

ENGLAND UNEASY

OVER THE FOREIGN POLICY OF OTHER NATIONS

Germany Gets a Foothold in China; France Taking Her Claimed Territory in Africa; The Military Expedition in India a Failure—Lieutenant Peary Takes London by Storm—Ambassador and Mrs. Hay Dine With the Queen at Windsor

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London, December 11.—Four cabinet councils in a week are calculated to arouse comment; but it must be admitted that the marquis of Salisbury and his colleagues have a multiplicity of matters, more or less urgently calling for a settlement. With France trying to fitch slices of African territory which Great Britain is in the habit of calling her own, and Germany hoisting the "cliché" Albin has always claimed to have in China, while Great Britain herself is trying to grab a little more country at various points, and with the preparation of the legislative programme, the ministry has no lack of worries.

The announcement which The St. James Gazette made on Wednesday last "authoritatively" that the British government does not expect any further trouble with France regarding the upper Nile regions, France agreeing to accept the situation, is unconfirmed and probably unfounded, as there is no lack of evidence that France is deliberately pursuing the task of seizing the upper waters of the Nile, above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line communicating between the Cape town and Suez, and the powerful colonial party in France threatens to upset the Melne cabinet should it recede from this enterprise.

All the forces of General Sir William Lockhart, the British commander on the Indian frontier have been withdrawn to the Bara valley for the winter. Thus the largest and best equipped force ever assembled in India has failed and the whole work will have to be repeated in the spring. About 1,400 officers and men killed or wounded, 35,000,000 rupees spent and British prestige weakened on the frontier, are the debits, against which a few mud huts and sangers blown up and, probably, several thousand natives killed, are the only amounting credits.

Rumors, too precise to be guess work, are current to the effect that the earl of Elgin, early next year, will retire from the viceroyalty of India and be succeeded by Lord George Hamilton, whose Indian secretaryship will be filled by Lord Landsdowne, the present secretary of state for war. This would be a good party to move, as it would enable the marquis of Salisbury to place at the head of the war office a skilled man of business, who would satisfy the tax payer as well as the army, and materially smooth the path for the intended proposals for military reform. It is intimated that Joseph Chamberlain may be transferred from the colonial to the war office, his place being given as a sop to the marquis of Londonderry, whose "kicking" qualities are not appreciated by the ministry.

Lieutenant R. E. Peary, the American explorer, has taken the town by storm, though he arrived here unheralded. The newspapers, geographers and scientists are at his disposal. As a leading geographer said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Lieutenant Peary has won all our hearts by the modesty, courtesy and learning. We put him on the same plane as Dr. Nansen, and have the utmost confidence in his plans."

On Friday afternoon Colonel Hay had a long conference with the marquis of Salisbury at the foreign office on the subject of the Behring sea. The interview was amicable on both sides; but nothing definite was arrived at.

Later in the afternoon Colonel and Mrs. Hay proceeded to Windsor, where they received special marks of attention. The United States ambassador and his wife dined at the queen's table, Colonel Hay sitting next to her majesty. She was most kind and cordial, the conversation lasting an hour. After dinner the queen conversed with Mrs. Hay in the same cordial manner.

The National Liberal Federation, at its annual meeting at Derby on Tuesday last, constructed a new platform which, it is hoped, will be broad enough to hold all the factions. It includes abolition of the peers' right of veto, woman's suffrage, the payment of members of the house of commons, the enfranchisement of paupers and the defraying of election expenses from public funds. John Morley has "kicked" at the platform. He says he has "doffed his coat and waistcoat in behalf of home rule," and cannot spare any more apparel for the purpose of fighting for the abolition of the house of lords.

Robbing a Postoffice Box
(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—During the past six days a number of mail robberies occurred at Goldsboro. Yesterday members of the firm of Weil Bros. were given fragments of letters addressed to them, the fragments having been picked up on the streets. Yesterday morning the firm complained it had received no mail by three trains. It was found the firm had lost the key to their postoffice box. A bell was attached to the box by a string and a detective watched the bell. It rang and he found a negro boy, Sam Wellons, with the mail taken from the drawer. Yesterday afternoon the thief was arraigned and today was tried here and given a year's sentence.

