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BRITISH TAKE GERMAN STEAMER

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planters, and has also accepted the offers of Indian princes to supply horses. TO THE QUEEN.

London, Dec. 30.—The War Office issued a dispatch dated Cape Town Friday, December 23, evening, saying that Colonel Kekewich wired through to general commanding at Modder River, on December 28, as follows: "I am delighted by the Mayor and Council to forward the following for transmission through the proper channel: 'By His Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send Your Majesty N. W. P. a message of love and loyalty toward our Majesty's throne and person.' (Signed) R. H. Henderson, Mayor, on behalf of the inhabitants."

The Ohio Legislature. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—The Ohio Legislature will convene Monday and organize. The Republicans have a majority in both branches. In the Senate

there are 18 Republicans, 11 Democrats and 1 Independent Republican. In the House there are 62 Republicans, 4 Democrats and 3 Independent Republicans. The Republican and Democratic caucuses were held this afternoon and evening. Those of the Democrats are more formal. The Republicans are a more informal. The Republican caucus was held in the presence of General Charles P. Brown, financial Senator from Hamilton county, to participate in their caucus. He refused amid an ominous silence. The Republicans of the Senate named Oscar Sheppard, of Noble county, for president pro tem, and the House Republicans A. G. Reynolds, of Lake county, for Speaker, and Charles Merion, Jr., of Franklin, for Speaker pro tem.

The Senate Democrats nominated General W. R. Brogan, of Anzalone, for president pro tem, and the House Democrats Charles Swain, of Hamilton, Speaker, and G. Z. Goard, of Ashland, Speaker pro tem.

Printing Company Burned. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Eustis, Fla., Dec. 30.—The building owned and occupied by the Hill Printing Company, publishers of the Eustis Lake Region, was totally destroyed by fire this morning; loss, \$10,000.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. CHICAGO LOSES A MILLION—MIRACULOUS ESCAPES. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fire at an early hour to-day completely ignited the buildings extending from 216 to 223 Monroe street, badly damaged the building at 212-211 Monroe street, caused loss aggregating \$300,000 and resulted in the injury of nine firemen. Two of them, Captain Robert O'Connor and James Woolley, were seriously injured. The fire is supposed to have originated on the second floor, in the work-room of Woolley & Co., wholesale woolens, at 220 and 222 Monroe street, and fanned by a fierce northwest wind, spread so rapidly that when the first fire companies arrived on the scene the whole south end of the building was a mass of flames. A second, and then a third, alarm was sent in, but in spite of water thrown into the burning buildings by 33 engines and ten fire trucks, the wind and bitter cold so hindered the firemen that for a time the entire wholesale district was in danger.

THE LOSSES. The flames quickly communicated to the buildings at 216 and 215, but their progress was finally checked. Immense brands were carried long distances, and the firemen were kept busy extinguishing small fires on nearby roofs. The principal losses follow: Building at 220-222 Monroe street, loss \$225,000. Edwards, Stanwood & Co., successors to Phelps, Dodge and P. M. r., boots and shoes, third and sixth floors, loss \$200,000. Woolly & Co., first and second floors, woolen goods, loss \$155,000. Building at 212-211 Monroe street, occupied by W. Butler Paper Company, loss \$4,000. J. W. Butler Paper Company, damage to stock, \$250,000 fully insured. Henry O. Shepard Co., papers, occupied by H. G. at 212-211 Monroe street, loss \$104,000. Building at 217 Fth avenue was damaged to the extent of \$12,000. Most of the losses are well covered by insurance.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES. The escape from death of Captains O'Connor, Evans and Carey and Firemen Padden, Callahan and three others was little short of miraculous. All of the men were working on the roof to the west side at 216-218 Monroe street, and as the fire crept closer to the west side of the structure, the men were gradually driven toward the middle of the roof. Suddenly the roof of the building adjoining fell with a terrific crash. An immense mass of brick and timbers crashed into the roof where Captain O'Connor and his men were at work. The roof tore away from the sides and fell with a crash to the floor beneath, carrying Captain O'Connor and Padden down on the debris and leaving the others on the frail broken edge of the roof high above the flames. Captain O'Connor, Lieutenant Callahan and Pipeman Fountain and Hornum were fortunate in crawling along the shaking walls and safely away to the ground. After the fire had been raging about an hour and a half, the walls began falling, and several firemen were more or less injured; James Woolley was seriously hurt and was sent to the hospital. The fire was one of the worst in years, and the intense cold hampered the firemen in their work.

