

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

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CLASSED AS NEW BUSINESS

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Mr. Dingley States That the Receipts Will Equal Expenditures Before the End of the Present Fiscal Year and Will Leave a Handsome Surplus for the Next Year—Civil Service Law Attacked—Lively Debate Which Sets the Gallery in an Uproar.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The house today passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment and adjourned until Monday. The amendments offered by the Democrats to correct all existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order which they were new legislation.

As passed, the bill carried \$141,263,880. The debate today covered a wide range. It touched not only the question of our pension policy, but that of civil service reform and the receipts and expenditures of the treasury under the Dingley law. On the latter question, Mr. Dingley made an important statement in which he expressed the opinion that the receipts would equal the expenditures before the close of the present fiscal year, and predicted a surplus of \$10,000,000 next year. The civil service law was savagely attacked by several members, notably by Mr. Brown (Rep., O.), and Mr. Linney (Rep., N. C.), and was warmly defended by Mr. Johnson (Rep., Ind.). Just before the close of the session, Mr. Hill, chairman of the pension committee, attempted to secure unanimous consent for the passage of the bill to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens, but objection was made, and it will, under agreement, however, be considered on Monday.

Mr. Brown opened the debate with his attack on civil service, during which he said the soldiers of his district regarded this law as inimical to their interests and he favored its repeal or radical modification. He declared that the president was mistaken when he affirmed that the civil service law had the approval of the people. The Republicans and the press of his district had denounced it. The last Republican state convention in Ohio had declared against the law and on that platform he stood.

Mr. Brown said he concurred with much said by his colleague, Mr. Brown, but he insisted that true civil service reform was a cardinal principle of Republicanism. He believed, he said, that Grover Cleveland had done more to discredit the true spirit of civil service reform than all the agencies combined, and he thought Mr. McKinley could be relied upon to bring it back into its proper channel.

DEFENSE OF CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. Johnson, in defense of civil service reform, reiterated his statement of the other day that civil service reform was an essential principle of Republicanism. He declared that the enemies of the law dare not attack it openly. They hoped as "the friends of true civil service reform," to tear it down piecemeal and to covertly what they feared to attempt openly.

Messrs. Cramack, Gains and Sims, Democrats of Tennessee, spoke briefly in favor of retrenchment in pension expenditures. The latter expressed the opinion that the Dingley law would not only stop the flow of money into the treasury, but would stop the flow of money out of it. He said that the expenditure of money was not a necessary evil, but that the expenditure of money was a necessary evil.

Two Army Corps for Offensive Purposes Abroad.

London, Dec. 10.—Secretary for War Lansdowne, speaking tonight at Edinburg, outlined the military policy of the government.

After remarking that the country had been confronted during the last few years with the difficulties of every part of the globe, not of her own seeking, he specially mentioned the Berlin Sea and Venezuelan controversies. He said that three army corps were required, adding that two must be available for offensive purposes abroad.

Shorts Have a Breathing Spell.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Shorts in wheat were given a breathing spell today. Toward the close of the market some very weak rumors were circulated that wheat was being started for this market from all parts of the west and it had the effect of forcing December down to \$1.43, a break of exactly 4 cents since yesterday. There was, however, very little trading in it. It may close at \$1.42, about a cent under yesterday's close.

Coal Strike Settled.

Streator, Ill., Dec. 10.—The miners' strike in this vicinity came to an end after an afternoon in the shooting of the coal mine. A. J. Egan, manager of the Chicago and Vermillion Coal company, agreed to pay the price demanded by the men, which is 4 cents a ton for gross weight mining. This price is the same as the rate in all Northern Illinois and will put 2,000 men to work at once.

After an Apple Woman's Fortune.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 10.—"Old Lady" Cafarko, a rugged woman who for years peddled apples along the Hoboken waterfront, died recently in Poland, where she was sent by a charitable friend. She married a cook on the way out, and he is now trying to get her money. It appears that the old woman, whom every one thought a pauper, was worth \$15,000.

Two Miners Shot.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 10.—The strike in the Penn Coal company's coal mine at Mine after mine today in the shooting of two miners, William West and James Garber. Both were shot from ambush, and it is not known whether their wounds are mortal. Mr. West was fatally hurt. Further trouble is predicted and the company has sent for bloodhounds.

THE BOOTHS WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE

General William and Commander Balington to Meet.

THEY WILL NOT DISCUSS THE ARMY

For the First Time Since Their Separation, Balington Booth Receives a Letter from His Father, General William Booth—He Will Grant an Interview, but Will Not Discuss the Army.

New York, Dec. 10.—Commander Balington Booth, for the first time since his separation from the Salvation Army, has received a letter from his father, General William Booth, of England, asking for an interview when he (the general) arrives in this country next month.

General Booth has declared that he has no objection to seeing him, but his pleasure at meeting the general, as father and son, but adds:

In view of the repeated and strenuous circulated reports that I have refused to see my father, I deem it both right and fair to state that I have never offered any objection to seeing him, but the grand field council of the Volunteers has advised that, owing to the vital representation of my last interview with a member of my family, and as no other representative myself alone, but a large movement, that every safeguard should be taken against a repetition of this, and further that I should not discuss any subject to be made to questions contrary to the policies of the Salvation Army.

SENATION AT VIENNA

Secret Mischief Makers Placard the Town Red.

Vienna, Dec. 10.—A great sensation has been caused here by the posting broadest last evening of placards, even in the inner town and suburbs, inscribed "No Ausgleich!" "Abolish the language ordinances!" and "German is the national language!"

