederate veteran, is dead at Huntington, W. Va.

A pro-Boer meeting, at which Miss Maude Gouge was to have presided, was prohibited by the Liverpool police.

Paddy Ryan, one-time champion of the prize ring, is destitute. His friends have started a subscription for his benefit.

The Salvation Army will provide on Christmas day a dinner for 25,000 poor persons in Madison Square Garden, New York.

The Roumanian government has broken off the negotiations with the Standard Oil company for a lease of the petroleum fields.

The international exposition of 1901 at Glasgow, Scotland, has engaged John Philip Sousa and his band to play at the exhibition for four weeks next October.

NEWS IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota state fair this year will be held Sept. 3 to 7, inclusive.

The Upper Mississippi Congregational Ministers' club met at Winona Monday.

The shipments of iron ore from Minnesota will be about 9,500,000 gross tons this year.

At a meeting of the St. Cloud school board it was decided to close the schools on account of smallpox.

G. M. Carson, judge of probate of Beltrami county, and one of its most prominent pioneers, is dead.

According to the health officer's report, the smallpox epidemic at Winona is fast subsiding and there is no danger of a further spread.

Former Attorney General Moses E. Clapp announces that he is a candidate for United States senator, to succeed the late C. K. Davis.

The 20th annual meeting of the Minnesota Valley Medical association was held in Mankato last week with a large attendance.

The First National and the Nicollet National banks of Minneapolis are to be consolidated Jan. 1, under the name of the First National bank.

A serious accident occurred at the new concrete Peavey elevator at Duluth, which resulted in the partial wrecking of three of the bins.

A petition is being circulated and already has the required two-thirds signatures for the change of the village organization of Marshall to a city plan of government.

The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative towards securing a monument to the late Senator Davis, a resolution on the subject having been adopted.

Stanley R. Kitchel, one of Minneapolis' well known attorneys, died last week after a lingering illness. Mr. Kitchel had been in poor health for the past two or three years.

John N. Brown, a 9-months-old baby of Providence, R. I., is heir to \$1,750,000 in personal property. Included in the list of his properties is about \$1,000,000 worth of Duluth real estate.

A number of jugs of water taken from a well being drilled at Fox Lake, Faribault county, contain natural gas. A man handling the water from the well was seriously injured by its explosion.

It is announced that the national meeting of the Young People's Union, United Presbyterian church, has selected Winona as the next place of meeting, in 1901, to be held the second week in August.

Attorney General Douglass has signed the application for a quo warrant writ to test the legal right to office of present St. Paul city officials. The claim is made that under the new charter the old officials hold over.

Polk county's new courthouse has been completed and accepted by the board of county commissioners. The building was erected by the Gross Construction company, and is one of the finest in the state, costing about \$75,000.

John G. Gronwald, one of Minnesota's pioneers, died last week in St. Paul. Mr. Gronwald was a contractor and builder and secured many government contracts. He built Fort Cross, Fort Pembina, Fort Custer and Fort Ripley.

The Charles G. Howe Consumers' Flour Milling company of Philadelphia is the name of a corporation which in its prospectus plans to build mills of an aggregate capacity of 35,000 barrels a day at Duluth. The capital is \$5,000,000, and the proposed mills are estimated to cost \$3,500,000.

Nathalia Wheeler, a 6-year-old child of such abnormal head development as to attract much attention among physicians and others, died at Minneapolis Friday. The child was particularly precocious, and could speak the English and Swedish languages fluently. The head measurement was 33 1/2 inches.

During the next 10 days St. Paul will receive about 500,000 Christmas trees, over one-half of which will be sent to other cities throughout the state. The advance guard has already arrived. Most of the trees are being brought from Eastern Canada, the Soo line having virtually a monopoly of the business.

The Duluth city council has under consideration the establishment of a free employment bureau. It is believed that the city can establish a free, or nearly free, agency that will prove a great assistance to men in search of work and who cannot afford to pay for information or to travel many miles only to find they have been misinformed.

According to statistics furnished by Superintendent Lewis of the state department of public instruction, the wages of teachers in Minnesota common schools and smaller graded schools have increased 22.28 per cent during the past year. The aggregate amount paid to them has been \$3,842,927.23, and this was divided among 12,000 teachers.

Mrs. Louise Schaefer died at her home in St. Paul Saturday. The deceased was one of the pioneer women of St. Paul, having resided in the city for more than 40 years. During the Indian uprising in 1863 Mrs. Schaefer had several narrow escapes. Her husband was killed and she received a knife wound and was left for dead in her home near Beaver creek.

The village of Tower, on the Duluth and Iron Range road, had a narrow escape from total destruction by fire Saturday. Fire originated in a pile of shavings at some distance from the yards of the Tower Lumber company. A high wind was blowing at the time and carried sparks into the lumber. In an incredibly short time about 10,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$130,000, was consumed. Change of wind saved

THE CAKE WALK.

The cake walk proper had its origin among the French negroes of Louisiana more than a century ago, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. There is little doubt that it is an offshoot of some of the old French country dances. It resembles several of them in form.

From New Orleans it spread over the entire south and thence north. It was found of convenience to the plantation negroes. They were not wedded by license, and it was seldom that the services of a preacher were called in. At a cake walk a man might legitimately show his preference for a woman and thus publicly claim her for a wife.