Catarth, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

FURTHER COMPLICATIONS

In the Matter of Winding Up the Affairs of the Piedmont Bank—Two Judges Appear Different Permanent Receivers

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—Matters in the Piedmont bank case took a new turn today and attorney F. M. Busbee and Judge Robinson took a hand in the new movement at this end of the line, while Judge Green and Attorney Perkins did the same thing over in Watauga county.

Treasurer Worth gave notice of a motion to appoint A. D. Cowles permanent receiver, and notice was also given to Judge Green's receiver, W. E. Walton, to show cause before Judge Robinson at Goldsboro, why he should not be adjudged in contempt.

Isaac F. Avery represented the bank in the hearing before Robinson this afternoon. He admitted its insolvency, interposed no objection to the appointment of a receiver, without taking part in the controversy as to which court had jurisdiction. E. J. Justice represented Receiver Walton.

After hearing full argument, Walton himself being present, Judge Robinson appointed A. D. Cowles permanent receiver, requiring \$20,000 bond. He also adjudged that the appointment of Cowles had priority over the appointment of Walton and ordered the latter to deliver to Cowles all the bank's assets, and in the event of his refusal leave was granted to Treasurer Worth and to Cowles to apply to the judge for proper enforcement of the order.

From this order Walton gave notice of an appeal. The statement of the case on appeal was settled before the judge then and there and it is understood an effort will be made to induce the supreme court to hear the matter at this term.

In the meantime the mountaineers had not been idle. Soon after the order was served upon Walton his lawyers consulted and at 8 o'clock last night notice was served on the bank that at 10 o'clock next morning Judge Green would be applied to at Boone, forty-six miles away, for the order appointing a permanent receiver.

Attorney Perkins took the papers and rode out into the night. It is learned he reached Judge Green this morning somewhat weary and Green is reported to have appointed W. E. Walton permanent receiver.

All persons interested express hope that nothing will interfere with the hearing of the matter in a few days by the supreme court. As the case on appeal is settled the transcript ought to be in the hands of the clerk of the supreme court in a few days.

CARROLL HAS NOT RESIGNED

He Expresses Willingness to Do So—Young Mail Robbers Sent to Reformatory—Resolution Calling for Dr. Whitsett's Resignation Defeated

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—Marshal Carroll says he has not tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1st, but has expressed his willingness to do so in an interview with his personal friend, Henry C. Dockery, who is to succeed him.

The United States marshal today telegraphed the attorney general for permission to send Wynne and Wellons, postoffice robbers, to the reformatory at Washington, instead of to the penitentiary, both being boys. Permission is given, and Judge Purnell, accordingly, issued the order.

At the Baptist state convention there was a hot debate today upon a resolution calling upon President Whitsett, of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, to resign. It was defeated 77 to 88.

Fire in Mt. Airy

(Special to The Messenger.)
Mt. Airy, N. C., December 12.—This morning at 4 o'clock the old unoccupied livery stable on Pine street, belonging to the estate of the late B. F. Graves, was discovered to be on fire and in a few minutes was a complete loss. While this fire was at its height the old J. M. Cook dwelling on the corner of Main and Pine streets, at least a block away, was seen to be afire and the cry of water, water was heard on all sides. While twenty gallons would have put it out, it could not be had in time, and addition to that it was soon seen that the Cook dwelling, and the stores occupied by J. A. Poindexter & Co., grocers, M. C. Rae, colored, small grocer, L. C. Cramp, colored, small grocer and country produce, the postoffice and the Graves warehouse would be bound to go, and go up in flames they did. It took good work to save the dwelling of Mrs. J. F. Graves and the small dwelling of Mrs. D. H. Alley. This was done, however, and with the exception of the loss of several bags of fertilizer by J. C. Hollingworth, those above mentioned are the only losers.

Those of our citizens who influenced our town officials not to sell the bonds for waterworks certainly have a good object lesson in this fire, as it was evident to everyone that all the property in this block could have been easily saved with one stream of water. It is not known how much the loss is but no doubt it is several thousand dollars. As the rate of insurance in this block is very high, no one carried over half value.

