

The Democrat.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, : MISSOURI

Orders were issued by the war department, on the 15th, making assignments of troops to the new military department of Alaska.

The coldest weather ever known in Santiago de Cuba was experienced, on the 19th, the thermometer falling to 53 degrees. For the first time in 30 years snow fell on Mount San Pedro, 20 miles to the northwest.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, has made an offer to the Congregational Educational society of Boston to give \$15,000 to the general treasury provided the society will secure \$30,000 additional from friends of its work.

Ex-Speaker Reed, who was in Washington on business before the department, visited the house, on the 19th, for the first time since his retirement from congress, and was obliged to hold quite a levee in the ways and means committee room.

The British ship Westgate arrived at New York, on the 15th, from Chio, New Caledonia, a French convict settlement near New Zealand. The Westgate brought 2,750 tons in nickel ore to the American Metal Co., and is the first vessel to arrive here direct from New Caledonia.

Former Congressman Isaac Stephenson made public announcement, on the 15th, of his intention to give to the city of Marquette, Wis., where he has lived for nearly fifty years, a public library building to cost \$50,000. The structure will be built within two years of Marquette county granite.

Acting upon the recommendation of Quartermaster-General Ludington, the secretary of war has ordered the establishment of a bi-monthly transport service between San Francisco and Manila. The service will be started by the troopship Sherman, which will leave San Francisco for Manila on the 15th or 16th inst.

Gen. French entered Kimberly, on the 15th, at the head of his victorious troops. He dined at the club, and next pushed on to get in touch with the retreating enemy. The success of Gen. Roberts' initial move caused rejoicing in London, where it is hoped that the long series of reverses has at last come to an end.

The bill generally known as the Loud bill, relating to second class mail matter, was favorably acted on by the house committee on post offices on the 16th. As finally agreed on a uniform rate of one cent per pound is fixed, the proposed clause making the rate two cents in case of extreme distance being omitted.

Mayor Ashbridge of Philadelphia, on the 16th, sent to National Chairman Hanna a check of \$25,000, representing the first quarter of the amount that city promised to raise for the Republican national convention in June. The work of collecting the second quarter began on the same day, and nearly \$5,000 was raised.

Secretary Root has a plan to have the military schools and colleges of the country brought into close touch with the regular army and track kept of pupils when they go into civil life, especially if they join the national guard, and thus secure the creation of a reserve list of persons in civil life who are fully equipped for instant military service.

The speech of the governor, Sir Hugh McCullum, at the opening of the Newfoundland legislature, on the 19th, intimated that the session had been called at the request of the imperial government to renew the modus vivendi on the treaty coast so that French fishermen may be enabled to prepare for the summer's operations without delay.

Commissioner-General Ferdinand W. Peck left Chicago, on the 15th, en route for the Paris exposition. Mr. Peck leaves with the satisfaction of having succeeded in awakening American manufacturers and producers to the opportunity offered by the fair to American commercial expansion and of having secured and sent over the exhibits of some 7,500 exhibitors.

The British embassy, upon inquiry being made, on the 18th, authorized this statement that there was no truth whatever in the story contained in the Paris dispatches that President McKinley had sounded Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador at Washington, to ascertain how an offer of mediation in the Transvaal difficulty on the part of the United States would be received by Great Britain.

The state department has taken steps to make sure of the position it has assumed toward ex-Consul Macrum in anticipation of an inquiry from congress, by directing an investigation into every phase of the allegations contained in that officer's statement, including especially a thorough investigation of the condition under which the consular mail and cable service were conducted.

Wesley church, the largest Methodist church in Minneapolis, Minn., and the holiest house of worship in the northwest, is free from debt. At the morning service, on the 18th, in response to the urgings of the pastor, Rev. James S. Montgomery, the congregation contributed, in 90 minutes, at the rate of 262 a minute, a total of \$23,000, sufficient to pay every penny of the indebtedness and leave a few thousands over for a rainy day.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 14th, the discussion of the financial bill under the ten-minute rule occupied the session, at times becoming spirited and interesting. The amendment brought in by the finance committee declaring that the provisions of the bill are not intended to place obstacles in the way of international bimetallicism, was the most important involved in the debate, and no vote upon it was reached. In the house the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill occupied the attention of members during the session, the debate taking a wide range, merging, finally, into a somewhat caustic controversy between members from Missouri upon the Nesbit law and election methods in Missouri.