In effect the cake walk was not different from the old Scotch marriage which required only public acknowledgment from the contracting parties. So this festival became in some sense a wooing, an acceptance or a rejection and a ceremony. This explains its popularity with the blacks outside of its beauties, with the accompaniment of music, which is competent at all times to command negro support.

Cake walking has improved, as do most things that are constantly practiced. It has lost its old significance in the south. Negroes now get married when they marry at all in the white folks' fashion. It has become, however, a pantomime dance. Properly performed, it is a beautiful one. The cake is not much of a prize, though the negro has a sweet tooth.

A Discov'ry by Chance.

Figuerra, the master of early engraving, delighted in doing deeds of kindness. One day a washerwoman in washing a piece of clothing in which a needle had been carelessly left had the misfortune to run it into her hand. The needle broke, and more than half of it was left imbedded in the flesh. It gave her much pain, and as soon as she could she went to Finguerra's studio, put down the bundle of damp clothes that she was carrying to their owner and asked the artist to help her. After much patient, careful manipulation with his fine tools he succeeded in extracting the broken needle.

The woman thanked him, and as she lifted her damp bundle to leave the studio Finguerra noticed that it had rested upon one of his engravings and had received an excellent impression from it. The engraving, like all others of that time, was a metal plate complete in itself and was regarded as a single picture. The impression made upon the damp cloth suggested to the alert mind of Finguerra the possibility of producing an indefinite number of pictures from a single original. By experimenting he perfected his discovery, and eventually made it possible for all homes to have beautiful engravings, for previous to his discovery only the wealthy could afford them.

Breaking the News.

JACKSON—See here, Jinson, they confounded dog of yours kept up a continual howl under my window till 3 o'clock this morning!

Jinson (firmly)—It wasn't my dog, sir!

JACKSON—I'm glad to hear that, old man, because I hated to ask you to bury the body. To whom did you sell him?—Brooklyn Life.

LATE MARKET REPORT.

Duluth Grain.

WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard 73 1/2c, No. 1 Northern 70 1/2c, No. 2 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 3 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 4 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 5 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 6 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 7 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 8 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 9 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 10 Northern 67 1/2c.

MINNEAPOLIS Wheat.

WHEAT—In Store—Cash 70 1/2c, Jan. 71c, May 70c, On Track—No. 1 hard 70c, No. 1 Northern 71 1/2c, No. 2 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 3 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 4 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 5 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 6 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 7 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 8 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 9 Northern 67 1/2c, No. 10 Northern 67 1/2c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Dec. 11.

HOGS—Market opened 6c higher and closed steady. Quality averaged good. Range of prices, \$1.45@1.75.

CATTLE—Market in good demand with no quotable changes.

SALES ranged at \$4.00@4.50 for good to choice butcher steers, \$3.50@4.00 for cows and heifers, \$4.00@4.50 for bulls, \$4.50@5.00 for calves.

SHEEP—Market in good demand with no quotable changes.

SALES ranged at \$4.00@4.75 for lambs, \$3.00@3.50 for sheep.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.

CATTLE—Market steady to 1/2c lower.

SALES ranged at \$3.00@3.50 for good to prime steers, \$4.00@4.50 for poor to medium, \$4.50@5.00 for cows and heifers, \$5.00@5.50 for Texas steers.

HOGS—Market active and 3@7 1/2c higher.

SALES ranged at \$4.00@4.50 for mixed and butchers, \$4.75@5.25 for good to choice heavy, \$4.50@4.75 for rough, \$4.75@4.97 1/2 for light. Bulk of sales \$4.00@4.25.

SHEEP—Sheep and lambs steady.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.

WHEAT—December 69 1/2c, January 70 1/2c, February 71c, March 71 1/2c, May 72c.

CORN—December 26 1/2c, January 25 1/2c, February 25c, May 26c.

OATS—December 21 1/2c, January 21 1/2c, May 22c.

PORK—December \$11.25, January \$12.25, May \$12.25.

FLAX—Cash Northwestern \$1.62, No. 1, \$1.59, December \$1.59, May \$1.60.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. will sell tickets Dec. 22 and 23, 1900 and Jan. 1, 1901 at a fare and one-third the round trip to points within 200 miles, good to return Jan. 2, 1901.

Austin Markets.

Wheat, No. 2, 66c per bu.

Oats, 35c per bu.

Timothy, \$1.50 per cwt.

Butter, 35c per lb.

Eggs, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bu.

Young Hogs, \$3.00 per cwt.

Brood Sows, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Sheep, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per cwt.

Veal Calves, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Spring Chickens, 50c per lb.

Young Fat Turkeys, 60c per lb.

Roosters, 50c per lb.

Order for Hearing and Notice of Application for Appointment of Administrator.

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

In Probate Court.

Special term, December 8, 1900.

In the matter of the estate of George H. Van Camp, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Lou Van Camp of said county, representing among other things, that George H. Van Camp, late of said county, Minn., on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1900 at Austin township in said county died intestate, leaving a residue of this county at the time of his death, leaving goods, chattels and estate within this county, and that the said petitioner is a son of said deceased, and a duly qualified administrator of said estate to be appointed by the court.

It is ordered, that said petition be heard before the court on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the probate office in the city of Austin in said county.

Ordered further, that notice thereof be given to the heirs of said deceased, and to all persons interested by publishing this order once in each week for three consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the MOWER COUNTY TRANSCRIPT, a weekly newspaper printed and published at the city of Austin in said county.