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SUBSTITUTE OFFERED FOR ROOT'S ARMY BILL.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate sub-committee on military affairs completed its work upon the army reorganization bill and will report to the full senate committee this afternoon a complete substitute for the house bill. The sub-committee recommends the retention of the present regimental organization of artillery and does not give its assent to the corps organization proposed by Secretary Root and accepted by the house. In the matter of appointment of staff officers the bill follows largely on the lines recommended by Secretary Root. The house canteen provision is amended so as to permit the sale of beer in canteens. The maximum strength of the army is to be 100,000 men.

Bills passed granting pensions of \$50 per month to widows of Gen. John A. McClure and Gen. John M. Palmer. After an executive session in which the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was considered, at 2:40 the senate adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The house resolution authorizing the appointment of Congressman Boutwell as captain on the retired list of the navy was adopted by the senate.

REPORT ON DEEP WATERWAY

Board of Engineers Not Favorable to Lake Michigan Mississippi Project. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Root today transmitted the report of the special board of engineers authorized to estimate the cost of a 10, 12 and 14-foot waterway from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi via the Des Moines and Illinois rivers and report upon the feasibility of the project. The conclusions of the board are adverse to a deep waterway and regard an 8-foot enterprise as commensurate with existing conditions of commerce. The board affords a loophole for advocates of a deep waterway by suggesting the extension of a 14-foot channel in the Mississippi to St. Louis.

FIGHT FOR TWO DAYS.

Victory For Government Forces in Colombia—Many Casualties. Washington, Dec. 19.—The state department received a cablegram from the United States consul at Bogota, stating that a great battle had been fought at Girardot Point, Magdalena river, Colombia, which lasted two days, and resulted in a decisive victory for the government. It is reported 600 men were killed and many hundred wounded. Other victories of the government forces of the utmost importance are announced.

WHICH SEEMS TO INDICATE

That the Old Santa Fe Telegraphers Have Lost Their Position. Chicago, Dec. 19.—According to a statement issued last night by J. M. Barr, third vice president of the Santa Fe railway, the committee composed of representatives of the different railway organizations which has taken up the grievances of the striking telegraphers, consider the strike a mistake, and at today's conference nothing but the re-employment of the telegraphers will be requested from the company. Barr says: "We have a full force of telegraph operators employed on all our lines. Our business is moving under normal conditions. Our earnings for the first two weeks of December were the largest for a like period in the history of the road." Telegraphers here who are strikers are indifferent to the result of the meeting, as they say they are not intending for reinstatement, and the

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Old DeWet Is a Cannibal. Milwaukee, Dec. 19.—Seven lion cubs were born at the zoo here Monday morning. They were the offspring of two lionesses in cages side by side and the births occurred at the same time. The birth of the first was unexpected, and Barnum, its father, ate it. He was taken from the cage with great difficulty. The others were born in safety, but the mother will let no one touch the mangled remains of her first born.

Projecting a New Railway. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—A Sentinel special from Eau Claire, Wis., says: At a meeting of business men a resolution endorsing a project to build a railroad from Eau Claire to LaCrosse and Winona was adopted unanimously. It is said that \$100,000 can be raised in Eau Claire immediately, and one speaker intimated that a leading outside capitalist stood ready to finance the enterprise.

Military College in Iowa. Mason City, Ia., Dec. 19.—The National Military college to be established here by the Sons of Veterans will be chartered under the name of Memorial University. The board has selected Colonel W. A. Morris of Redfield, S. D., as secretary and he has accepted. He will move here and begin his duties Jan. 1. Three of the buildings will be begun in the early spring and pushed to completion within the year.

Met to Receive Reports. St. Louis, Dec. 19.—A special meeting of the executive committee of the Credits Commutation company, of St. Louis, was held at the Planters' hotel Monday. The Credits Commutation company represents about 275 banks in different parts of the country and was formed in 1883 to administer upon the effect of the Federal Union Loan and Trust company of St. Louis. Monday's meeting was called to receive reports of special committees appointed at the annual meeting in October.

Fifty to Several Hundred. Manila, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Herbert L. Evans, of the Forty-fourth Colored Infantry, returned from the Philippines, where he had been in command of a company of men, attacked, Dec. 12, several hundred bolones and fifty insurgents armed with rifles occupying an entrenched position at Tounougn, island of Cebu. The Americans had three men wounded and the enemy lost twelve men killed and many wounded.

