

SEVERAL WAR BILLS

Among Another Big Batch Unloaded in the United States Senate.

ONE FOR A SHIP CANAL

Of Sufficient Size to Float Lake Men-of-War.

ALASKA MUST HAVE WHISKY,

And That's Why a Senator Didn't Ask for Prohibition There.

THE HOUSE STILL DOING NOTHING

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the Senate today among the other papers presented and referred were memorials against the Sunday opening of the World's Fair. Some of them favored the loan of \$5,000,000 on that condition. There were also memorials in favor of woman suffrage, of promoting the efficiency of the life saving service, and the election of United States Senators by the people.

Mr. Proctor (Republican) introduced a bill to reorganize the artillery branch of the army so that each regiment shall consist of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 3 majors, 12 captains, 11 first lieutenants, 10 second lieutenants, and the enlisted men as at present authorized by law to be organized into battalions at the President's discretion. The seven regiments are to be officered by the promotion and transfer of the officers now in the artillery according to their seniority, and vacancies remaining in the grade of second lieutenants are to be filled at the discretion of the President, no appointment to the grade of first lieutenant to be made until the first lieutenant now in service, who became supernumerary by the organization as provided for in the bill, shall have been absorbed. All promotions are to be made subject to examination as provided by the last Congress.

Colored Warriors Provided For.

The President has the discretion to authorize the enlistment of such proportion of colored men for service as the interests of the service may demand. In time of war the President may also in his discretion increase the number of lieutenants in any of the batteries to three or four.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Proctor to increase the efficiency of the army authorizes the President to appoint the men among the several arms on the basis of the service they require, and to consolidate the enlisted men assigned to any regiment into such number of companies, troops or batteries as can be fully officered by the number of officers who are usually on duty with the regiment, so that all the organizations in actual service shall have their full complement of officers and men generally present for duty. In time of war the President may detach from the regiments or troops such number of officers for duty with the volunteer forces, and he may assign to every regiment of the line such number of lieutenants as officers may be needed to supply the places of officers of those regiments who may be absent on detached service or from other causes.

A Ship Canal for War Vessels.

A bill to define the grade of certain medical officers of the army, was the subject of another bill introduced by Mr. Proctor. The bill fixes the grade of medical officers below the grade of major, as follows: Those holding rank of Colonel, Assistant Surgeons General; those having rank of Lieutenant Colonel, to be Deputy Surgeons General. Before receiving rank of Captain or Major, they are to be examined as provided in act of last Congress.

Mr. Davis (Rep., Minn.) introduced a bill for the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls, for the passage of merchant and war ships from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie. The canal is to be located in Niagara county, N. Y., along one of the routes for a ship canal heretofore surveyed by the United States, if either of such routes be deemed feasible. The canal is to be of sufficient width, depth and capacity to easily, safely and expeditiously float the vessels of as great length, width, draught and tonnage as can be floated through the St. Mary's Falls canal, and locks on the latter are completed. In case none of the routes already surveyed are found feasible, the Secretary is to cause surveys, plans and estimates to be made for such canal along some other route. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated to be applied to the construction of the canal.

Some More Warlike Measures.

Mr. Felton, Rep. of Cal., introduced a bill, which was before the last Congress, providing for a subsistence detachment of the United States Army, to consist of 120 commissioned sergeants, 125 first-class privates, and laborers not to exceed 75, as the Secretary of War may determine. The pay of sergeants is to be \$45 a month; privates, \$30; and laborers, \$15 a month, with increased pay for re-enlistment.

Among the other bills introduced were the following:

By Mr. McPherson (Dem., N. J.), providing that the United States Marine Corps shall consist of a Brigadier General, 4 colonels, 4 lieutenant colonels, 4 majors and 25 captains, first and second lieutenants each respectively, vacancies to be filled by appointment to the United States Army. It also provides for several new officers in the paymaster's and quartermaster's departments of the corps, provides more liberal methods of retirement, increases the number and emoluments of members of the Marine Band, and provides for the appointment of 62 additional sergeants in the corps.

A Plum for Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Gorman (Dem., Ind.), To pay the State of Pennsylvania \$71,411, to bear interest from dates between 1920 and 1920. By Mr. Casey (Rep., N. D.)—Making an appropriation of \$100,000 for the improvement of the Red river of the North and the Red Lake river by the construction of a dam with suitable locks, in accordance with plans approved by the Secretary of War.