SEAGIRT RIFLE RANGE. INSPECTOR GENERAL SPENCER ON HILTON TROPHY. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Dec. 30.—General Eld S. Spencer, Inspector general of rifle practice of the New Jersey Guard, and head of the rifle range at Seagirt, N. J., issued a statement to-day in reply to the Georgia Rifle Team, which claimed it won the Hilton trophy last year at Seagirt, although the trophy was awarded to New Jersey. The statement is as follows: "The Georgia team, desiring apparently to keep alive the controversy about the Hilton trophy, and having published an address to the public, notwithstanding their appeal was heard and decided against them by the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Rifle Association, Governor Voorhees and General Meany constituting the committee which heard and decided the appeal, have given out to the public the following statement: 'The attention of the undersigned has been called to a communication published in the public press of December 22d, 1899, apparently signed by members of the rifle team from the State of Georgia, which competed at Seagirt, at the last meeting of the New Jersey State Rifle Association, questioning the justice of our decision, with reference to the award of the Georgia team, upon the award of the Hilton trophy to the New Jersey team. 'The facts, which were brought out in the hearing held before us, and upon which we rendered a decision dismissing the appeal of the Georgia team and affirming the award of the executive officer, are not fully set out in said communication. 'At said hearing the members of the Georgia team and their counsel, Colonel Lawton, were given every opportunity to present all facts within their knowledge, and to make such arguments in the judgment of Colonel Lawton the evidence would permit. 'After hearing all the evidence of both sides to the controversy, and a full and fair consideration thereof, the undersigned were of the opinion that there was not a shadow of doubt that the decision of the executive officer was correct, and should be affirmed. 'We assumed that the members of the Georgia team were also convinced that they were in error, and that their contention, though justified, was not well founded, and their counsel did not consider it worth while to make any argument after hearing the evidence in their behalf of the claims of the New Jersey team. 'We, therefore, confess considerable surprise that further efforts should be made to prejudice the public mind by the publication of garbled facts and arguments based upon but a partial statement of the evidence produced before us and upon which our decision was made. 'FOSTER M. VOORHEES, Governor of New Jersey. 'EDWARD P. MEANY, Judge-Advocate of New Jersey, Executive Committee, New Jersey State Rifle Association.'

TOLD BY AN EX-MEMBER

Stories of Congressional Life in Days of Long Ago.