In the senate, on the 15th, the senate substitute for the house currency bill was passed by the decisive majority of 40 yeas, 43 nays, 25. Of the amendments offered the only two adopted were: One offered by the finance committee, keeping the door open to international bimetallicism, and one by Mr. Nelson (Minn.) providing for national banks with \$2,000 capital in towns of more than 4,000 inhabitants. As passed the bill makes the dollar of 25 grains of gold, nine-tenths of the standard of value, all forms of United States money to be maintained at a parity with it. In the house consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill was continued.

In the senate, on the 16th, discussion of the Philippines question was resumed. Mr. McHenry (La.) opposing the permanent acquisition of the islands, and Mr. Stewart (Nev.) advocating the admission of the products of any of the island possessions of the United States free. The bill providing a form of government for the islands was read. In the house most of the time of the session beyond that occupied by the discussion of the civil service bill was devoted to attacks upon a speech made by Mr. Sims (Tenn.), on the 14th, on the question of pensions. The currency bill was then revised from the senate, its amendments disagreed to and conferees appointed.

The senate was not in session on the 17th. In the house the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed after four days consideration, the civil service appropriation bill was struck out of committee of the whole was restored before the final vote on the bill by a vote of 121 yeas, 12 yeas, 10 nays. Mr. Y. charged the republican party with fostering monster monopolies, which he forthwith replied from Mr. Grover (rep. O.), who accused Sulzer of "flood-pooling through the west as a vice-presidential candidate."

In the senate, on the 19th, a bill for the benefit of claimants having cases pending against the United States in the circuit and district courts and in certain acts of 1885, was passed. Mr. Hoar offered a resolution, which after a long constitutional debate, was adopted, calling for information as to why the law is being enforced to telephone charges in the District of Columbia, and not been enforced in practically all other cities. In the house the debate on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, on all hands conceded to be the most important and important measure to be introduced at this session and which is expected to last for several days, was begun.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

For the first time the British general have completely outmaneuvered the Boers. Gen. Cronje has evacuated his position at Magersfontein, and is trekking eastward towards Bloemfontein, with the British pursuing him skirmishing with the Boers' rear guard.

Gen. Buller began his fourth move for the relief of Ladysmith on the 14th, but the censor held up the information until the 11th, when his position was at Hussar hill, south of the Tugel. Owing to the nature of the country the advance is necessarily slow, the difficulties being described as "incalculably great."

Two men afloat on an ice floe made the trip from Yonkers to New York, on the 15th, and were rescued off the Fort Lee ferry. From half past seven o'clock in the morning until half past five in the evening they sat in an open skiff, which had been nipped between two big ice cakes and hoisted upon one of them by the action of the tide.

The rapid accumulation of money in the treasury during the present month is increasing the anxiety of the treasury officials that there will be intense pressure for currency in the autumn unless something is done by congress to increase the currency supply or reduce the accumulation of money in Washington and New York.

A dispatch from Monterey, Mexico, says: "An American syndicate, with a capital of \$10,000,000, will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. The plans for the mammoth concern have been completed, and the ground purchased for locating the several buildings."

Leslie Eastburn, a 21-year-old boy, shot Jasper Sutton, an aged and respected citizen of Bloomfield, Ia., on the 15th, three bullets penetrating the abdomen and causing almost instant death. Eastburn called at Sutton's home to take his 18-year-old daughter Alice to church. The father ordered him away and the tragedy followed.

Urele Sam now has 61 vessels authorized or under construction. Some of the best of these ships are nearly completed, and by the end of the year 22 vessels will be commissioned. In May the Kearsarge will be ready for its crew; in June the Kentucky will be completed, and the Alabama will have the finishing touches put upon it in July.

Armed with a shotgun and accompanied by his dog, Richard Cain left Shelbyville, Ind., on the 17th, in search of game, that his family might have meat for supper, he being out of employment. The next morning his dead body was found, with his dog by his side. He had evidently fallen down, discharged his gun and blown his head off.

The steamer Olympia brings news to Tacoma, Wash., that civil war is raging at Shantung province, China. The anti-foreign society known as the "Boxers" is determined that all foreigners shall be driven out, including Germans.