Mr. Dolph introduced a bill to license and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Alaska. He expected, he said, that the bill would be criticized because it did not propose prohibition, but he had been in Alaska last summer and had become convinced that any attempt at prohibition would be a failure.

Mr. Stewart (Rep., Nev.) gave notice that he would, on Monday next, address the Senate on that portion of the President's message relative to the coinage of silver.

The Senate then went into executive business and at 1:15 adjourned till tomorrow.

THE HOUSE.

The Committee on Rules—The Initial Funeral Oration.

The opening of the House today after its holiday of half a week was without special interest. It was generally understood that no business would be transacted and that the meeting would be merely a perfunctory one to enable the Speaker to appoint the Committee on Rules. Speculation was rife as to the composition of that committee and there was quite a large attendance of members, but their time was principally

RECIPROCITY'S A GO.

Splendid Results of Blaine's Idea in South America.

YANKEES ARE PLACING ORDERS

And Capturing the Trade That Formerly Went to Europeans.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE BIG FAIR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Harrison today sent to the Senate a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a copy of the first annual report of William E. Curtis, the Director of the Bureau of American Republics. Mr. Curtis says that the immense number of applications received for information about South American countries give ample evidence of an awakened interest in the commerce and conditions that is encouraging to those who are endeavoring to promote the social and commercial relations of the American republics.

The report refers to the rapidly increasing export trade to Central and South American republics, and says that many United States manufacturers who have never attempted to sell merchandise there are now sending agents to those markets. Merchants of Mexico and the cities of Central and South America, who have heretofore purchased their goods in Europe exclusively, are now coming to the United States, and invariably discover they can find every article they need, of a better quality and at no greater cost than they can be bought in Great Britain, Germany and France.

Result of Reciprocity.

The recently negotiated reciprocity arrangements, it is said, also afford them opportunities that are beginning to be understood and appreciated. Mr. Curtis refers to the work undertaken by the Bureau for the people of Latin America in the World's Columbian Exposition. The invitation extended to them to participate in the Exposition has been cordially accepted by every Republic and Colony. Commissioners have been appointed, and appropriations have been made for the expense of representation that exceed the sum of \$2,000,000—more than has been provided for the same purpose by the States of the United States, with the State of Illinois excepted.

The companies operating lines of steamships between the United States and the ports of Latin America have joined heartily in the enterprise and have made most generous concessions in rates of transportation. Nearly everyone of the Southern republics will erect upon the Exposition grounds a building of its own, upon a design typical of its peculiar architecture and surround it with practical illustrations of the life and industries of its people.

The Bureau has been enabled to prepare for exhibition at Chicago a historical collection illustrating the discovery, the conquest and the settlement of Latin America, the Colonial period and the epoch of the Revolution for Independence.

A Columbus Carnival.

A naval officer is now in Spain superintending the construction of a carnival, which is to be an exact fac simile of that in which Columbus made his first voyage of discovery. It is to be equipped in the same way and manner by Spanish sailors in the costume of 400 years ago. The vessel will be brought here in time to participate in the naval review that is to take place at New York in April, 1920, and will be towed through the lakes to Chicago to remain during the Exposition. It will then return to Washington and be permanently moored in the river south of the Executive Mansion.

It is also proposed, Mr. Curtis says, to prepare for the Exposition a commercial exhibit illustrating the various classes of merchandise best adapted to the wants and most acceptable to the tastes of consumers in Mexico, Central and South America and the West Indies. This exhibit, he proposed at the close of the Exposition, shall be permanently established either in Washington or New York.

It is so easy to contract a cold, which from its obstinacy may entail a long siege of discomforts before getting rid of it, that the afflicted should resort to one of that old established remedy, Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant, which will speedily remove all coughs and colds, and help you to avoid all complications involving the throat and lungs.

Desk and Office Accessories.

In silver and plated ware, inkstands, calendars, stationery racks, rulers, blotting pens, pen holders, envelope openers, paper knives, especially attractive assortment open now.

JOS. EICHBAUM & CO., 48 Fifth Avenue.