HAD NO ELEVATORS THEN

The Lifts Were the Result of an Agitation Begun by Gustave Schleichler and Subsequently Taken up by Robert Klotz, the First-Named from Texas and the Latter from Pennsylvania—Anecdotes of Eugene Hale When He Was a Young Member.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—He was an ex-Congressman, with round shoulders and a gray head. He had been appointed a United States judge in Oklahoma, the Indian Territory, Alaska, or some other place, and his time had run out. Political emergencies precluded his reappointment, although he was personally acceptable to the administration. What his political enemies wanted were the minor places within the gift of the judge. There were over a hundred of these and several thousand applications. The judge was recalling scenes and incidents in his Congressional career. He was in the elevator on his way to the hall of the House of Representatives. Some one commented on the relative speed of the elevators in the two wings of the Capitol. The Senator lifted his head with a smile and said, "I have ascended with celebrity and dispatch, while those of the House are tortoise-like in movement. It is the difference between an express train and an old Concord coach. 'I came here,' said the veteran ex-member, 'when elevators were unknown. Not long afterward they made their appearance in several of the large cities. They were considered an expensive luxury, and nobody dreamed of placing them in the Capitol. Singular as it may seem, the first man to propose to build an elevator in the House was a member from Texas. He was the heaviest man in the House, and represented the San Antonio district. His name was Gustave Schleichler, and he was born in Germany. Beyond his size, he attracted little attention in the House until his introduction of a resolution providing for an elevator in the south wing. Washington Holman was chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. He fought the resolution tooth and nail, on the score of economy. He regarded it as the acme of extravagance. Schleichler, however, was persistent. He fought Holman to a standstill, and was finally beaten by the Hoosier statesman. Even the city members voted against the resolution. The big German, however, had struck his gait. He had attracted the attention of the whole country. This pleased his constituents, and he was re-elected. He came back to the Forty-fifth Congress and continued the agitation for an elevator. He died near the close of the third session much regretted. 'In the Forty-sixth Congress Robert Klotz, of Mauch Chunk, a Pennsylvania Dutchman, championed Schleichler's hobby. He was so persistent in repeating it that one of his colleagues said to him one day, 'You want to be hoisted to your seat, do you? Well, you will get all the hoisting you want there.' 'The prediction failed. Mr. Klotz was returned to Congress, after he had succeeded in securing an appropriation for an elevator. It was made in the sixth Congress in the sundry and civil bill. Holman was no longer chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. His successor was the Hon. John De Witt Clinton Atkins, of Tennessee. The fact remains, however, that the introduction of the elevators in the Capitol was due to the efforts of two statesmen of German extraction. 'I look back upon my Congressional life with pleasure, the veteran ex-member added. 'At times the treadmill of legislation became wearisome, but the work was lightened by many amusing incidents. Eugene Hale was then a member of the House. Among his associates were Tom Reed, William P. Frye, and Llewellyn Powers, now Governor of Maine. Hale was chairman of the delegation and was chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee. He was the best dressed man in the House. Neat and natty in attire, he was equally neat and natty in manner and intellect. As he was the leading Republican of the Committee on Appropriations, he was an active participant in debate. At one time he visited the room occupied by the official reporters to revise some reports. On entering the room he complained of its atmosphere. It had a taint offensive to a man of his exquisite sensibilities. He said there was undoubtedly a dead rat behind some of the bookcases, and it ought to be removed immediately. So pungent was the odor that he left the room, asking that his remarks be sent to his residence. For a week he was departed he averred that he would have an investigation made, as such an odor was injurious to health and not to be tolerated. A few minutes afterward the carpenter and two assistants appeared to remove the floor. If necessary, meantime the windows had been opened and the room was filled with fresh air. They had hardly begun working before the mystery was explained. Each reporter had two manure-pans. They were bright young fellows, given to practical joking. One had surreptitiously emptied a vial of iodiform upon the clothes of an assistant. When he saw the carpenters removing the bookcases and preparing to tear up the floor he became frightened at the result of his experiment, and confessed what he had done. On the next day Mr. Hale visited the room and congratulated himself and the reporters upon the good work done by the carpenters. 'Speaking of the reporters,' the veteran continued, 'reminds me of one, now dead and gone, who was really a wonderful man. His name was William Hincks, and he came from Cohasset, Mass. He was a great friend of Stuart Robson, then a rising young actor. Mr. Hincks was a natural genius. He spoke half a dozen different languages, and had a very retentive memory. He could repeat verbatim almost any current quotation, and was invaluable to Congressmen who used quotations in their speeches. He was short and stout, with a long face, and had a big round bald spot on his head. He seemed to jerk the words out of himself by a quick motion of his arms. A stenographer of remarkable speed, he confined himself to no one system of reporting. In an emergency he created a system of his own. I recall one occasion when on visiting the reporters' room I saw a page of stenographic characters made by Hincks. In the middle of the page were large circles; one had a dot in the center, and the other a dot on the outside. Curiously I felt me to ask Hincks the meaning of these odd characters. 'The name of the man,' he replied, 'This, pointing to the circle with the dot in it, means "in the world," and the other, "out of the world.' 'Some Congressman had used these words in a speech, and Hincks had mistook the characters when he was called on to report the speech. He had been used in the same sense, which brought them near together. 'In alluding to his experiences the veteran told many a story of Congressional life. He sympathized with the new members in their efforts to solve the mystery of the departments. Their first great trouble was with the Pension Office. He said: 'A Western member who entered Congress some years ago determined to attend to his pension business personally. He first appeared at the Pension Bureau with about 300 letters from applicants for pensions lying in his pocket. Entering the Deputy Commissioner's room, and seating himself at the table, he carefully selected about ten letters and called for the file in each case. They were brought to him and he minutely examined each paper. As he was a lawyer, accustomed to briefs, he did his work thoroughly. All day long the clerk in charge watched him. At 4 o'clock a messenger called his attention to the hour for the closing of the bureau, and told him that they would retain the files for him and he could begin work again in the morning. As he was leaving the room the clerk impressed with his remarkable industry, handed him a tablet of blank forms, telling him that if he would fill them out properly the clerk would send them to him by mail. After thoroughly understanding the paper and the number to fill the blanks and when he had stamped each one in a separate stamped envelope. The next day he was at the bureau, thanked the clerk and reached the House late for prayer. 'The ex-Congressman told many a reminiscence of his visits to the departments in the olden times. On one occasion he went to the Navy Department. He was met by Commodore John G. Walker, now a rear admiral on the retired list, who was chief of the Bureau of Navigation. A young ensign, fresh from his enlistment, and imbued with a sense of his importance, entered the bureau. Meeting a man in a business suit who was crossing the apartment, he said: 'I want to see Walker?' The gentleman replied, 'What Walker?' The ensign returned, 'Why, Walker, the chief of this bureau.' 'I am Commodore Walker, chief of the bureau,' was the reply. 'At this the mortification of the young officer was apparent. He colored, stammered, and when he recovered his speech was profuse in his apologies. 'Commodore,' he stammered, 'I beg your pardon.' 'The commodore benevolently replied, 'Don't call me commodore; call me John.' 'The ensign is now a lieutenant, and did his duty in the engagement at Santiago. No man is more strict in observing naval discipline and etiquette. 'The veteran added another naval story from his repertoire. He had heard it in Catekill where Captain Robby D. Evans robbed birds' nests and chased children from a church in New York while on duty there. Finding a desirable new empty he occupied it and bowed in reverence. A moment afterward a gentleman and a lady in rich attire seated themselves in the same pew. The gentleman scowled at the captain and finally passed him a card which he took while the captain was not looking. 'You may do—do rough.' 'Captain Evans frequently denies the anecdotes attributed to him, but he has never evinced a disposition to deny this one. 'I see,' said the old statesman, 'if you are having a fine time over Brigham H. Roberts' book, it reminds me of what happened when old Bill Hooper came to the House as a Delegate from Utah Territory. Farnsworth, of Illinois, took a dash at him. Among other things he asked him how many wives Brigham Young had. 'The Delegate grimly replied, 'He has enough to let other people's wives alone.' 'Here the reminiscences of the ex-Congressman were cut short. A female lobbyist of the olden time bore down upon him in full sail. She recognized him and readily thought that he had been returned to Congress. He made a desperate attempt to escape, but was nailed to the wall, while the lobbyist turned him to support legislation in which she was interested. When last seen his face had become apoplectic in appearance and he was gasping for breath. AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