Mrs. Annie E. Lodge, mother of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, died at her home, in Boston, on the 19th. She was 79 years of age.

Jean Louis Legare, who surrendered Sitting Bull and hundreds of other Sioux to the United States government in 1881 and 1882, has gone from the northwest to Ottawa, Ont., to push, with the promised help of the Dominion government, his claim for \$13,400 and interest from the time of its presentation, 18 years ago.

The most important news from the war in South Africa, on the 19th, was to the effect that Gen. French had headed off Gen. Cronje's retreating army, and was only awaiting reinforcements to attack; Hlangwane hill, commanding the flank of the Boer defenses at Colenso, had been occupied; Lord Methuen had reached Kimberley, and Gen. Buller had won an important victory and was again moving to the relief of Ladysmith.

Representative Lacey, of Iowa, has introduced a bill to amend the civil service act. It provides that government employees shall serve for five years, with opportunities for reappointment for another five years. These now in the service shall serve out a term of five years, and those who have served beyond that time shall be divided into classes whose terms shall gradually expire.

Lieut.-Col. Henry C. Brinkerhoff, of the Eleventh infantry, has been appointed treasurer of the Island of Puerto Rico, relieving Maj. Jas. A. Buchanan, Fifth infantry.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 20th, discussion of the Philippines question was resumed. Mr. Kenna speaking against retention and in favor of self-government. Fifty-two pension bills and a number of bills on the calendar were passed, after which the Hawaiian government bill was taken up and some amendments agreed to. In the house the time of the session was mostly taken up by three set speeches on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, the constitutional question involved forming the principal subject of discussion.

The board of naval construction, on the 20th, received estimates of the board of survey on the cruiser Boston. The necessary repairs to the ship will cost about \$400,000, and occupy two years. When they are completed the Boston will be, like the Atlanta, a thoroughly modernized type of war ship. The work will be done at the Mare Island navy yard.

During the discussion of the war budget in the French chamber of deputies, on the 20th, the marquis de Gallifet said: "Thanks to the eminent director of infantry (Gen. C. F. Mallet), France, in six months' time, will possess the finest rifle in the world, and only a slight modification of the present weapon will be necessary."

Latest intelligence from the war in South Africa, dated the 21st, said: "The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defense of their own. Sir Redvers Buller thinks they are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith, and this is the large news of the day."

Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, had a long conference with Secretary Root at the war department, on the 20th, in regard to the proposed work of the commission. It was said the commission would be completely organized in the near future, and that it will start for Manila about April 1.

A board of officers to consist of Brig.-Gen. William Ludlow, Col. Henry C. Hasbrouck, Seventh artillery, and Lieut.-Col. William H. Carter, assistant adjutant general, has been appointed for the purpose of considering regulations with a view to the establishment of a war college for the army.

An interesting series of races between electro-mobiles will occur in Berlin during the spring, lasting four days.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Mary Grindrod, aged 87 years, died at Bloomington, Ill. She came from Manchester, England, 16 years ago.

Arrangements are being made for the Missouri postmasters' convention, which is to be held in St. Louis, February 2.

The state department has decided to fully investigate the charges made by Charles E. Macrum, former consul to Pretoria.

Joe Choyinski was given the decision over Peter Maher in a six-round contest before the Fort Dearborn Athletic club at Chicago.

Mrs. Catherine Rumsisell, aged 59 years, died at Danvers, Ill. She was the mother of 12 children, of whom five are living.

Christopher Eblade, a farmer, living near Wanda, Ill., was frozen to death within a quarter of a mile of his home. He had been drinking.

Darius McDaniel, a leading farmer, died near Pana, Ill., Friday from the bursting of a blood vessel in his head during a fit of coughing.

Near Miner, Ill., Philip Rallsback, aged 80 years, died of general debility. He was born in Kentucky and settled in Tazewell county in 1830.

Col. William L. Distin, surveyor general of Alaska, and wife have left Quincy, Ill., for Seattle, where they take the steamer for Sitka.

James Zimmerman, one of the pioneers of Colesburg, Ill., and a wealthy and influential citizen, is dead. He was born in Augusta county, Va., in 1827.