BRIGADE COURT MARTIAL

General Gobin Appoints Officers to Sit at Lebanon on Dec. 20.

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 10.—General J. P. S. Gobin, commander of the Third brigade, N. G. P., has appointed these officers to sit in the general court martial, to convene in Lebanon's rifle armory on Monday, Dec. 20:

THE MARKETS STRONGER

Business Is Booming All Along the Lines of Trade—Railroad Earnings Constantly Increasing—A Substantial Advance in the Price of Wheat.

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STEEL COMPANIES WILL CONSOLIDATE

Presidents of Various Organizations in New York.

WILL FURTHER THEIR INTERESTS

In the Division of Territory Among the Chief Subjects of Discussion. The Lackawanna Steel Company Assigned to a Portion East of the Alleghenies.

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THE SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

Rivierre, the French Rider, Retires from Track, a Maniac.

RESULTS OF THE STRAIN

He Tries to Assault an Imaginary Foe.

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SUGAR TRUST BUYING HEAVILY

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SHOT HIS WIFE

The Serious Crime of Anthony V. Devlin.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Anthony V. Devlin, of 1008 Lehigh avenue, tonight shot and seriously wounded his wife Josephine, aged 22 years, and then attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself. Devlin was taken to St. Luke's hospital and is not expected to live.

ATTEMPT ON THE SULTAN'S LIFE

Assassins Tortured in the Hope of Exposing the Plot.

London, Dec. 10.—The Athens correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" says that on Monday last two soldiers in the imperial service at the Yildiz Kiosk, the palace of the Sultan, made an attempt on his life. This was frustrated by the attendants of the Sultan. The Sultan had the men tortured in the hope of extracting the names of the instigators, but both succumbed without revealing anything.

THE ACTOR ACCUSED OF HAVING COMMITTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Metzger Testifies Before Magistrate Eisenbrown Today That the Assault Occurred on Tuesday Night in Mansfield's Dressing Room at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

Man Who Collected Considerable Insurance Arrested

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Exchange of Players

Baltimore, Dec. 10.—The deal by which Pitcher Adamson, Second Baseman DeMontville and First Baseman McGowan of the Washington base ball team, became "Ortles" in exchange for First Baseman Doyle, Second Baseman Ritz and Pitcher Ancker was consummated in this city this afternoon.

Call for Democratic Caucus

Washington, Dec. 10.—Chairman Richardson of the Democratic caucus issued a call for a caucus in the hall of the house on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 11, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock.

Church Tenor Sued for Divorce

Springfield, O., Dec. 10.—Wilbur Gunn, formerly tenor of Trinity church, New York, has been sued by his wife Bertha for divorce.

The Herald's Weather Forecast

New York, Dec. 10.—In the middle states and New England, today, partly cloudy weather will prevail, preceded by fair on the coasts, with high but nearly stationary temperature and fresh to brisk southerly and southerly winds, followed by rain in the western districts of this section by the forenoon and on the coasts by this evening or tonight.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:	
Local Showers; Warm Winds.	
1 General—Progress of the Big Bicycle Race.	
Pension Appropriation Bill Passes the House.	
General and Commander Booth to Meet.	
Steel Companies Will Join Hands.	
State—Wilkes-Barre Lover Takes Rough on Rats.	
Editorial.	
Comment of the Press.	
Local—Social and Personal.	
Religious News of the Week.	
Local—Court Proceedings.	
Financial Statement of the Scranton Traction Company.	
Local—Auspicious Opening of the Big Department Store.	
Local—West Side and Suburban.	
Lackawanna County Happenings.	
Reformation of a Bully by Muscular Christianity.	
Sunday-School Lesson for Tomorrow.	
Life Story of a Man of God.	
Neighboring County News.	
The Markets.	

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But Miller, that wonderful specimen of physical development, still plods along, as ground out some miles in a given time on a wheel than any man has before. He has subsisted under the most tiring strain, with less sleep than was thought possible for any man, and without an examination of him tonight by the police surgeons disclosed the fact that his condition is normal, and that with the exception of muscular soreness and a slight deadness of the limbs, he is in excellent condition and will be able to continue to the end without much danger of collapse.

RICE IS SECOND

Rice, who is second man in the contest, though nearly a hundred miles behind the leader, is standing by his colors with dogged determination. It was said during the day that he would make a dash on Monday for the honor in which he has been riding through the night shows that though he might have requested this, it is not the spirit of his wishes. He is in to stay to the end, and his trainers think he will make a good showing.

Close up to Rice, and third man now, that the Frenchman is gone, is Schinner, a fellow townsman of Miller. Though he has had several tumblers during the race, Schinner has never for a moment lost any of his pluck or determination. He has a lead of ninety miles on Hale, the former champion, and barring accident will undoubtedly finish third.

Hale, with nearly a week's comparative speaking, has the best appearance of any man on the circle. He has really taken things leisurely, but nevertheless at the present writing is nearly forty miles ahead of the old record of last year. This is about what his schedule called for, but when the schedule was made up no account was taken of such marvelous speed as has been maintained throughout the race after Waller had set the pace. Those who expected Hale to move up in the last day or two are apt to be disappointed, for he is two full centuries behind the plucky leader.

THE SCORE

The score of the leaders at 1:15 a. m. of the record for 24 hours.

	Miles.	Laps.
Miller	1,900	4
Rice	1,389	3
Schinner	1,732	2
Rivierre	1,746	2
Hale	1,786	3
Waller	1,685	5
Miller	341 miles and 4 laps ahead of the record for 24 hours.	