EMPEROR WILLIAM

TALKS ABOUT TEACHING AMERICA GOOD MANNERS

He Hints at Necessity for a Joint Naval War Against the United States for Her Meddlesome Policy—Russia Not to Allow Permanent Occupation of Chinese Port by Germany—The Emperor No Longer Directing German Foreign Policy—Trichinosis in Meat from America

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Berlin, December 11.—Throughout the week a peculiar condition of affairs has prevailed, so far as the press is concerned. The "Chinese adventure" as the socialist, Schoenlanck, termed the seizure of Kiao-Chou bay in the reichstag, has engrossed public interest, yet the government has not deigned the least explanation as to what has been done or as to what is intended in the future. What sparse information the foreign office has furnished proved to be misleading or stale. This was especially the case with the Haytian incident. The very day the German schoolships at Port au Prince secured obedience to the ultimatum the government, through its various organs, proclaimed that a naval demonstration was not likely and that, in any case, a decision could not be reached for several weeks.

In regard to China, although the English press had been steadily furnished not to have any doubts as to the real condition of affairs. As the German minister to China, Baron von Heyking, had full power to deal with the Chinese government as he thought best, this was a strange condition of affairs. However, it is nearing its end, as Baron von Buelow, the minister for foreign affairs, will shortly make a statement in the reichstag.

The correspondent here of The Associated Press, however, has ascertained from reliable sources, several important facts. First, since von Buelow has taken the foreign office, the emperor has not been permitted to meddle with foreign affairs. His majesty was only informed of each important step after it was taken. In other words, the emperor has "approved," not "directed." That the emperor was not to interfere in foreign politics was made a sine qua non by von Buelow before accepting office.

The second important news is the certainty that Russia will not tolerate a permanent occupation of Kiao-Chou bay by Germany. The military attaché of a big power assures the correspondent of The Associated Press that secret information has reached here from St. Petersburg setting this point. He says Russia is now making preparations to that effect. Information has reached United States embassy to the same effect. It is understood however that Washington will interpose no obstacle to Germany's opening China to civilization.

The quick settlement of the Haytian trouble was received with satisfaction by the press and nation. The jingo and agrarian papers, however, again take occasion to preach the necessity of a settlement with the United States.

The Deutsche Zeitung, the main organ of the German Konsultation policy, says after a tirade of abuse of the United States for "intermeddling" in Hayti, that it hopes von Buelow "will draw appropriate conclusions for his future policy in regard to America whose interfering insolence needs taking down." In this connection, the remarks Emperor William is alleged to have made in conversation some time ago, to the effect that "this American meddlesome policy must cease or we will be obliged to teach them manners, and which he pointedly referred to the necessity for a joint naval war against the United States, are freely circulating in diplomatic and political circles in Berlin.

There has been quite a change in the reichstag's views on the naval bill, and it is now thought that, if the government takes pains to conciliate the centre with a promise of its influence to bring about the repeal of the Jesuit expulsion act, or a promise to favor the Catholic school pretensions, the measure may pass.

During the month of November sixty-eight socialist editors were sentenced on the charge of les majesties, or for insulting officials.

The Berlin butchers and meat dealers have passed a resolution requesting the government to re-open the frontiers to meat import and to severely restrict the traffic in American meat. They say 28,000,000 marks worth was imported in 1896 at prices which they cannot compete with. The government has just completed the report on the trichinosis American meat seized during the six months from January to July. Excerpts of the report furnished to the United States ambassador here, Mr. Andrew D. White, show an enormous increase in American trichinosis meat cases. However, while a certain percentage of cases are really of American origin, the fact is palpable that the whole report is bungled, and many of the cases quoted are not proved to be of American origin.

At Mr. White's formal request, he was furnished with the registry number of the original packages and other marks of identification, in order to enable him to acquaint the officials at Washington with the facts in the cases and secure the publication of negligent meat inspectors in the United States. A fact which has been very generally neglected is that trichinosis is prevalent in a number of districts of Germany at present.

New Postmasters

Washington, December 11.—The following named fourth-class postmasters were appointed today for North Carolina: Culberson, J. W. Ballow; Dobson, Martha Norman; Garner, Varah Graham; Hasty, T. L. Henley; Adner, W. P. Roane; Bradshaw, J. A. Moore; Eula, Mrs. S. I. Mills; Crittenden, J. W. Hawwood; Floyd, S. H. McNeil; Hague, E. C. Griffith; Owens, R. H. Owens; Singer, Glen T. Funk; Spotsylvania, J. O. Voorhees; Summerdean, Odie S. Knapp.

