

A POETIC CONGRESSMAN

Claims of Sampson and Schley Discussed in Verse.

The Naval Personnel Bill in the House—Conflict in the Army and Navy—Rear Admiral Schley Enlarged—Hint to Germany.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, Jan. 13.—The House today entered upon the consideration of the naval personnel bill. It developed much less opposition than was anticipated, and the indications are that it will have a large majority when it is placed upon its passage to-morrow.

The last vestige of opposition to the measure from the line officers of the navy was removed to-day, when an amendment was adopted designed to prohibit staff officers upon whom the bill confers positive rank from exercising command save in their own corps. The committee also asserted their purpose to offer an amendment to-morrow to repeal the law giving prize money to the navy, and this announcement met with warm approval.

EULOGY OF SCHLEY. The speeches on the bill to-day were filled with glowing allusions to the glories of our naval victories in the late war, and Mr. Berry, of Kentucky, created a great deal of enthusiasm by his eulogy of Schley as the hero of Santiago.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Berry made the first allusion on the floor of the House to the mooted question as to who was responsible for the victory over Cervera's fleet at Santiago. "I believe the bill will remove conflict, and if there is any country where there is a necessity for the removal of conflict in the army or the navy, it is the United States." (Laughter.) I think we had a magnificent phase of a conflict in the armed service of the United States in the papers this morning, and whether it will end in a duel or not, I do not know, but it shows there is a very considerable amount of friction in the army of the United States.

"There was some conflict then among the officers in the navy in the greatest battle of the war, the greatest battle of modern times, because it demonstrates the character of the men and the vessels that were engaged in it, and there is no doubt in the mind of the American people who is entitled to the credit of the victory. But there are people who are trying to steal away from Schley the credit of the glorious triumph he won on the third of July, 1898."

A HUMOROUS POEM. In this connection Mr. Berry read the following poem amid a whirlwind of laughter and applause:

When the Spanish fleet, with full headway, Dashed out of Santiago bay, Taking the chances of death and wreck; Who stood on a Yankee quarter deck, And marked the game with eagle eye, Say, was it Sampson, or was it Schley?

(Laughter and applause.)

Who was it, when shot and screaming shell, Turned Sabbath calm into echoing hell? Steamed into the thickest of the fray; 'Tis good ship leading all the way; While the roar of his guns shook earth and sky; Say, was it Sampson, or was it Schley?

(Laughter and applause.)

In American hearts, who holds first place

In Pain?

In the Back? Then probably the kidneys. In the Chest? Then probably the lungs. In the Joints? Then probably rheumatism.

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THE GOMEZ PLAN

He Says the Island is Not Yet Free.

Cubans and Spaniards Should Unite and Make It So.—The United States Should Have Full Credit—Furnish Outrage. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Havana, Jan. 13.—General Maximo Gomez, who is still in the interior, continued to keep his program before the people. It is this in substance: First, the island is not yet free and independent. Second, Cubans and Spaniards should unite in making it so. Third, all the inhabitants of the island should give the United States full credit and co-operate cheerfully for the present.

General Gomez has written to the principal Cuban commanders, instructing them to keep the Cubans, soldiers and civilians, from committing any outrage upon Spaniards, and to aid in the arrest and punishment of any Cuban guilty of such an offence. NOT SUITED FOR OFFICE. General Gomez is regarded by the United States military administration as scarcely suited to any high civil office. He is considered a soldier of fortune; his manners are of the camp, and he is deficient in education. But he will be received with all possible courtesy if he comes to Havana, though it does not yet appear how he could become part of the civil administration, as the form of oath prepared for the military government of the United States in Cuba, obedience to all the orders of the Military Governor and conformity to the existing laws of Cuba and to such changes as may hereafter be made in them.

WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION. IMMENSE LOSSES ON LAND AND SEA BY STORM.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Jan. 13.—Widespread devastation on land and sea has been the result of the storm that has raged during the past few days, and the aggregate losses of property are immense. This evening reports are gradually filtering through from the provinces, telling of dismantled houses, overflowing rivers, inundated streets and fields, buildings flooded, cattle and sheep drowned, railroads disorganized and disasters to life and limb from falling debris. London's parks and buildings have suffered heavily. The Thames has overflowed along the upper reaches, with serious loss to the dwellers on the banks. Most of the coast towns have suffered severely. Promenades have been swept by the sea and harbors and piers damaged. Parts of Southampton are under water. The schools were closed this afternoon and this evening the tide is overflowing all boundaries and threatening serious results.

In many parts of Portsmouth boats were employed in the main streets to-day to take the school children home. Numerous small wrecks are reported, and all the life boats are kept exceedingly busy. Three men who were returning from a funeral near Castle Island, Ireland, were lifted by the wind, hurled into a pit and killed.

The channel steamers have had terrible experiences.

IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Jan. 13.—A terrific gale has been raging here since early this morning. Much damage has been done to property, and there have been many accidents, including many fatalities.

BELGIUM.

Brussels, Jan. 13.—The whole country around about has suffered considerable damage from the storm that has been raging for twelve hours. In this city a woman was killed this afternoon, and many other accidents are reported.

TO TRY PRIVATE BUCKLEY.

To-morrow the court-martial will meet to try Private Buckley, Company C, Second Louisiana Volunteers, for shooting and killing Private John D. Hughes, of the same company, last Saturday at Camp Buena Vista. Buckley has been confined at Camp Quemados. General Lee says if sentence of death is imposed Buckley will be hung, not shot. The verdict of the court will, in any event, go to President McKinley to be approved or modified by him.

SICK SOLDIERS.

General Wilson has already released seventy Spanish prisoners. Nineteen men of the Ninth Illinois Volunteers had the measles when their regiment arrived here. The number is now 45. In the Second South Carolina Regiment, seven men are down with the mumps; in the Fourth Virginia Regiment, 12.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

DESIRE TO LIMIT THE GROWTH OF ARMIES. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Jan. 14.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: A circular was issued on Thursday to the powers from St. Petersburg, stating that the Czar's magnanimous idea, having met with general approbation, the time had arrived to submit to the plenipotentiaries a program to be considered at the proposed conference, which must be regarded as nothing more than a basis for the deliberations. "I understand this program does not mention disarmament. It restricts itself to proposing a limitation of the growth of armaments, especially with respect to new inventions. It does not suggest any particular place of meeting, but proposes some other town than one of the capitals of the great powers."

Insurrection in Ecuador.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Jan. 13.—Cable advices received here to-day from General Rivadeneira, in command of the insurgent forces in Ecuador, say: "I am with a victorious army of Barra (50 miles northeast of Quito). The forces of Alfaro (president of Ecuador) tried to retake the town, but were defeated, and I am now about to pursue them."

Two Hangings.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—Abner Small, colored, was executed in Chatham county jail at 10:07 this morning for the murder of Policeman Neve, four years ago. Dallas, Texas, Jan. 13.—Fred Sawyer, a Dallas negro, was hanged at Waxahachie to-day for an assault committed on Mrs. Fannie Fuller, a white woman, about one year ago.

HOW TO CURE NEURALGIA.

I Was a Great Sufferer from Neuralgia for Years.

Dr. Greene's Nervura The Remedy Which Cured The Pain. Nervura Built Me Up All Over. I Feel Like a New Man. Mr. M. P. Mitchell, 428 East 5th St., South Boston, Mass., says: "I have been a great sufferer from neuralgia in the head for a number of years. I purchased a bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, though with very little faith in its helping me. After taking one bottle the pain was not so bad, so I tried another, and the improvement was more noticeable, and after taking six bottles the pain left my head and I felt like a new man. I will add that I was

