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KURTZ IS THE VICTOR.

Democrats Allowed to Organize the Senate.

SENATOR BURKE ABSENT.

In the House the Anti-Hanna Men Were Placed in Supreme Command by the Democrats and Republican Bolters.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The senatorial contest in the Ohio legislature has become desperate. The combine of 10 anti-Hanna Republicans with the Democratic members won at the caucuses and again in organizing both branches of the legislature in the interest of "the combine" opposition to the re-election of Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

There are two more dates for test of strength—the joint senatorial caucuses Wednesday night and the joint balloting for senator one week from Wednesday, Jan. 12. With the complications of the legislative organization and its patronage disposed of the Hanna men began a most desperate fight on the senatorship.

The Hanna men deny that they will form a coalition with Brice for senator rather than be beaten by a free silver Republican, or that they will do anything else but fight it out. While they are not able to give a list long enough to elect, they claim that Hanna is stronger than Boxwell and the other regular Republican candidates in the organization of the legislature, and that the opposition has not enough votes to elect a senator.

The Hanna men concede that they have lost the power of the organization of both branches, can name no chairmen, place no member in desirable positions on any committees or dispose of any other state patronage, but they have carried the war into the home counties of the "bolting" Republican members, and expect the necessary changes before Wednesday night.

The developments to date have caused the Hanna men to admit they were outdone in the preliminary organization for this contest, and that they underestimated the opposition, especially the extent of it since the November election.

While ex-Chairman Kurtz was thought to have been organizing against Senator Hanna ever since the Republican state convention at Toledo in June, yet the participation of Governor Bushnell and others had not been anticipated.

The Democratic state headquarters have been kept in operation by John R. McLean, and others, ever since the November election, ostensibly to prepare for a grand free silver carnival here on St. Jackson's day, Jan. 8.

It now transpires that the Democratic state headquarters were kept open to get all the Democratic members in line for what has taken place and for the defeat of Hanna. Meantime Mr. Kurtz was marshaling every possible Republican in line against Hanna and communicating with the committee on arrangements for St. Jackson's day.

When this fact was no longer concealed by the opposition there were many Republicans openly complaining against Senator Hanna's managers. Senator Hanna did not arrive here till Friday evening and was in Washington till the holiday recess. He heard complaints about his own absence, and about underestimating the organization of the opposition in a very good natured manner, and insisted that he would yet win out.

The superior organization of the opposition was shown in the combine securing nearly all of the doubtful votes. The opposition has had an army of workers here for a week with detachments that kept close to each one of the doubtful Republicans. The opposition marched to the state house in line like troops and worked for weeks like soldiers under orders.

They had been doing picket duty, skirmishing and walking guard lines and they had their triumphal march in the most unusual manner because of confidence in their organization. The wives and daughters of the managers of "the combine" secured choice seats in advance in the legislative halls awaiting the arrival of the anti-Hanna hosts, and the most elaborate floral designs were on hand for the occasion.

The feeling of the Republican members who voted for their caucus nomination is openly expressed against Governor Bushnell more than against Mr. Kurtz or other Republicans, who combined with the Democrats. The morning Republican organ of central Ohio prints a large picture of the governor with heavy black borders. Some Republican clubs have canceled their engagement of quarters here for the in-

auguration exercises next Monday, and many protests are being received at the state house.

The feeling of revenge was shown even in the routine legislative proceedings. Representative Bramley of Cleveland introduced a bill to repeal the 50-year franchise law for street railways, in which Senator Hanna is largely interested. Bramley is a contractor who has large contracts under the municipal administration of Mayor McKisson, and other members from Cleveland, who are supporting Hanna, are said to have measures ready for changes and investigations at Cleveland that would affect Bramley.

Representative Jones of Stark county, a Republican who is opposing Hanna, has been frequently reminded that the county convention that nominated him adopted strong resolutions instructing him to support Hanna. Mr. Jones was chairman of the committee on resolutions in that county convention and declared himself then for Hanna. In the house Mr. Jones offered a very strong Cuban resolution that is in conflict with Senator Hanna's vote on the Cuban question in the senate.

Representative Scott of Fulton county, who voted with "the combine," and is opposing Senator Hanna's re-election, was also instructed by resolutions at the county convention that nominated him. Some of Scott's constituents had the Fulton county convention's resolutions published here in the local papers.