Moors Settle Our Little Bill. Washington, Dec. 19.—A message from United States Consul Gummery, at Tangiers, informs the state department that the Moorish government had settled the claim of the United States for \$7,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszqui, a naturalized American citizen, in Morocco last spring.

Experienced General Is Pessimistic. London, Dec. 19.—"An experienced general with whom I conversed today," says the Belting correspondent of The Morning Post, writing Monday, "considers a settlement by next spring improbable. He foresees some danger of complications here that will disturb the peace of Europe."

Cummins May Run for Governor. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 19.—It is said here by one of his close friends that A. B. Cummins is very likely to be a candidate for governor in case the Titus amendment is declared void by the supreme court and another election is held in 1901.

Eight Fire Alarms Cost Boston \$200,000. Boston, Dec. 19.—Eight fire alarms following close upon each other necessitated by fire in different sections of the city, kept the fire department on the move last night and the total losses will aggregate \$200,000.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

The river and harbor bill will aggregate \$60,000,000 this session of congress. Robert D. Wrenn, formerly the tennis champion of America, paid \$50,000 for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Nellie Moffat, 15 years old, was arrested at New York for obtaining \$340 from banks on forged checks. Justice Henry R. Beckman, of the New York supreme court, died of apoplexy on the steps of his home. A bill granting suffrage to women was introduced in the Porto Rico house of delegates. Antwerp dockmen are on strike, demanding double pay for night and Sunday work. The number of lives lost in the wreck of the German training ship Guelsenau off Malaga, Spain, is now put at thirty-five. Bob Fitzsimmons has formally and definitely notified champion James J. Jeffries that he (Bob) has retired from the ring for good. Senator William V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Marie Atkins, of Washington, were married at Washington yesterday. One never realizes how little he really knows until he has read a page or two of the dictionary.

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Says the Speaker Was Ignorant. "Now, I have no objection to any man differing from me in opinion; I have no objection to any man being as enthusiastic as he chooses about freedom and liberty and all the other words that are so common to express things that are so uncommon. But such conferences as this one ought not to be treated to dissertations and to eloquence founded upon ignorance. "The first thing that was told here was that this idea of compulsory arbitration was a thing wholly unsuited for a people free like this great American nation—people who have a special brand of liberty which is very much superior to the brand of the man in the next street. "What His People Call License. "I am glad you are so well satisfied with your brand of liberty, but I am not the sort of liberty that I understand in the country where I come from. Our idea of freedom is not that every man or every party of men is to do as he pleases; it is not that every man or every assembly of men is to disregard the interests of all other men and to claim he is at liberty to do just as he chooses. The language which we both profess to know is the language of the man who doesn't know that kind of liberty in New Zealand. "This was a reference to a declaration made by Gompers that labor had absolute liberty to strike, when, how and where it pleased—for something or for nothing."

GOMPERS OPENS HIS BATTERIES.

Turns Them Loose on Lusk and Further Defines His Own Ideas. After Lusk had concluded his address, which included an outline of the New Zealand arbitration law, Gompers asked to be heard and said: "I should not have asked this privilege to respond upon your time were it not for the fact that this morning our friend Mr. Lusk honored me by his distinctive consideration. I make no pretense nor claim of learning, but I do think that I have been given some credit for possessing some little horse sense, and with it a love of truth and frankness, even perhaps to bluntness. Why should I be accused of being ignorant upon a subject with which I attempted to deal and to discuss, when, as a matter of fact, you have told me that you have followed Mr. Lusk closely—that he verifies the very essence of my statement?" Continuing, he said that he had called attention to the New Zealand law to "a penalty under which and by which a worker could be sent to prison if he did not abide by the award of the arbitrators. And it was to that feature that I took exception, and that feature Mr. Lusk verified. 'Cries of, 'No, no.' If it is not then it is in the last analysis exactly that for which we contend—the right to quit. "I would imagine from the criticism of Mr. Lusk of my remarks of last evening that the United States industrially and commercially was in a state of chaos, was entirely in the rear guard of the industrial commerce of the world. "Mr. Lusk referred to an incident that took place under his New Zealand law where workers made the demand upon their employers for a certain increase in wages, and it was refused, and the board of arbitration to which it was referred under the New Zealand law refused to grant any advance at all, though subsequently it was learned that the employers would have granted half the demand. "Lusk—It was known at the time. "Gompers—So much the worse for the arbitrators. When employers can afford to make half of a demand made by the workmen and the workmen predicated their demand upon that knowledge themselves, a compulsory board of arbitration steps in and says, 'You can't have any.' [Laughter.] It is that unwarrantable interference of the politician and the state [applause] to which I referred. "The debate for the balance of the day was largely a caricature of Lusk by different members of the conference on the New Zealand law."