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

PRICES OF STAPLES GAIN FURTHER GROUND.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Jan. 13.—Bradstreet's of to-morrow will say: Perhaps the most notable features of the trade situation at present is the strength of prices of nearly all staples, particularly of cereals, cotton, iron and steel, which have apparently gained further ground since the first of the year. Explanation of the strength of wheat is, of course, found in the good cash demand which seems to meet any slight reaction in values and which has placed the price at a point as high as at any previous time for three months past. This cereal and corn are both in exceptionally good demand abroad, judging from the large exports reported and good foreign demand is likewise the secret of strength in cotton, shipments of which continue heavy. A feature of dealings in this staple is the ready demand in good grades and the indifference manifested toward low grades, which, owing to the bad weather at the South, are in larger than usual supply. Cotton manufacturers, indeed, have been complaining for some time of the low spinning quality and waste of the present crop. While large sales of iron and steel are not so numerous as in recent weeks, further advances in price are notable of pig iron, steel billets, plates and rods, bear testimony to the eagerness of buyers to secure supplies and the almost corresponding indifference of the trade toward new business, order books of most of the mills being reported well filled. Pig iron production at the best ever known, but stocks show further depletion. The successful floating of a number of large consolidations in this industry of late has naturally stimulated interest and discussion in further consolidations. The formation of syndicates, however, is not confined to iron and steel because within the week the reports of a projected great tobacco syndicate, having for its object the securing of control of the entire Cuban supply this year. Among other rumors of consolidations is the story from the Pacific coast of a proposed consolidation of salmon canneries. The plan in this line in an advance from the low figure reached some months ago. The strength of cotton goods is still a feature of the dry goods market, but the hoped-for advance in raw wool has not yet materialized, and the trade in manufactured woolsens is still slow. The feeling of confidence in the lumber trade is unabated, and an active demand is looked for in the spring, the strength of hard woods being a particular feature in this connection. In other industries activity is a feature, a notable instance being the heavy vessel tonnage now being built both at the lakes and on the sea coast, aggregating a total claim to be far in excess of any previous period in the country's history. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 5,647,674 bushels, against 5,256,253 bushels last week; 5,299,547 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898; 3,918,150 bushels in 1897; 3,292,124 bushels in 1896, and 3,564,459 bushels in 1895. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 134,635,018 bushels, against 137,742,801 bushels last year. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,297,672 bushels, against 4,844,288 bushels last week; 4,611,750 bushels in this week a year ago; 3,777,257 bushels in 1897; 3,336,017 bushels in 1896, and 661,257 bushels in 1895. Since July 1 this season corn exports aggregate 83,991,999 bushels, against 83,444,436 bushels during the same period a year ago. Business failures for the week show an increase over the preceding week, numbering 394, against 237 last week, but comparing with 323 in this week a year ago; 478 in 1897; 412 in 1896; Canadian failures for the week number 34, against 26 last week; 58 in this week a year ago; 59 in 1897; 71 in 1896 and 61 in 1895. Hester's Cotton Statement. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New Orleans, Jan. 13.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 59,151 bales, against an increase of 56,618 last year, and a decrease of 1,998 in 1895. The total visible is 5,115,999, against 5,205,145 last week and 4,437,959 last year, of this the total of American cotton is 4,895,994, against 4,965,145 last week and 4,198,659 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 259,000, against 238,999 last week and 239,000 last year. New Orleans, Jan. 13.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement issued to-day shows a decrease in the movement into eight compared with the seven days ending this date last year of 93,000, an increase over the same days year before last of 77,000. For the 15 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 15 days of last year 212,000, and ahead of the same days year before last of 1,539,000. The total movement for the 135 days from September 1 to date is 8,248,650, against 7,565,559 last year. The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all United States ports 6,266,999, against 6,082,496 last year. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 573,259, against 550,295 last year. Southern mill takings, 550,791, against 544,005 last year. Foreign exports for the week have been 243,333, against 222,719 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,792,329, against 4,136,758 last year. The total takings of American mills for the season have been 1,937,899, against 1,976,725 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centres have decreased during the week 51,353 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 21,057.

Disatisfaction at San Juan.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 13.—The Mayor and the entire City Council have resigned. This action, they assert, was taken because of their inability to raise sufficient funds under the present tariff. They are not satisfied with the so-called abrupt commands of military government, alleging that they have insufficient liberty. There is, however, no ill feeling.