ASKED TO RESIGN.

The Virginia Veterans' Committee Find Against Him—Their Report—Mr. Stubbs Refuses to Resign—Denounces the Matter as a Foul Conspiracy

Richmond, Va., December 11.—The committee appointed to investigate the grand camp, Confederate Veterans history committee scandal, this afternoon submitted their report. This report was made to Colonel James N. Stubbs who as grand commander appointed the committee under the resolution, and who has figured so prominently in the investigation. The report after citing the resolution calling for the investigation and summarizing the work of the committee reads:

"It is the unanimous opinion of the undersigned, after full and careful investigation of all the evidence taken, that the conduct, association and relations of grand commander James N. Stubbs with members of the history committee, with the agent of one of the great publishing houses of the country, has been such as to render it improper that he should remain a member of the history committee of the grand camp of veterans and that his further connection with said committee would be incompatible with the best interests of said camp and of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia and of the south. Therefore, the undersigned recommend to the grand camp that Grand Commander James N. Stubbs be removed from said committee as soon as practicable, and that he be requested to resign the position of grand commander of the grand camp of Confederate Veterans, department of Virginia.

"We, the undersigned further report that no evidence was adduced in the course of the investigation tending directly or indirectly to reflect on the conduct or character of any other member of the history committee, or to raise even a suspicion that any other member of said committee had ever had any improper dealings or intercourse with any publishing house, or any agent or representative of any publishing house."

Shortly after receiving the report, Colonel Stubbs issued the following order: "The report of the investigating committee, having been handed me, I decline to accept its conclusions as final or to be guided by its recommendations. I am now thoroughly convinced that this is the outcome of a deeply laid and well executed scheme to blast my reputation and character and that behind it all is concealed the hand of powerful interests, alike indifferent to the honor and interests of the Confederate Veteran Association and to the character and reputation of the individuals composing these bodies. The fundamental idea of these associations is mutual comradeship and brotherly love, and I now declare that the whole proceeding has been in violation of the fundamental principle of the organization. Instead of proceeding in accordance with the principle of the brotherly love, my accusers have, in violation of the laws of decency and morality, secured by means of theft and robbery, the supposed evidence of guilt in the shape of two checks adduced in evidence, and without notice to me of the nature of the evidence they suddenly called upon me at trial to explain these transactions of more than three years ago.

"By the report of the committee, I am condemned by the single circumstance of these checks, which may have been procured by the most disreputable means, inasmuch as the holder of them refused to disclose the source from which he obtained them, whilst admitting that he knew he had no right to have them in his possession. Let me ask right here whether it is better to obtain by means of theft the weapon by which to stab a comrade in the dark, or to be found associating with the agent of a book company.

"I call attention to the fact that I appealed in vain to the committee to let in the light upon the disreputable transaction connected with the procuring of these checks, and it turned out that the committee appointed to investigate, refused to investigate, save in one direction, and in the direction of my supposed guilt. Was the single circumstance of my associating with a man of good reputation at that time, but who has since been brought into bad repute, sufficient to call down upon my head, the cruel and harsh verdict rendered against me?

"I shall not submit to this judgment, but shall appeal to the judgment of the advisory council and to the Virginia public. I shall fight to maintain my character and standing amongst my comrades and my fellow citizens generally, confident that their sense of fairness and love of justice will finally bring me vindication from the grave charge made against me. In what I have said, I disclaim any reflection upon the personal character of the individuals composing the committee, but I simply decline to submit to their judgment, decline to resign my place upon the history committee, and I challenge my enemies to appear before the bar of public opinion. I will forthwith convene the advisory council of the grand camp of Virginia and lay the whole proceedings before them.

[Signed.] J. N. STUBBS."

Big Sale of Railway Bonds

Baltimore, December 11.—The remaining \$300,000 of per cent. bonds of the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad Company, which have been held by a pool for two years or more, have been purchased by the public. The purchasers include some of the most prominent bankers and investors in Baltimore. The purchase price could not be ascertained, though it is understood to have been close to the market value which is around 92%. The pool which has sold out was organized by the Maryland Trust Company which purchased from the Southern Railway Company about \$2,000,000 Georgia Southern and Florida bonds. The Southern Railway Company, which had acquired the property through the purchase of the trust receipts, retained the stock.