Both sides are spending the time in close conferences. All the changes that are being sought are anticipated from representatives. It is conceded that Senator Burke, one of the Republican senators from Cleveland, who has not yet appeared, will be here to vote against Hanna. His attorney presented his certificate of election to Lieutenant Governor Jones just before the senate convened. The senate will cast 17 votes for Hanna and 19 against him.

If Hanna is no stronger in the house than the Boxwell ticket was when Boxwell received 53 votes and Mason 56 for speaker, then Senator Hanna would have only 70 votes on joint ballot, and 73 are necessary to elect. Notwithstanding the results on the organization of both houses, both sides seem equally confident in claiming the senatorship on joint ballot.

House Organization.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The house was organized by the anti-Hanna forces, as follows: Speaker, Harry C. Mason of Cuyahoga; speaker pro tem., John E. Griffith of Union; clerk, Charles E. Gerrish of Franklin; journal clerk, Charles O. Silver of Mahoning; message clerk, George Diehl of Montgomery; engrossing clerk, E. W. Burrill of Cuyahoga; enrolling clerk, George H. Pinard of Cuyahoga; recording clerk, James D. Kennedy of Carroll; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Hamilton of Union; first assistant, Charles Trowbridge of Fulton; second assistant, R. W. Nicholson of Guernsey; third assistant, Fred Blenkner of Franklin.

Senate Organization.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—The senate was organized by the Democrats, as follows: Speaker pro tem., T. E. Cromley of Pickaway; clerk, D. O. Castle of Crawford; journal clerk, David S. Fisher of Delaware; message clerk, Frank J. Barron of Miami; engrossing clerk, John E. Smiley of Hancock; enrolling clerk, Charles E. Holland of Paulding; recording clerk, Mrs. Ella Sohn of Pickaway; sergeant-at-arms, Harry O. Wright of Lucas; first assistant, John J. Brady of Hamilton; second assistant, A. A. Shetler of Franklin.

Mrs. Nack Not Arraigned.

New York, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Augusta Nack, jointly indicted with Martin Thorne for the murder of William Guldenuppe, the bath rubber, in a cottage at Woodside, L. I., in June last, was not arraigned in the Queens county court, as it had been expected she would be. No date has been set for her arraignment, but it is probable that her case will be disposed of at this term of court.

On Fire at Sea.

Bremen, Jan. 4.—The British steamer Phoebe, Captain Stone, from Pensacola, Fla., on Dec. 5 for this port, has arrived here, and reports having been on fire at sea. The flames, however, were extinguished with little damage. Forty bales of cotton were burned.

Violent Weather Prevails.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Violent weather prevails in the south of France and Spain. A cloudburst near Toulon has done much damage. A number of vessels have gone ashore, and the promenade of San Sebastian has been washed away in several places.

Mitchell Challenges McCoy.

New York, Jan. 4.—Pony Moore, the father-in-law of Charlie Mitchell, desires earnestly to correct the impression that the Englishman ever declined to meet Kid McCoy. With a letter of explanation is a challenge from Mitchell to McCoy.

NATIONAL BANK NOTES

Their Circulation at the End of Last Year.

LARGE DECREASE IS SHOWN.

Amount of Bonds on Deposit Equal One-Fourth of the Interest-Bearing Debt of the United States.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The monthly statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that the total circulation of national bank notes on Dec. 31 was \$228,930,281, a decrease for the year of \$6,646,100, and for the month of \$619,426.

The circulation based on United States bonds was \$196,146,093, a decrease for the year of \$19,704,214, and for the month of \$5,589,479. The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$32,784,188, an increase for the year of \$13,058,114, and for the month of \$4,970,054.

The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$218,932,950, and to secure public deposits \$29,590,500.

Constitution Completed.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The complete consolidation of Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras into a sovereign republic is progressing steadily, according to advices received by Senor Correa, charge d'affaires of the Greater Republic of Central America. Mr. Correa is advised that the diet has completed a constitution for the greater republic, with full legislative powers, and that notice has been sent to the presidents of the three countries forming the union that the constitution is ready to be passed upon.

Municipal Corporation Wins.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The United States supreme court affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court for the Western district of Texas in the case of the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance company versus the city of Austin. The insurance company sought to enjoin the city from the operation of water works built by the corporation at a cost of \$1,400,000 on the ground that the insurance company had a prior contract to construct the works. The court decided against the company.