The Memphis Fire.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 13.—The fire which broke out in the J. S. Menken Company dry goods store last night totally destroyed that building and contents, causing a loss of \$450,000, with an insurance of \$345,000. The Gayoso Hotel, on the south of the Menken block, although at times seriously threatened, received little if any damage.

ATTITUDE OF GERMANS.

IS NOT GIVING AID OR COMFORT TO FILIPINOS. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Berlin, Jan. 13.—The correspondent of the Associated Press, after a thorough investigation, ascertains that the report that Germany is aiding the Filipinos and furnishing them with war materials, is absolutely baseless. Baron Von Bulow, Imperial Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, personally authorizes the statement that such reports are justified by nothing German has done, is doing or is preparing to do. Legation Councillor Hamann, of the Foreign Office, being empowered to speak for the government, supplemented the above denial as follows: AN EXPLANATION. "The only possible explanation of the way in which such rumors have been originated, we think, is a dispatch received this morning from Herr Kraueger, our counsel at Manila. Hamann then read this dispatch to the correspondent of the Associated Press. The gist of it is that early last November three unimportant dealers sent to a Filipino newspaper a statement that they had always been satisfied with the treatment received from the Filipinos, and hoped that the good relations would continue. Despite the fact that the German colonies at Manila and Hong Kong promptly issued a declaration asserting that these three Germans in no way represented the views of the colonies, and assuring the Americans of sympathy, the incident was used as a handle to impute anti-American sentiments to Germans in the Philippines. GERMANY FRIENDLY. So far as the doings of the German government and navy are concerned, Herr Hamann said positively that absolutely nothing had occurred which should be construed as hostility toward the plans of the Americans, or as connivance with those of the Filipinos. Herr Hamann concluded his statement to the Associated Press correspondent with the remark: "I am amazed that such baseless lies, though disproved again and again, should still find credence." The officials at the United States embassy feel sure that there is nothing whatever in the rumors.

RUSSIAN-AFGHAN TREATY.

ENGLAND OUT-GENERATED AND HER OFFER REFUSED. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Jan. 13.—The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says: According to news from St. Petersburg, from a source usually trustworthy, a treaty of alliance between Russia and Afghanistan was signed on January 3, despite the strenuous opposition of Great Britain, whose representatives it is alleged, offered the Amer money and troops with a view of inducing him to enter upon hostilities against Russia. According to the same source of information, the Amer, a few days before, had issued a proclamation assuring the Afghans of the Czar's friendly disposition and of the benefits likely to result from Russia building the Kushk Railway. "Let us not listen, therefore, to certain evil disposed foreigners who are in the habit of uttering calumnies, but let us be friends of the Russians, as we are of their emperor."

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EAGAN INTERVIEWED.

SAYS THE TERRIBLE CHARGE CALLED FOR THE LANGUAGE HE USED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Commissary General Eagan consented to be interviewed to-night. When the subject of his testimony before the Investigating Commission was broached, General Eagan first made clear the fact that he and he alone was responsible for the statements, both as to facts and language. "I had my own grievance," General Eagan said. "A terrible charge was brought against me. I was accused of poisoning soldiers under the pretense of experiment. If it had not been for that charge I might not have spoken before the commission as I did. For three weeks I chafed under the charge of having poisoned soldiers under the pretense—yes; under the pretense of experimenting with chemicals. If it had not been for this charge, perhaps I would not have used such language before the commission. Let those that criticize my language be placed in the position in which I was placed; let them be charged as I was charged, and they will understand my language better. It is the gored bull that feels the pain."

Deadlock Continues.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 13.—The deadlock continues in the Republican Senatorial caucus. Two ballots were taken to-night without change, the last one resulting: Johnson, 29; Marshall, 11; Little, 9; Lamore, 8; McCumber, 8; Hanna, 6; and Cooper, 4. There is little likelihood now that a Senator will be chosen in caucus.

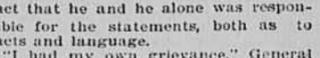
The Vote at Helena.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 13.—The vote for United States Senator to-day was: Conrad, 37; Clark, 21, and the remainder scattering. Sensational developments promised, failed to materialize.

Joseph Brown.

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