Uncle Sam's Request Granted. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Krueger has granted a request of this Government, made through United States Consul Hollis at Pretoria, to allow an American army officer to accompany the Boer troops as an observer, and the War Department will hurry an officer to the scene of hostilities as soon as selected. France, Germany and perhaps other nations have officers in that capacity there now.

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A CHURCH RECEPTION

Mrs. Captain M. C. Keeling and Other Ladies Entertain. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) The largest social event of the season came off last Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Captain M. C. Keeling, on Chestnut street. The occasion was a reception given by the Young Ladies Society of Chestnut Street, M. E. Church. The parlors were beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers and potted plants, and with the decorated lamps in variegated colors presented a pleasing effect. A very spicy and interesting program was rendered in a satisfactory manner. Among the special features of the evening were solos by Misses Berkley and Marwitz. When the party had been entertained from a literary standpoint, they were invited to the dining-room, where a long table was beautifully decorated and spread with delicious fruits, cakes, chocolate and refreshments awaited them. They were served by Misses Elsie Williams and Bessie Lyons. The following ladies formed the reception committee: Messdames W. L. Moore and C. B. White, assisted by Misses India Ethridge, Mary Rogers, Grizel, Jaocks, Lucie Berkley and Louis Hendon. Only two gentlemen were honored with invitations. The guests numbered seventy-five. The reception was known as a novel feature of church work. Friday evening Oakdale Lodge No. 7, L. O. O. F., in South Norfolk, elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: J. T. Lane, N. G.; J. B. Clark, V. G.; Frank Harrell, secretary; J. A. McCord, Jr., treasurer; G. L. Grimes, chaplain; J. T. Lane, J. B. McCord, Jr., and W. T. Abbott, trustees for two years. This lodge is but six years old and is said to be one of the most thrifty in Tidewater Virginia. It owns property approximated at a value of \$3,500, and is entering upon its seventh year clear of all indebtedness, with eighty-five active and progressive members. They have been very fortunate in having lost but two of their members by death since its organization. Mrs. and Mrs. S. A. McCoy, yesterday evening to answer a charge of robbing George Mann, also colored. Seymour denied the charge, but his Honor thought the evidence sufficient to give him three months in the county jail, which he did. Mrs. and Mrs. S. O. Gordon have returned from Camden, N. C., where they spent the past week with relatives and friends. Rev. Mr. Wood, of Camden, N. C., was in town yesterday. Second Lieutenant H. M. Jacobs left yesterday for Blacksburg College, where he will resume his course of studies. Miss Emily Bray left yesterday for