Very Limited Measure.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The measure of authority conferred on the new Cuban cabinet is shown in an official decree issued at Havana Dec. 29 to be very limited. The document apportions the budget of the island, giving to each cabinet officer the amount to be spent in his department, and then states in detail what subjects are to be managed by each minister.

Colonel Barr Selected.

Washington, Jan. 4.—By an order issued from the war department, Colonel Thomas F. Barr of the judge advocate general's department, now at Governor's Island, has been directed to act as judge advocate of the court-martial which will meet at Savannah, Ga., on the 12th to try Captain O. M. Carter, corps of engineers, for his conduct of the Savannah harbor works.

Coinage for December.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows the total coinage of the United States mints during December to have been \$5,741,481, as follows: Gold, \$3,626,642; silver, \$1,977,167; minor coins, \$137,671. The silver dollars coined amounted to \$1,604,330.

Public Debt Decreases.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Dec. 31, 1897, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$999,111,567, a decrease for the month of \$10,114,899. The interest-bearing debt is \$847,365,620.

Nicaraguan Congress Opens.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 4.—The congress of Nicaragua has reassembled. President Zelaya read his message reviewing the disordered political and financial condition of the country, expressing the hope of being able to assure future peace and prosperity, and suggesting a number of acts for the benefit of the country for the consideration of congress.

Bushnell's Action Not Indorsed.

Marietta, O., Jan. 4.—To show his contempt for Governor Bushnell's action in forming a coalition with the Democrats to defeat the Republicans in organizing the house and senate, and to defeat Senator Hanna for re-election and secure his own election, Colonel T. W. Moore, one of the trustees of the Athens Insane asylum, has resigned.

Hamburg, Jan. 4.—Prince Bismarck's feet were tapped by Dr. Freese of this city.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

Bold Break For Liberty by a Murderer in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—John Moschik, a murderer, condemned to death, made a desperate attempt to escape from the county jail on the top floor of the courthouse.

He threw a handful of cigar ashes into the eyes of Special Watchman Peterson and then grappled with him.

He beat the watchman into insensibility with a long iron hook taken from his cell bedstead, and then locking him into the corridor made his way into the outer hallway.

The only mode of egress to the street below is the jail elevator, and Moschik rang the bell, hoping to take the elevator by surprise.

He was foiled in this, however, as the operator recognized the fellow before opening the door and dropped his car down immediately. Moschik was caught like a rat in a trap, was soon overpowered and returned to his cell. Peterson's wounds are serious, but not fatal.

Prepared to Receive Bonds.

New York, Jan. 4.—Simultaneous announcement was made by J. P. Morgan & Company of New York and J. S. Morgan & Company of London that, having made a contract with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company for the retirement of its entire bonded debt at or before maturity, they are prepared to receive not exceeding \$20,000,000 of such bonds, debt certificates or debentures for exchange into the new 3½ per cent gold bonds of the company.

Few Friends for Weyler.

Madrid, Jan. 4.—General Weyler's behavior, which is classed here as "shuffling," in apologizing to the queen regent and hastily explaining to the premier, Senor Sagasta, that he was not responsible for the publication of his protest, has alienated many of his supporters among the Carlists, who hoped to entangle the general in the revolutionary meshes. It is said that only three of the Spanish generals are in sympathy with General Weyler.

Professor Triplett Assassinated.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—Word was received from the Aicorn Agricultural and Mechanical college for colored people, near Rodney, Miss., that the president of the college, E. H. Triplett, was shot and fatally wounded by an unknown assassin while on his way to church. Triplett was universally esteemed by whites and blacks.

Governor Shaw Will Preside.

Indianapolis, Jan. 4.—Lucius M. Shaw, governor-elect of Iowa, will preside over the deliberations of the coming monetary convention to be held in this city as permanent chairman. Chairman Hanna received his letter of acceptance. Russell Seeds, representing Mr. Hanna, left for Des Moines with important papers for Mr. Shaw.

Spring Dates Fixed.

Cincinnati, Jan. 4.—Representatives of the Cincinnati and Louisville race-tracks met here and fixed spring dates for 1898 as follows: Queen City, Ky., 21 days from April 9; Louisville, 15 days from May 4; Oakley, O., 15 days from May 23; Latonia, 27 days from July 26.

New Honor Conferred.

Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 4.—Rev. Dr. Edgar M. Smith, president of the Vermont district seminary in this city, has been elected to the presidency of the Illinois Wesleyan university at Bloomington. Dr. Smith's answer has not been given, but it is believed that he will accept.