The democratic senators held a caucus at Washington, and decided to continue their opposition to the republican policy regarding our island possessions.

The Rock Island (Ill.) shooters' annual tournament was concluded Friday. El. Entenstein, of Cambridge, Ill., won the gold medal, killing 60 birds out of a possible 64.

A pro-Boer resolution with a rider expressing sympathy with the Philippines was voted down by an overwhelming majority in the South Carolina house of representatives.

Fruit growers and commission men predict a short strawberry crop, due partly to a long-continued drought and partly to the low prices of last season, which has caused many growers to reduce the acreage.

IS CLASS LEGISLATION.

Department Store Law So Declared by the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri.

IT IS THEREFORE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The Law Only Applied to St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph—The Court Blasted the Last Hope of Train Robber Kennedy, Sentenced to Seventeen Years.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The supreme court, in banc, in an opinion by Judge Robinson, declared the department store law passed by the last legislature to be unconstitutional and void, for the reason that law is clearly class legislation, and because the act is incomplete and not a law, and does not constitute a rule of conduct, and for the further reason that the act imposes an occupation tax as a license to do business.

The law applied to only St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis, and to stores in those cities employing clerks. This feature is objected to in the opinion as class legislation. The case decided was that of State ex rel Wyatt against Ashbrook and other officers of the city of St. Joseph, for a writ of mandamus to compel them to issue a license to conduct a department store in that city without paying the license tax required by the law. The court, in the opinion, orders the writ awarded.

This decision releases John W. Thayer, president of Emery, Bird, Thayer & Co., of Kansas City, from paying a fine of \$100 imposed on conviction of violating the law, a case now before the supreme court.

The supreme court overruled the motion to transfer to the court on banc the case of the train robber, John F. Kennedy. This is the last attempt for him, and he must serve his 17-year sentence in the penitentiary.

FORMER ACTION RATIFIED.

Democrats in Joint Session Confirm the Election of William Goebel as Governor.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22.—The democratic members of the two houses of the legislature met in joint session at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and by a vote of 72 to two ratified the former proceedings by which William Goebel was declared governor and J. C. W. Beckham lieutenant governor, and through which Beckham, since the death of Gov. Goebel, claims title to the office of governor.

The republican members of the legislature remained away from the joint session in the afternoon, having decided in caucus not to attend.

The senate had adopted the resolutions Monday, and the house Tuesday, and the adoption of them by the joint assembly, from the democratic standpoint, puts the finishing touch as to its action on the contests.

In the session of the joint assembly Tuesday afternoon Senator Triplett and Representative Grider voted against the ratification resolutions. Mr. Grider, in explanation of his vote, said he had hoped that there would be a full and fair investigation of the contest, and that he hoped to be able to vote with the democrats, but he could not satisfy his own conscience and do so in this matter.

Mr. Orr declined to vote. He said he had voted with the democrats in their former action and did not think ratification of those former proceedings necessary now. The lobbies were crowded, and when Speaker Trimble announced the vote in the joint assembly there was a mild outburst of applause.

GOVERNORSHIP CONTEST.

Lawyers Laboring to Avoid a Clash of Authority.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22.—The attorneys for Taylor and Beckham will hold a joint conference at ten o'clock Wednesday, for the purpose of discussing propositions to settle which of the two injunction suits relating to the contest over the governorship shall have precedence on the consolidation of both cases, in order to avoid a clash between courts over the questions involved of jurisdiction. The Beckham suit is set for hearing before Judge Centrell, at Georgetown, Friday, and he attorneys will attempt to agree upon a plan of action and facts forming the basis of the suit, and as to what judge the agreed case shall be tried before.

Sentenced to Banishment.

Chilton, Mass., Feb. 22.—Arthur Payne, a 15-year-old lad, was sentenced to be banished from the state for two years in the district court here Tuesday after having pleaded guilty to a charge of forging a check. The lad's father will take him to California to remain with friends until the period of his banishment expires. At the end of the two years, if he comes back to Massachusetts, he will be placed in charge of a probation officer.

The Muckross estate, which includes the famous lakes of Killarney, is annually visited by so many visitors that their fees amount to at least \$6,000 a year, which is two per cent of the price paid by Lord Ardilaun for the property.