C. H. Byrne Ill

New York, December 11.—Charles H. Byrne, president of the Brooklyn baseball club, is dangerously ill at his home in this city. Mr. Byrne has been in bad health for some time.

THE SEABOARD'S VICTORY

OVER THE SOUTHERN IN SECURING THE C. F. & Y. V. ROAD

Forcing Payment on Unlisted Taxables The Grand Lodge of Masons to Meet at Oxford—Endorsement of Dr. Kilge by the Conference—Newspaper in Interest of Public Schools—The Big Pennsylvania Colony In Rowan—Close Watch on Registered Distilleries

Messenger Bureau,
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.
The Seaboard Air Line people think they have scored a point on the Southern in securing the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road; putting the case in this way—the Southern wanted the road sold in divisions and to secure the one from Bennettsville to Greensboro, while the Seaboard Air Line desired the system in its entirety. A sale in sections would have knocked out Wilmington and Mt. Airy and injured Fayetteville.

The mother of Cyrus B. Watson, Esq., is dangerously sick at her home at Kernersville. She is 93 years of age.

The return of the state flag of the Fourth North Carolina infantry, captured at Sharpsburg by the Fifth New Hampshire regiment, will be quite a pleasing incident. General Bryan Grimes was first major and then lieutenant colonel of the Fourth.

Chief Clerk Sims, of the auditor's office, says that the return of unlisted taxables made by Cabarrus county is by far the most complete of all yet received. Double tax on all unlisted property was levied and collected there, while in nearly all other counties it was remitted.

The board of agriculture will meet in regular semi-annual session next Tuesday.

The annual communication of the grand lodge of Masons will be held at the Oxford orphan asylum the second Tuesday in January. It is held there in order to give the members of the order an opportunity to see plainly in how admirable a way that noble charity is conducted.

Rev. Dr. John C. Kilge is the chairman of the delegation from the North Carolina Methodist conference to the general conference, because he was given the largest vote on the first ballot. Members of the conference say they regard this as an endorsement of his position on the educational question. They also say that it is a marked compliment, as generally only old members are sent as delegates, particularly as chairman of a delegation.

State Labor Commissioner Hamrick left today for Dare and Craven counties to complete the information to be furnished to complete the chapter on fish and fisheries, the only one in his annual report which is incomplete.

Among today's arrivals were Thomas Wilkesboro; Marshall L. Motz, Wilkesboro; Geo. S. Ferguson, Waynesville.

The supreme court next week takes up the Durrant district, the last one on the regular call of the docket.

For the little Pennsylvania colony which will settle in Rowan county, 3,000 acres of land have been purchased and 2,000 more will be secured.

The Spanish swindlers, who write letters saying that a great fortune goes with an orphan school girl now at Powdersville, the only one in his annual report which is incomplete.

The new collector's force in the Western revenue district is watching the registered distilleries so closely that nearly all are closing. There are complaints of harshness.

The term of the federal court here ended today, and an adjourned term begins January 3rd. Wynne, the young negro who robbed the man at Powdersville, gets a year's imprisonment, and a Person county mail robber gets the same sentence.

Three weeks ago a white man named West, who says he is from Richmond, was put on the chain gang at Salisbury. He swore he would not work and tried to escape, but was shot by three guards. He now makes threats that he will sue the town for heavy damages.

It was stated the other day that when the amount bank at Morganton failed, the cashier was at Boston. No reflection upon the cashier was intended, of course. It is now learned that he was in New York, trying to secure a loan for the bank and that had he been successful the bank would never have closed. He arrived at Morganton the evening of the day of the bank's suspension. There was an intimation that the area offered him money to themselves. This has no foundation in fact. Mr. Walton and other Morganton men say.