MAKE assurance doubly sure by getting your best girl a pair of "Chemical Diamond" earrings. Experts cannot tell the difference.

K. SMIT, 329 Smithfield and Liberty and 311 Smithfield street.

Key Chains.

A nice, inexpensive gift for a man, we take pleasure in suggesting, at

HARDY & HAYES', Jewelers, 329 Smithfield street. Three doors from City Hall. Open every evening till Christmas.

In Chocolates.

Bonbons and other choice confections you have a large line to select from at E. Maginn's, 913 and 915 Liberty street; 80 Federal street, Allegheny.

Big Bargain in Leggings.

Finest French wool for children and ladies 25 cents, formerly \$1.

A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 25 and 27 Fifth av.

Your mother-in-law will appreciate your thoughtfulness if you buy her Christmas gift at

K. SMIT, Corner Smithfield and Liberty, and 311 Smithfield street.

Crayons Free Until January 1, 1920.

A life-size crayon free with a dozen cabinets at Aufrecht's Studio, 77 Fifth Avenue. Come early.

Kennedy's Cafe

and Ice Cream Parlors. Convenient for holiday shoppers.

SIXTH STREET AND DUQUESNE WAY.

FRISO's Remedy for Catarrh is a real cure.

Other remedies fail. Try this. It is sure. Druggists. 50 cents.

PLUSH jackets, \$5 to \$15; plush saques, \$10 to \$24; immense variety, worth double, at

Rotenbaum & Co.'s. whs

BREAD made from Minnehaha flour is sweet with a sweetness not derived from sugar.

HOLIDAY presents, embroidered night shirts.

JAMES H. AIKEN & Co., 100 Fifth Avenue.

Gems.

Loose and in settings. Emerald, Diamonds, Rubies, Pearls, Opals, Sapphires, Turquoise, Settings made to order.

HENRY TERREYDEN, Manufacturing Jeweler, 339 Smithfield street. Open in the evening.

THE "staff of life" will be eminently satisfactory if made from Minnehaha flour.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPEN YOUR EYES

When you ask for a bottle of WOLFF'S ACME BLACKING see that you get the genuine. The real article made by us cannot be bought for less than 20c. a bottle. It is good material and worth its price. There are imitations offered claiming to be "Just as good" for less money. Don't buy them. If the "Just as good" has any merit it ought to sell without invoking the aid of comparison with our Acme Blacking.

WOLFF & RANDOLPH, Philadelphia.

PIK-RON.

is the name of a paint which does work that no other paint can do. Glass painted with it looks like colored glass. A 10c. bottle of Pik-Ron will decorate a market basket full of glassware. All retailers sell it.

O. D. LEVY SOLICITOR, 131 5TH AVE. NEXT LEADER PITTS.

ELITE PHOTO PARLORS.

516 Market St. Finest set per dozen Cabinets in the two cities. Also, life-size Crayons for Christmas presents. No stairs to climb; use the elevator.

WINTER RESORTS.

Thomasville, Ga. PINEY WOODS HOTEL

NOW OPEN. M. A. BOWER, Proprietor. For circulars, rates, etc., address W. E. DAVIES, 0031-17-rts Manager, Thomasville, Ga.

HYGEIA HOTEL.

Old Point Comfort, Va. Deservedly world-famed, this immense and unique caravansary is situated a few yards from Fort Monroe, and lies along a beautiful sandy beach, washed by the waters of Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads. The wonderful equable climate makes it an all-the-year-round resort, unsurpassed in health and general attraction. It is the rendezvous for prominent people from all sections, and an atmosphere of comfort, luxury and refinement pervades the place. Dress parade, artillery practice, guard mounts, etc., in the fort. Send for pamphlet.

F. N. PIKE, Manager. tel-43-rm

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ESTABLISHED 1876. BLACK GIN

FOR THE KIDNEYS. Is a relief and sure cure for the Urinary Organs, Gravel and Chronic Catarrh of the Bladder. The Swiss Stomach Bitters are a sure cure for Dyspepsia, Liver Complaints and every species of indigestion. "White Cherry Tonic," the most popular preparation for cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis and Lung troubles. Either of the above, \$1 per bottle, or 6 for \$5. If your druggist does not handle these goods write to W. M. F. ZOELEER, sole Mfr., Pittsburg, Pa. tel-30-778

GIVE YOUR BOYS A USEFUL PRESENT.