One of the oldest hostels in England is the New Inn at Gloucester, but in spite of the centuries which have rolled by since it was built its one appropriate inscription still clings to it.

A "cupful" in all cases is half a pint

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

William E. Bard, one of the pioneer merchants of Sedalia, aged 60.
C. L. Davis, a pioneer, at Monroe.

Mrs. Susan Vanlew, aged 68, at Knobnoster.

Dr. Alexander Weems, aged 77, at Pilot Grove, Cooper county.

Mrs. John Lawcock, aged 80, in Powersville, Putnam county.

Mrs. Susan Rupe Williams, one of the oldest residents of Howard county, in Fayette, aged 82.

James Gibbs, aged 30, a pioneer citizen of Saline county, well known in central Missouri.

Thomas Lapaley, aged 72, for 33 years a resident of Knobnoster.

C. J. Van Cleave, a practicing physician of Brownington, Henry county.

Warren Adkisson, 77 year old, and Joseph C. Kitchen, 40 years old, at Marshall.

Col. William P. Bush, aged 72, at Monroe City.

Dr. Richard Huff, at his home in Jefferson township, Johnson county. He was 72 years old, and one of the pioneers of Johnson county.

Mrs. Ann Shaw, widow of Joel K. Shaw and sister of Gen. John B. Henderson, of Washington, D. C., at her home near Louisiana, after a long illness, aged 71.

Refuse to Pay Personal Taxes.

The St. Louis Single Tax league has been requested by the president of the board of assessors to make returns for taxes on personal property for the present year.

In reply, Secretary of the League George Bigley has written, saying that the league declined to make returns, for the reason that it considers personal property taxation in this state unconstitutional. The league is now awaiting the action of the board of assessors, and is preparing to take the matter to the courts if necessary.

Secretary Bigley said that the members of the league refused to pay taxes on their personal property because such property was earned by their individual effort, and the exclusive enjoyment of their personal property is guaranteed by the laws of the state as their natural right.

"As our buildings and personal property are the results of our individual effort," he said, "it is unjust to tax them for public purposes until land and franchise values have first been taken in to bear the people's expenses."

Verdict in the Jesse Case.

The jury in the case of the state against C. C. Jesse, charged with having murdered Frank Griffin, editor of Griffin's Maryville Daily Review, returned a verdict, at Maryville, of manslaughter in the fourth degree. Jesse's punishment was fixed at two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. The jury was out 60 hours.

Short Crop of Strawberries.

Fruit growers and commission men, says the St. Louis Republic, predict a short strawberry crop, due partly to a long-continued drought and partly to the low prices of last season, which caused many growers to reduce the acreage, and some discontinuing raising them entirely.

Mrs. Crumpacker, Attorney.

The leading feature of the recent session of the circuit court at Unionville was the admission to the bar of Mrs. Roxie Crumpacker, one of the best-known women in Putnam county. She is the first woman to be admitted to the practice of law in that county.

An Old Time Slave.

John Francis, who died at the Mulhally hospital, St. Louis, nearly a century old, was one of the last of the old-time slaves of the pioneer families of St. Louis. He belonged to Henry Soulard at the time of the war of 1812 and was set free by his master.

Department Store Law Void.

The state supreme court, in banc, in an opinion by Judge Robinson, declared the department store law passed by the last legislature to be unconstitutional and void, for the reason that "the law is clearly class legislation."

Reward for a Killer.

Gov. Stephens has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Carter county of Grant Freeman, who shot and killed Mace Smith.

Col. Theo S. Chase Dead.

Theodore S. Chase, who had been a resident of Kansas City for 47 years, and who held the office of postmaster for 14 years, died recently of paralysis.

Given Forty Years.

A jury in the criminal court at Kansas City broke the state record when it gave Ed Sims, a negro, 40 years in the penitentiary for highway robbery.

Rural Mail Delivery in Caldwell.

Free rural mail delivery has been established from Kingston, Caldwell county. The route is 24 miles in length and supplies 200 families.

Fell Dead Handling Ice.

Jesse Dillender, a white man, 63 years of age, fell dead at Louisiana, while handling ice. His death is attributed to heart disease.

Preached for Many Years.

Rev. S. C. Givens, a well-known Baptist, died at Louisiana. He was 64 years of age, and had been preaching for many years.