To Act on the Hawaiian Treaty

Washington, December 11.—The supporters of Hawaiian annexation have definitely decided to consider the question in executive session of the senate. They also think that the consideration of the treaty in secret session will serve to blind those who profess to be favorable to annexation and make sure of holding at least a majority of the senate for a resolution. If it should in the end be made evident that it is necessary to resort to this means of securing favorable legislation. There is also a still broader reason for desiring to have the treaty considered behind closed doors which actuates the committee of foreign relations. This is the fact that Japan's attitude toward annexation is sure to involve some delicate questions which the members of this committee think it not advisable to exercise before the public in the way that they might be exercised if the matter should be taken for debate in the open senate.

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AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT

A New Railroad Projected—Is Not the "Flurry" "Too Previous"—News Notes

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Fayetteville, N. C., December 11.
Messrs. Beck, Brown and Thurston, of Southern Pines, were here yesterday in conference with some of our leading citizens, looking to Fayetteville's cooperation in the project for a railroad between this city and Southern Pines—the continuation of a line proposed from the latter point to Concord. They ask only a few hundred dollars from our people, to defray the expenses of the survey, and certainly the manifold advantages are well worth this expenditure. The western part of Cumberland county, excellent for fruit raising and truck growing, would reap very substantial benefits.

Is not the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway "flurry" somewhat "too previous"? Its affairs are now "in law," so to speak, and, at any rate, meetings of directors and stockholders would be necessary to consummate a lease with the Seaboard Air Line railroad. The rumor badly lacks what the French would call *voir sensé* blance.

Quite a large audience, over and above the students and faculty, assembled in the hall of the literary societies of the Fayetteville military academy last evening, to hear the second of the academy course of lectures by Mr. J. H. Myrover—"The New Woman."

The Dreyfus Cadet, the academy quarterly, handsomely illustrated, of eight pages, made its appearance this week.

This year's necrology of North Carolina records the gathering to rest of some of the state's noblest and best. How grievously Wilmington has been stricken of late! And now Colonel John D. Cameron has passed away. Your gifted editor can feelingly and eloquently write of the long useful life and many virtues of this "worthy."

His many friends up here sympathize with Dr. Kingsbury in his recent painful accident.

Mr. Herbert Lutterloh, one of the best fox hunters in a section full of lovers of the chase, carried his fair young wife (Wilmington's former charming Miss Merice) with him after the hounds last night, and a fine fox was their trophy. They will pardon this forcing them into newspaper mention, but it makes such a pretty "personal" your reporter could not refrain.

Extreme Weakness.

"I was so weak I could hardly walk across my room. I had no appetite. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and before I had taken it many days my appetite was improving and I felt stronger. I continued its use until I was able to work. Hood's Sarsaparilla has also relieved me of asthma." S. A. MORRIS, Messie, N. C.

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The Durrant Case

San Francisco, December 10.—The papers in the Durrant case have been filed here. It is expected that the murderer will be sentenced for the third time on Tuesday and will be hanged on the first Friday of the new year.

Little Rock, Ark., December 10.—Judge E. M. Merriman, of Little Rock, who was personally acquainted with and once represented J. E. Blanthier, alias Forbes, as attorney in this city, insists that Blanthier and not Durrant, murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams in San Francisco, and that the execution of Durrant will, therefore, be a judicial murder. A few days ago the story was sent out from Atlanta, Ga., that Blanthier was in fine city at the time the girls were murdered. Judge Merriman today made public a long statement, giving his reasons for believing Durrant innocent. Among other things he said: "Blanthier being dead, my lips may reveal the fact that he had told me during his troubles here that the name of Forbes was but an alias; that he had assumed it for reasons best known to himself, and that his life had been an eventful one. This, coupled with the statement of his second wife, Mrs. Cameron, in public print, convinces me that he spoke the truth."

Mrs. McKinley Still Alive

Canton, O., December 11.—Dr. Phillips made probably his last call at the McKinley house tonight at 10:15. When he left he announced to the Associated Press representative that Mrs. McKinley was still living but was much weaker than when he saw her several hours before, or at any other time. He said he thought she would die in the early hours of the morning, but that there was a possibility of her living into Sunday, but not of surviving the day. The president again resumed the vigil at the bedside, most of the others of the family retiring while the patient was resting quietly.

The Nicaragua Commission

Key West, Fla., December 11.—The gunboat Newport, with the members of the Nicaragua commission and a party of surveyors on board, arrived here today. The Newport will sail tomorrow at 5 p. m., for Greytown. All on board were reported well.