THE SYSTEM IN NEW ZEALAND.

Delegate Lusk Gives the Conference the Points of the Law. Lusk described the New Zealand system as follows: The main features of the law now in force are: 1. That it rests upon the voluntary basis of association, so that no individual, whether workman or employer, can invoke the assistance of the law unless in his capacity as representing the organization duly registered under the provisions of the law. Thus trade unions are made in New Zealand the basis of compulsory arbitration. 2. That before compulsion is resorted to every effort must be made to bring about an agreement by conciliation, applied by a board equally represented, through freely elected delegates, workers and employers. 3. That failing an agreement through the agency of the conciliation board either party may—but neither is compelled to—appeal to the arbitration court for a final decision. 4. That an appeal to the court acts as a stay of all other proceedings whatsoever in dispute; that is to say, that no employer shall close his works or dismiss his workers, and no workers shall strike against their employers, in connection with the matters in dispute, until the question has been dealt with by the court, on pain of being treated as being in contempt and subject to fines and imprisonment. 5. That the arbitration court itself shall consist of three members—one representing the workers and one the employers' associations, while the third, and president of the court, shall be one of the judges of the highest court of the country. "He then told of the hostility and discouragement resulting from the system, and how it overcame this by admirable results, until New South Wales and South Australia have determined to try it. "The conference closed with the night session yesterday. The closing address was by Frank P. Sargent. Just before adjournment resolutions were adopted heartily thanking Franklin McVeagh for his work as chairman. RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE ADOPTED "Compulsory" Arbitration Set Upon Search Committee Appointed. The committee on resolutions submitted resolutions which "recognize the fact that compulsory arbitration—aside from all other objections urged against it—is not at this time a question of practical industrial reform, and that the systems as are now in vogue do not seem to fully meet the requirements of the different interests," and recommend that the presiding officer of the conference appoint a committee of six representatives of the employer class and six of the employee class for the purpose of formulating some plan of action looking to the establishment of a general system of conciliation that will promote industrial peace. "We would also recommend," the report concludes, "that this committee of twelve be given power to appoint such auxiliary committees from the industries, trades and professions as may seem best to promote the work of conciliation and education. We believe that this conference will have, in part, at least, failed in its mission unless it strenuously insists that the proposed system be inaugurated after a strike or lock-out has been inaugurated but before it has begun. "The report was adopted, and the committee appointed as follows: A. J. Sargent, vice president of the Illinois Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association; Herman Just, commissioner of Illinois Coal Operators' association; G. W. Wilson, vice president of Republic Iron and Steel company; E. D. Keena, vice president of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway; Chauncey H. Castle, president of the National Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, president of United Mine Workers; Martin Fox, president of Molders' union; Frank P. Sargent, grand master Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; Henry White, general secretary of United Garment Workers; James M. Lynch, president of International Typographical Union. "Another Chicago Strike Settled. Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Gas Fitters' union signed a three years' agreement with the contractors last night and its members returned to work today after an idleness of nearly a year. One of the provisions of the agreement was the withdrawal from the Building Trades' Council. "He Worked on a Corn Husker. Ashley, Mich., Dec. 19.—Ernie Bovee, a young man living near here, was working on a corn husking machine when his right arm was caught in the machinery and so badly mangled that amputation at the shoulder was necessary. He will recover. "Band of Counterfeiters at Work. Pana, Ills., Dec. 19.—A well organized band of counterfeiters is working the towns in this vicinity with green goods propositions. Tower Hill, a village seven miles east of this city, is believed to be headquarters of the gang. "Lost Its Only Open House. Manistee, Mich., Dec. 19.—Manistee's only open house burned to the ground Monday night. The loss is about half covered by insurance. "He Didn't Lock the Door. Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—A special to The Times from Milbank, S. D., says: Word was telephoned yesterday from Albee that Gold & Co.'s bank at that place was robbed of \$1,500 while the cashier was at dinner. The cashier neglected to lock the door. "Death of a Veteran Physician. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Dr. Ephraim Ingalls, a professor in Rush Medical college for forty years, died at his home yesterday. He was 78 years old. "French Amnesty Bill Passes. Paris, Dec. 19.—The chamber of deputies, after an all-night session, adopted the amnesty bill by a vote of 156 to 2."

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