

Calendar for February 1901 with days of the week and dates.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A British Column, Lured Into Boer Ambush, Effects a Brilliant Retreat.

East London, Cape Colony, Feb. 11.—Details have been received here of severe fighting at Tabaksberg mountain, 40 miles east of the railway and midway between Small Deal and Bloemfontein.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

[Second Session.]

In the senate, on the 4th, after much of the session had been devoted to a speech by Mr. Davon (Ga.) on the right of the senate to demand information from the departments, the shipping subsidy bill was laid aside, by consent, to give place to action on the appropriation bills.

In the senate, on the 5th, the District of Columbia appropriation bill was passed, and the bill making provision for the support of West Point military academy was partially passed.

In the senate, on the 6th, the military academy appropriation bill was passed after only an hour's consideration.

In the senate, on the 7th, the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$14,000,000, was passed after a few minutes' consideration.

In the senate, on the 8th, an effort to agree upon a bill to amend the act relating to the shipping bill was defeated.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

With the simple ceremony of the Dutch Reformed church, Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands, and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, were united in marriage.

A dispatch of the 7th, from Baku, Russia, says that 500 persons perished in the conflagration there among the oil properties.

The burghers of Volkshrusch have issued a strong appeal for peace to the commandants in the districts in that vicinity, reminding them that thousands of Boers have been exiled, killed or wounded, and that ruin is impending from the hopeless struggle.

"Plague prevails in every part of India," says the Bombay correspondent of the London Daily Express, "except the central provinces."

Count Smolnoff, the inventor credited with the discovery of smokeless powder, was, on the 7th, declared by the police court of Washington to be a confirmed drunkard, and was ordered committed to the workhouse for three months.

Queen Wilhelmina's marriage to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who, on his wedding day, became Prince Heinrich of The Netherlands, was celebrated, on the 7th, at The Hague.

Train No. 5, the New York limited on the Erie railroad, was wrecked, on the 7th, within the town limits of Greenville, Pa.

CLAIMS TO HAVE DISCOVERED GOLD.

What is thought to be gold has been discovered on the Tennessee river by Green Toland, near Bakerville, Toland did not give the exact location of his find, but says it is near a large cave in a hill which was once the resort of a gang of counterfeiters who flooded that section with spurious coin many years ago.

Many citizens of Bakerville handled the money in large quantities, but did not know there was anything wrong with it, so perfectly was it made. Toland also found another metal near the same place which resembles lead, except that it is harder and can only be melted in a blacksmith's forge.

In the house the principal new bills were: To require county superintendents to cause certain salaries to be increased to \$120 per annum; to appropriate \$350 to be used in securing cases for the preservation of the Tennessee flag used in the Spanish-American war; to transfer the office of live stock commissioner from State board of health to commissioner of agriculture; to authorize the state to issue \$150,000 of bonds for school purposes.

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TENNESSEE STATE NEWS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Twenty-second day. The Peeler bill was considered by the judiciary committee, after some debate, recommended its passage by a vote of 8 to 6, with an amendment by Senator Seay.

The senate considered the bill to amend the provisions of the four-mile law to towns of 2,000 inhabitants hereafter incorporated, in that it makes the four-mile law, prohibiting the sale of liquor within four miles of school house, applicable to towns of 5,000 inhabitants by the census of 1900, or any subsequent census, that may hereafter be incorporated.

The senate new bills of importance were those authorizing counties to issue bonds for the building of levees and the reclamation of swamp lands and allowing the use of interest on taxes from such reclaimed land; creating the office of State immigration agent at a salary of \$1,500 per annum and allowing him an equal sum for clerical help.

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A SILENT RELIGION.

Dr. Talmage Sets Forth Its Evils in His Sermon.

Duty of Christians to Speak Out Heartily on the Side of Right—Conscience—Casting Out the Dumb Spirit.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls for a more demonstrative religion and a hearty speaking out on the right side of everything; text, Mark 9:23: "Thou shalt not say, 'If thou wilt, O Lord, I can believe.'"

There has been much destructive superstition abroad in the world concerning possession by evil spirits. Under the form of belief in witchcraft, this religion swept the continents. Persons were supposed to be possessed with some evil spirit, which made them able to destroy others.

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