Will Be Rebuilt.

The Odd Fellows' home at Liberty will be rebuilt. A fire-proof structure will be erected, a pride and ornament to the order.

A Weak Jail.

Eight prisoners escaped from the Wright county jail at Hartsville, a few nights ago, by prying off a transom over a door.

THE POPULIST CONVENTION.

The Populist National Convention Will be Held at Sioux Falls, Dakota, May 9.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 21.—The Populist national committee, presided over by Senator Butler, took up the question of time and place for the national convention. A proposition from the Texas delegation that May 9 be fixed upon as the date, was amended to permit a committee to decide on both time and place. The amendment was opposed vigorously by the Texas delegation as "cowardly and truckling to the democrats." Senator Allen, of Nebraska, spoke at length in favor of harmony, and for the naming of a date by the whole committee. "Bryan will be the nominee of both democrats and populists," said Senator Allen, "and the question of date makes little difference anyhow."

The amendment to refer to a committee was voted down, and Wednesday, May 9, the same date as that of the middle-of-the-road convention at Cincinnati, was decided upon.

Three cities, Kansas City, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Indianapolis, presented claims for the convention, and each was granted unlimited time to set forth its respective advantages. Sioux Falls was finally selected.

BY MILITARY COMMISSION.

A Filipino Guerrilla to be Tried for Murder and Assault with Intent to Kill.

Manila, Feb. 20, 5:55 p. m.—A military commission meets at Calamba, Wednesday, to try a Filipino member of the guerrilla band which attacked a squad of Americans February 2, killing a corporal. The charges are murder and assault with intent to kill. The case is important, as foreshadowing the policy of treating guerrillas as bandits. It is supposed that one reason which has hitherto deterred the American authorities from adopting this policy is that the insurgents have more than fifty American prisoners, and may retaliate, although a few of them were captured while fighting.

A MYSTERIOUS SINKING.

The British Steamer Restormel, Grain Laden, Sunk Mysteriously in Delaware River.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—The British steamer Restormel, which was ready to sail from this port with a cargo of wheat for Limerick, Ireland, sank in the Delaware river, off Kaighn's Point, N. J., Monday night. Considerable mystery surrounds the sinking of the vessel, as it is reported that the grain was to be forwarded eventually to South Africa. The steamer had nearly ten feet of water in her forehold when the first mate discovered that the vessel was settling. Despite the efforts of the crew to keep her afloat, by use of pumps, the vessel sank in a short time. Capt. Merlin was not aboard when the accident occurred.

EX-CONSUL MACRUM'S MAIL.

The State Department Has no Official Knowledge that it Was Interfered With.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The state department has completed preparations for the reply to be made to the house resolution inquiring into the allegations that ex-Consul Macrum's mail had been opened by the British censor at Cape Town. The answer will be sent to the house Wednesday by the president, as is customary with communications of the kind from the state department. It will show briefly that the department has no official knowledge whatever that there was any interference with the ex-consul's mail, as he made no complaint to the department on the subject.

IMPORTANT TO CLAIMANTS.

Substance of Rulings by the Comptroller of the Treasury in Regard to Payment of Claims.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The comptroller of the treasury has recently rendered several decisions in which he holds that under the act of July 31, 1894, claimants against the government who accept payment under a settlement by the auditor, are precluded from obtaining a revision by the comptroller of such settlement as to any items which have been rejected. Persons, he says, receiving treasury warrants in payment of claims should not transfer or cash them if they are not satisfied with the amount paid. Otherwise they are stopped from asking for a revision by the comptroller.

Political Crisis in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.—There is excitement here over the political crisis. The elected members, as a protest to the subversion of the legislature, left the chamber in a body. Additional official members were then introduced and sworn in, marking the re-establishment of crown government. The American reciprocity treaty will be considered Wednesday.

Hotel Fire at Knoxville, Tenn.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—The Hotel Flinders was partially burned Monday morning, 75 guests being forced out into the streets, with the mercury hugging the zero mark. McNabb's cafe, in the hotel block, was gutted. Six firemen were overcome by smoke.

Black Eye for the Suffragists.

Boston, Feb. 21.—In the house, Tuesday, had its annual debate on woman suffrage, resulting in the defeat of the proposition, 124 to 32, a larger majority than for many years.