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[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Jan. 8.—What is possibly the final battle over the constitutionality of the Government's colonial policy was opened this afternoon in the Supreme Court of the United States in the presence of a distinguished audience, and with a notable array of legal talent.

Mr. Coudert was frequently interrupted by questions from the bench. The most pertinent and pointed question was asked by Justice Brown. "Do you," he inquired, "contend that though Porto Rico is within the United States, yet it is not an integral part?"

I am inclined to that view, Your Honor," replied Mr. Coudert, "but, if it please Your Honor, I will take up that phase of the question after a while and discuss it at length."

Very well," assented Justice Brown. "I would like to hear an exposition of that phase of it."

An hour before the case was called a score or more of Senators visited the Supreme Court chamber, but, tiring of waiting for the argument to begin, most of them hurried back to the Senate, where the Army Reorganization bill was being discussed.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to its jurisdiction.

MR. GRIGGS HAS NEW POINTS TO MAKE. Attorney-General Griggs explained to a Tribune correspondent that, as he already had spoken five hours in the Goetze and Pepke cases, which involve all the material principles at stake in the cases now at bar, he would not consider it necessary to speak again, if it were not that he wishes to supplement his first argument with some new and strong points which he did not have time to develop before.

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THE BURLEIGH BILL, PROVIDING FOR A HOUSE OF 286 MEMBERS, PASSED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Jan. 8.—The Burleigh plan for a House of Representatives, consisting of 386 members under the Twelfth Census, was adopted by the House to-day as a substitute for the Hopkins bill, which limited the membership to 357, its present number.

The House also took a firm stand against gerrymandering by stipulating that the new districts under the reapportionment should be not only "contiguous" but "compact."

Under this bill no existing State quota is reduced, and the gains are as follows: Illinois, New York and Texas, 2; Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 2; Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin, 1.

Whenever a new State is admitted the Representative assigned to it shall be in addition to the number provided in the bill. States to be admitted shall elect them at large until the Legislature redistrict the State.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW SPECIES OF MOUNTAIN SHEEP REPORTED BY DR. HORNADAY.

The discovery of a new species of mountain sheep was reported by Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the Zoological Park, at the annual meeting of the New York Zoological Society at the Waldorf-Astoria last evening.

Colors—Entire head and neck black, abdomen, inside of forelegs and rump patch for four inches above insertion of tail, snow white. Entire body, except as above, brownish gray, giving the appearance of a white animal covered by a gray blanket.

Directors of the society to serve until 1904 were elected at the meeting. They are: F. AUGUSTUS SCHERER, EDWARD J. BERWIND, MERHORN, GEORGE C. WHITNEY, A. NEWBOLD MORRIS, WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, CHAS. E. WHITEHEAD, CLEVELAND H. DODGE, FREDERICK WYSE, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JACOB B. KENNELL, C. LEONARD BLAIR.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE showed that the collection of animals in the Zoological Park now includes 322 species and 1,433 specimens. During 1900 a total of 196 animals were received.

REAR-ADMIRAL PHELPS ILL.

TAKEN TO THE NEW-YORK HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA.

Rear-Admiral Thomas S. Phelps, retired, of Washington, who has been stopping recently at the Hotel Kensington, Fifth-ave. and Fifteenth-st., was taken to the New-York Hospital last night suffering from pneumonia.

ELKINS NOMINATED FOR SENATOR.

Charles W. Va., Jan. 8 (Special).—In caucus of Republican members of the Legislature to-night Elklns was unanimously endorsed for Senator amid great enthusiasm, and for President of the Senate was Anthony Smith, of Ritchie County, was nominated.

LORD AND LADY HOPE IN A COLLISION.

An automobile, in which were Lord and Lady Hope, was struck at Forty-fifth-st. and Broadway last night by a cable car. A door of the machine was broken, but the occupants were not injured.

A REPUBLICAN CLUB ELECTION.

The annual meeting, election of officers and entertainment of the Union Republican Club of the XXXVth Assembly District will take place to-morrow night at No. 97 Caldwell-ave. Edward H. Healy is president.

IN FAVOR OF PNEUMATIC TUBES.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Postmaster-General Smith to-day sent to the House a report showing the results of an exhaustive expert investigation into the cost, operation, etc., of the pneumatic tube postal service, with a view to determining whether the service should be owned, leased, extended or discontinued by the Government. The Investigating

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE EXTENSION OF THE SERVICE IN NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

The committee of the Postmaster-General, fully sustains the pneumatic method of mail transportation as a valuable and mechanically successful system. While the cost of the pneumatic method is advantage is proportionately greater.

J. J. HILL HERE.

CONFERS WITH JACOB H. SCHIFF AND D. S. LAMONT.

RUMORS ABOUT HIS VISIT—THE B. AND O.'S CONTINUED ENTRY INTO NEW-YORK.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, reached this city yesterday afternoon from his home in St. Paul, and promptly proceeded to Wall Street, which it is understood will be the field of his activities for the next week or so.

Mr. Hill in recent interviews in the West has set forth his views on the situation in such language as apparently to lead to the belief that there is no intention of effecting a joint lease of the St. Paul to his road and the Northern Pacific, but that, on the contrary, nothing more is contemplated than an extension of the "community of ownership" principle now effective between the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern to embrace also the St. Paul road.