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EN. LAWTON'S FUNERAL. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) REMAINS LEAVE TO-DAY FOR THE UNITED STATES. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) da, D. c. 30 (3 p. m.)—The funeral of General Henry W. Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, December 18, was held to-day with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from the Pico Cemetery down to the Luita to Paris, and thence to the transport Thos. mas, which sails to-morrow afternoon. As the body was removed from the vault Captain Martin read the prayers. The personal staff of the general was augmented by Colonel Robert Simon, T.umpeter Nabors and Privates Oskum and Mohr. The latter, who were closely connected with General Lawton's recent illness, bore the casket from the vault. A box of oiled caskets waiting at the depot. The funeral procession was composed of the band of the Twentieth Regiment, General Hall and his staff, a troop of Fourth Cavalry who were with General Lawton at the time of his death, a battery of artillery, a number of clergymen, the casket covered with flowers, the people as well of the general on foot; Generals Wheeler, Bates, Forsyth, Kolbe and Southam and Rear Admiral Watson in carriages; a naval battalion, Major-General Oils and his staff, the foreign Consuls in full dress, and the members of the Philippine Supreme Court. Native delegations from the towns where General Lawton established civil governments presented wreaths. Women from the same towns waited on Mrs. Lawton yesterday and presented her with their condolence and flowers. The procession, the band playing dirges and the crowds uncovered. At Paris the casket was transferred to a tug, "tugs" was sounded and prayer offered by Chaplain Pierce. Four enlisted pall-bearers will accompany the remains to the United States.

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her home in Loudoun county, after a pleasant visit to the Misses Luke, on Berkley avenue. Mrs. Morrisette returned from Camden, N. C., yesterday, where she spent several days with relatives. Mrs. C. H. Darnell is quite ill at her home, on Sharp street. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newberry have returned from Washington, D. C., where they spent the holidays. Mr. Daniel Lindsey returned from Eastern Carolina yesterday afternoon, having spent about a week in a hunting game, and brought back with him a fine lot of canvass back ducks. The Chestnut Street M. E. Church Sunday school will give their Christmas entertainment next week. A beautiful Christmas entertainment was given at the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church Friday evening. The decorations were of a high order and lent beauty to the scene. The sacred edifice was crowded and a program of special interest was rendered. Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. A. Slaymaker, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Main Street Church, Rev. M. P. Porter, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Our God is the God of Hope." Evening: "The Seven Graces." Chestnut Street M. E. Church, Rev. J. T. Masten, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music will be rendered. St. Paul Episcopal, Rev. Robert Galewood, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Liberty Street M. E. Church, Rev. Paul Bradley pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. South Norfolk Baptist Church, Rev. S. S. Robinson pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Berkley Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. T. C. Skinner pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The members of the B. M. I. U. will enjoy their first oyster social to-morrow, leaving by the Ocean View train at 10 o'clock a. m. Brick contractors are invited to unite with them.

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General Wood's Cabinet. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Havana, Dec. 30.—The names of the members of General Wood's cabinet and the assignment of portfolios will be issued to-morrow. It is believed that the list will be as follows: Secretary of State and Government—Diego Tamayo. Secretary of Justice—Luis Estevez. Secretary of Education—Juan Bautista Hernandez. Secretary of Finance—Enrique Varona. Secretary of Public Works—Jose Ramon Villalón. Secretary of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce—General Ritis Rivera.

The Kentucky Legislature. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.—The Democratic leaders to-night assure that they will organize both houses of the Legislature Tuesday. They say that in no event will more than a half dozen of the anti-Goebel Democrats vote for the candidates of the anti-Goebel Republican coalition, if a slate is put up by that side. The anti-Goebel leaders held several conferences in Louisville to-day and were in communication with Republican members to elect their tonight. Their plans seem to be still in embryo as to the most important matters.

Filipinos Again Repulsed. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Manila, Dec. 31.—9:30 a. m.—Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Manila, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position. Only one American officer and five soldiers were wounded, but the loss of the insurgents was heavy. Our troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

Wages Advanced. Meridian, Miss., Dec. 30.—The stockholders of the Meridian cotton mill have advanced the wages of all employees five per cent.