Press and Outfits \$1.75, 2.50, 5.00, 7.50, 10.00, 21.00 to 31.00. Send for Catalogue W.A. BUNTING 60 5th Ave. PITTSBURGH, PA.

JAS. M'NEIL & BRO.,

BOILERS, PLATE AND SHEET-IRON WORK. PATENT SHEET IRON ANNEALING BOXES. With an increased capacity and hydraulic machinery, we are prepared to furnish all work in our line cheaper and better than by the old methods. Repairing and general machine work. Twenty-ninth street and Allegheny Valley Railroad. tel-37-778

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Choice Christmas Clothing

For your father, brother, brother-in-law cousin, uncle or friend. BUY HIM A Suit, Overcoat and Vest, Pair of Pants, a Full Dress Suit, fancy Silk Vest, at the MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS, 516 Smithfield St. Special inducements offered in the way of merchant tailor-made garments for those intending to make presents. Will buy any suit in our house \$10 to \$25 that was originally made up to order for \$15 to \$20. Will buy any overcoat in our house that was originally made up to order for \$25 to \$30. Will buy any pair of trousers that was formerly made up to order for \$5 to \$15.

SPECIAL—We have just received to-day a

consignment of fashionable suits and overcoats made up by those well-known tailors—Bell, of New York City; Lindsay, of Boston, and Dougherty, of Philadelphia. The prices of these garments range from \$15 to \$45 for suit or overcoat; made up originally for \$70 to \$90.

Misfit Clothing Parlors

516 Smithfield

SENSIBLE HOLIDAY GIFTS

A Grand and Magnificent Assortment from which to Make Selection Both in Staple and Fancy Goods.

UMBRELLAS.

Gloria Silk, 74c to \$3.50. Twilled Silk, \$1.49 to \$5. Special guaranteed Silk, \$2.49 to \$7. All Silk, \$3.98 to \$10. All above silks mounted on unique natural sticks, silver trimmed, silver inlaid with pearl, oxidized silver, ivory and bone handles. SPECIAL—We engrave all umbrellas free of charge.

NECKWEAR.

Our Christmas offerings in Neckwear are now open. An elegant assortment, comprising choicest selections from the best foreign and domestic makers, in PUFFS, TECKS AND FOUR-IN-HANDS. Prices 24c to \$1.75.

SHAVING SETS

In handsome plush cases, satin lined, silver trimmed, with very best grade of fittings. 99c TO \$8. ALSO Silver-Plated Mugs, Brushes and Razors \$1.36 TO \$4.50.

HERE'S A SAMPLE OR TWO

Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, 49c to \$1.49. Leather Dressing Sets, 69c to \$4.50. Ladies' Toilet Sets, \$1.49 to \$4.50. Derby Silver Combs, Brushes and Mirrors at one-third less than jewelers' prices. Leather Writing Tablets, 49c to \$2.74.

SEAL CAPS.

One-piece Alaska Seal Cap, \$5 to \$9. Pieced Seal, \$2.49. Complete line of Children's Hats and Caps, suitable for Holiday Gifts.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND MUFFLERS.

Plain White Silk Handkerchiefs, 39c to \$1.24. Initial Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, 49c to 99c. Silk Mufflers—white, cream and fancy colors, 49c to \$4.50.

ALBUMS.

We are showing a splendid assortment of our own importation of the famous Posen make of leather albums. PRICES \$2 TO \$6. PLUSH ALBUMS In all the newest shapes and latest colorings. 99c TO \$4.

MANICURE SETS, WORK BOXES, &c.

An immense assortment in new and attractive styles. 49c TO \$7. Trimmings are in silver, celluloid, etc.

GUSKY'S 300 TO 400 MARKET ST. GUSKY'S

On and after Friday evening next, December 18, our store will be open each evening until Christmas until 8:30 o'clock.

INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS,

Smoking Jackets, House Robes, etc., in plain cloth, silk trimmed, fancy striped and checked cloth and plain silk. \$5 TO \$20.

SMOKING JACKETS.

Put up in half dozens in handsome boxes, \$1.73. Better grades, \$2.75 half dozen. Plain white hemstitched, 13c to 49c.

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