Mr. Hill is chairman of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul, was quoted yesterday in special dispatches from Chicago, as declaring that his visit to that city was simply for the purpose of attending the funeral of Philip D. Armour, and adding: "If Mr. Hill and his following have purchased stock, it is all held by investors, and much of it is tied up in estates, and a large percentage of the common is in similar hands.

TAINED CATTLE STORY DENIED.

OFFICIALS HERE AND IN ALBANY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SHIPMENT.

A report that twenty-five carloads of cancerous or tubercular cattle had been shipped to New-York from West Albany within ten days was contradicted flatly by officials of the Health Department yesterday.

ALBANY, Jan. 8.—Absolute ignorance of the truth or falsity of an allegation made by a New-York paper that twenty-five carloads of diseased cattle have been shipped through the State to New-York City is professed in the offices of the Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Health.

TWO MEN KILLED AT A CROSSING.

Whitehall, N. Y., Jan. 8.—George H. Buel and M. G. Russell, two prominent residents of this place, were instantly killed at 5 o'clock this afternoon by a light engine while attempting to cross the railroad tracks at William-st.

SMELTING PURCHASE DENIED.

An officer of the American Smelting and Refining Company yesterday declared that the report from Mexico which announced that the negotiations for the purchase of the smelting and refining interests of M. Guzman, Son & Co. in Mexico had been completed was false.

NEW CENTURY GREETINGS.

With the coming of the New Year, the president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n sent to every wholesale customer the following pleasant greeting by wire.

"The Anheuser-Busch Eagle heralds loudly the praise of those who helped make him famous throughout the world for four months, and the actual New Century greetings.

The reference to the eagle will be readily recognized as applying to the well known trade mark of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association in any country. This trade mark consists of a large A and an eagle with wings outspread.

Colored Dress Goods. Cheviots,—all wool,—48 inches wide. Colors:—Reds, browns, blues, greens, castors, greys. Including the latest shades of cardinal, navy and cadet. The material is recommended for winter, street and travelling gowns. 75 cents per yard. Formerly \$1.15.

James McCreery & Co., Twenty-third Street. Cotton Goods. New Cotton fabrics,—for Spring and Summer 1901. Showing all the latest changes of weave, design and color. James McCreery & Co., Twenty-third Street.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP WIGGER. REPORT THAT A NEW-YORK PRIEST MAY BE HIS SUCCESSOR. South Orange, N. J., Jan. 8 (Special).—A large number of people of all ranks and conditions in life called at Seton Hall College yesterday and today to take a last look at the face of the Rt. Rev. Winand Michael Wigger. Yesterday the body lay in state in the reception room of the college, attended in the Bishop's vestments of chasuble, alb and mitre, together with his pectoral cross and slippers. Last night the body was placed in a coffin and taken to the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, in the college grounds, where to-day a constant stream of people passed through, while a number of seminarians guarded the body.

Tailor-Made Suits. Tight fitting, double breasted tailor dresses. Colored and black Cheviot, lined with silk, \$22.50. Broad-cloth and Venetian Cloth,—handsome models, \$35.00. Pedestrian Skirts,—\$7.00. Remainder of winter stock of all gowns, tailor-made or elaborate designs, at about one-half original prices. James McCreery & Co., Twenty-third Street.

FIFTH AV. AUCTION ROOMS. Wm. B. Norman, Auctioneer. This (Wed.) Afternoon at 2 O'CLOCK. Also Thurs. & Fri. Afternoons at Same Hour. ATTRACTIVE SALE To Cover Advances and Charges and Close Accounts for the Past Year, comprising OLD MAHOAGNY AND MODERN FURNITURE, including Colonial Cheval, Convex and Mantel Mirrors, Marqueterie Chairs, a superb Marqueterie Secretary, Dining Room Suits, Napoleon Secretary, artistically carved Hall Stands, rare Havana Sofa, decorated with eagles. A Large Assortment of Moorish Handicrafts, including Turkish Arms, Brackets, suitable for nosey corners, and other decorations. ENGLISH HALL CARPETS, Porcelains, Sheffield Plated Ware, Fenders and Andirons, English Hall Clocks, etc.

EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT DIRECTORS IN BOSTON NOT YET DECIDED. Boston, Jan. 8.—"The Transcript" this afternoon says: Directors of the Edison Electric Light Company are considering the proposition of J. P. Morgan & Co. to lease the property of that company, but no meeting of stockholders has been called to take action, nor are the directors agreed as to the advisability of making such a lease. Indeed, there seems to be a general feeling that those upon which the property of the Boston Edison Electric Company stockholders voted favorably yesterday, it is understood that the rental which will be offered to the Edison company amounts to 15 1/2 per cent. It is considered not unlikely that the whole matter of electric consolidations may be brought before the Legislature for consideration.

TO EXTERMINATE THE BUGS. The Department of Public Charities will open bids next Monday afternoon for the destruction and banishment of all roaches and water bugs from the institutions of this Department during the year 1901. It is said that this bid, while peculiar on its face, is of importance, as the number of bugs in the emergency hospitals assumes alarming proportions at times. Another bid, which will be opened at the same time for the extermination of rats and mice. The institutions referred to are the emergency hospitals connected with the Department and all other buildings under that head.

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Most Mineral Waters on the market to-day are made from so-called Vichy-salts, Selters-salts, etc. You cannot evaporate a Mineral Water and dissolve the entire residuum. Mineral pills and salts are therefore in no sense representatives of the natural water. CARL H. SCHLIZ'S Distilled Water and Chemically Pure Salts. Factory, 430-444 First Avenue, New York