Entitled to Damages.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The supreme court affirmed the judgment of the common pleas court at Pittsburg in the damage suit of Pitcher Mark Baldwin against Chris Von Der Ahe, owner of the St. Louis Baseball club, for \$2,500 for false arrest and imprisonment.

"Public Leadership."

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Hon. James H. Eckels, ex-comptroller of the currency, delivered an address at the convocation exercises of the Chicago university, held at the Auditorium. His subject was "Public Leadership," and a large audience applauded his sentiments.

Regular Monthly Service.

Hamburg, Jan. 4.—In view of the prospect for business in the far east the Hamburg line will establish a regular monthly service between this port and Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama and Higo, commencing on Jan. 25.

German Bark Damaged.

Hamburg, Jan. 4.—The German bark Schiffbek, Captain Solles, which arrived here Dec. 5, from Savannah Nov. 26, is much damaged about the deck from heavy weather encountered by her on the passage.

Esterhazy to Be Tried.

Paris, Jan. 4.—General Sausier, the military governor of Paris, has decided to try Major Count Esterhazy by court-martial behind closed doors on Jan. 10.

CLEVER TRICK TURNED

By Russians to Get Possession of Port Arthur.

FALSE RUMOR GIVEN OUT.

It Was to the Effect That a British Fleet Was on Its Way to Occupy the Port, Which May Have Been a Fact.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.—The Russians tricked China into consenting to an occupation of Port Arthur by representing that the British fleet was coming to capture it. They also asked the Chinese to prohibit the English from landing. The latter refused; but the Englishman going ashore at Port Arthur is shadowed by the Russians.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Will Be Asked For by Murderer Durrant's Attorneys.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Theodore Durrant's attorneys will again seek to obtain the aid of the Federal courts and will ask Judge Morrow for a writ of habeas corpus.

While this legal contest is being conducted another appeal to Governor Budd will be perfected in the hope that he will be induced to grant Durrant a reprieve until all the legal points at issue have been fully determined.

In case all efforts to save Durrant fail, which is expected, his father will be at the foot of the gallows to hear his son's last words and to witness his death.

Mrs. Durrant will be with her son until half an hour before the end. She will not witness the closing scene.

AID FOR CUBA.

Three Expeditions Said to Be Fitting Out in America.

Charlotte Harbor, Fla., Jan. 4.—Information has been received on board the United States steamship Montgomery that during the night of Dec. 27 the revenue cutter McLean chased a suspicious looking steamer and also fired upon her.

The supposed filibuster kept on her course, and as the Somers N. Smith has not arrived here it is believed she may have been the vessel fired upon.

There are three expeditions fitting out for Cuba, one at Plant City, one at Bartow and another at Punta Gorda. All the channels are guarded and two more revenue cutters are expected.

A Defiant Article.

Madrid, Jan. 4.—According to mail advices sent here from Madrid in order to escape the censorship The Nacional General Weyler's organ, has published a defiant article, pointing out that although the government has seized the general's protest, it could not prevent it being read in every barrack room. The Nacional, it further appears, attacks President McKinley and the United States minister at Madrid, General Stewart L. Woodford, in unmeasured terms. The Nacional has twice been confiscated, but the manager of the paper is a deputy and therefore can not be prosecuted.

Must Be Open to All.

Manchester, Jan. 4.—The Manchester Guardian says: "The government has categorically stated that Great Britain will refuse to recognize any special rights granted at any Chinese port to any particular power. Any port opened to one power must be open to all or open to none. If Russia has been granted the right to winter ships at Port Arthur, Great Britain will enforce her rights to the same privilege, and her ships will winter there, whether China concedes or does not concede the right."

New Men in Charge.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mr. Charles G. Dawes of Illinois took charge of his office as comptroller of the currency and Mr. N. B. Scott of West Virginia assumed his new duties as commissioner of internal revenue.

Several Resignations.

New York, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the directors of the Horsemen's Protective association in this city L. L. Carls was elected secretary and Matthew Byrnes was elected a director. Several resignations were tendered and accepted.

Gold For Cuba.

New York, Jan. 4.—The steamship La Bretagne, from Havre, brought \$300,000 gold consigned to Muller, Schall & Company of this city in transit to Cuba. The next steamer will carry a similar consignment.

An Increase Shown.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the week ending Dec. 31 were \$797,000; for the same period last year, \$691,000; increase, \$106,000.