

CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Receives a Hard Jolt in the House Yesterday.

SALARIES OF THE COMMISSION

Stricken out of Legislative Appropriation Bill.

WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION

Voted Solidly with the Majority, Composed of Democrats and Republicans Alike who are Opposed to the Law as it is at Present Enforced.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—The civil service law as at present enforced received a black eye in the house of representatives to-day from men who are at heart in favor of the law as originally drawn.

Democrats and Republicans voted to strike it out, the four West Virginians being solidly with the majority.

This result is in some measure due to the indifference of Mr. Brown, chairman of the committee on civil service.

Close Votes in the Past.

It is the understanding an effort will be made to-morrow to have the item restored and it may succeed.

A Reading Between the Lines.

There is a reading between the lines possible in the present situation.

CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

Senator Hoar Wants all the Papers Connected with Peace Treaty—Anti-Civil Service men Score a Victory in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Immediately after the senate convened to-day, the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Hoar (Mass.), calling on the President for information as to the instructions of the commissioners who negotiated the treaty of Paris, together with all correspondence and reports relating to their work, and was laid before the senate.

Chairman Davis, one of the commissioners, declared that it referred to the foreign relations committee, but Mr. Hoar insisted that the senate had as much right to such information as the members of the foreign relations committee, and that the President should determine whether the senate was to be kept in the dark.

In the secret session the proceedings continued on the same lines as in the open session.

The anti-civil service reformers scored a victory in the house to-day.

Those who advocated the motion to strike out were Messrs. Evans, (Rep. Ky.), Hodkins, (Rep. Ill.); Fleming, (Dem. Ga.); Broster, (Rep. Pa.); Henderson, (Rep. Iowa); and Dilliver, (Rep. Va.).

During general debate on the bill, Mr. Swann, (Dem. Va.), delivered a speech on "anti-imperialism."

AMERICAN-CHINESE EXPOSITION

Urged at Shanghai by Consul General Goodnow—Would be of Untold Advantage to American Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Consul General Goodnow, of Shanghai, writes to a correspondent in New York strongly recommending an American-Chinese exposition in Shanghai.

He says that practically all foreign trade for the middle and north of China, goes through Shanghai and an exposition there will reach the trade of the Yangtze valley and the north.

He points out that American trade in the region has so far been pushed but half heartedly and the agents of the American houses attempting to do business here are Germans and Englishmen who have a strong national feeling and are not inclined to push American goods at the expense of their own country.

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The consul general says further that American firms must acquaint themselves with Chinese methods of doing business.

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COMING SESSION

Of Legislature Living Things up at Charleston.

THE POLITICANS GATHERING.

McGraw and Scott have Headquarters at the Ruffner Hotel—It Looks Like It Would be President Whiteaker of the Senate, Although Other Candidates are in the Field.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 5.—The state house here is the busiest place in the state.

Politicians of both parties are arriving on nearly every train.

For president of the senate, the chances favor the following gentlemen in the order named: Hon. N. E. Whiteaker, of Ohio; Hon. George C. Cole, of Lewis; Hon. Oliver Marshall, of Hancock; Hon. H. F. Ward, of Wayne; Hon. J. W. Brown, of Boone; Hon. J. W. Brown, of Boone; Hon. J. W. Brown, of Boone.

Speakership Fight.

For speaker of the house it will take a mighty good man to beat Hon. Owen S. McKinney, of Marion.

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WASHINGTON'S BIG FIRE.

Hotel Main and Levine Building Totally Destroyed—Many Firms Burned Out—Loss Over \$125,000.

WASHINGTON, PA., Jan. 6.—Fire broke out in the Main Hotel building at 4:30 o'clock this morning, in the business portion of the town, and for nearly three hours the fire raged, destroying property to the amount of over \$125,000.

The Hotel Main building and the Levine building were both totally destroyed.

The fire department depends on the pressure from water plugs for water, and it was two hours before a sufficient pressure was secured to be of service.

The Levine building, owned by A. Levine, is a total loss, amounting to \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

The buildings were totally ruined and the efforts were made to save the goods.

The fire originated in the rear of the hotel building either in the laundry or engine room.

After discussing the Chicago platform and emphasizing the sixteen to one plank, Colonel Bryan took up the new questions that have grown out of the war.

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IN HARNESS AGAIN.

Col. Bryan Recovers his Old Time Civic Form.

THE TENTED FIELD FORSAKEN

He Resumes the More Congenial Atmosphere of the Platform—His Address at the Jackson Day Banquet of the Duckworth Club of Cincinnati—He Conjures up the Twin Nightmares of Annexation and Imperialism—Incidentally he "Reaffirms" the 10 to 1 Heresy.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 6.—The Duckworth Club, of Cincinnati, gave its annual Jackson Day banquet to-night.

The banquet was early so as to have Colonel William J. Bryan present, as he responds to a toast at the Jackson banquet in Chicago to-morrow night.

This club has given many notable banquets but the one to-night was most distinguished in its history because of the presence of Colonel Bryan.

How's This, Colonel?

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A statement was given out to-night by Richard Choker, in which he says: "I believe in expansion; I believe in holding whatever possessions we have gained by annexation, purchase or war."

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say to-morrow:

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A GRAVE PROBLEM.

Comment of Filipinos on the President's Proclamation.

GOVERNORS OF PROVINCES

Of Luzon Gathered at Malolos Offer Their Fealty to the Insurgent Government—Unwilling to Surrender to Strangers—An Inspired Dispatch from Holo Gives the Filipino Forces a Great Send off for Their Exemplary Conduct Since the Occupation of the Island.

MANILA, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Malolos, seat of the so-called Filipino government, says the governors of all the provinces of Luzon have assembled at Malolos for the purpose of offering their lives and property in adhesion to the policy of the insurgent government.

Commenting upon President McKinley's proclamation to the Filipinos, issued on Wednesday by Major General Otis, the independence, which is in the paper, says the problem presented is most grave.

AN INSPIRED DISPATCH

Praises the Moderation of the Insos Since Occupation of Holo.

HONG KONG, Jan. 6.—The papers here publish the following dispatch from Holo, evidently from a Filipino source:

"When the Americans arrived, Holo they found absolutely no fighting on the part of the Filipino people."

The correspondent adds that reports of an opposition republic have been established are unfounded.

To Sail for Manila.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—General Summer, commanding at Omaha, Neb., has informed the war department that he has received notice that the transport Scandia will be ready to sail from San Francisco for Manila.

Agonello Asks Recognition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Agonello, who is in Washington, representative of the Philippine government, has asked to be recognized as the representative of the Philippine government.

San Francisco as Indemnity.

MANILA, Jan. 6.—Calkins, who arrived here on the steamer, reports that the country of the Philippines is now in a state of anarchy.

Conditions in Cuba.

King's Holiday Observed in Havana as Though the King, King, King.

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Continuation of the Civil Service Law article.

Continuation of the American-Chinese Exposition article.

Continuation of the Coming Session article.

Continuation of the Washington's Big Fire article.

Continuation of the In Harness Again article.

Continuation of the Grave Problem article.

Continuation of the Governors of Provinces article.

Continuation of the Beef Controversy article.

Continuation of the Congressional Affairs article.