

### THE SENATE ENLIVENED

#### Eloquence is Called Out by Consideration of Sealing Question.

#### NO RELIEF FOR KLONDIKE

Mr. McBride's Resolution is Side-tracked.

#### Mr. Pettigrew Shows an Inclination to Make the British Lion's Tail Look Like a Corkscrew—In the House the Bill to Reduce the Force in the Pension Bureau and Throw Ninety-six Clerks Out of Employment is Considered.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Proceedings of the senate were resumed today by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the foreign relations committee providing for the prohibition of pebble sealing by Americans. The provisions of the measure were explained by Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee, who said that it was in all negotiations now pending among the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) sharply antagonized the measure, saying that this country had already suffered more than enough humiliation on account of the seal business and that he favored the settlement of the question by killing all the seals as they appeared at the rocks of the Pribilof islands, if by the first of June next Great Britain had also agreed to a prohibition of pebble sealing. He offered an amendment to that effect but it was defeated. The bill was passed by a vote of 27 to 14.

Mr. McBride, of Oregon, endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution directing the secretary of war to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and to contribute \$250,000 for that purpose, but the bill was recommitted. The session closed with a spirited civil service debate upon the bill presented by the census committee providing for the appointment of a director of the census and thirty-two employees who should form the skeleton of an office force for the twelfth census. Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, made an extended speech advocating the application of the civil service law to the census office employees.

The bill directing the secretary of the navy to consider the subject of a statute of Admiral Porter in Washington was passed.

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#### CLERICAL REDUCTION BILL.

The house spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered, and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduces the clerical force at the pension office 55, involving a reduction in salaries of 15.

The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today, and the proposition of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to demerit to retire clerks for age was made the text for denunciations by Mr. Moody, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, both of whom are defenders of the civil service law.

Mr. DeArmond (Dem., Mo.), under the attitude allowed in his denunciations, made an impassioned speech reproaching the majority for not voting upon the Cuban belligerence resolution passed by the senate at the last session. His remarks were given added importance in view of the action of the Democratic caucus last night declaring for an aggressive support of the recognition of Cuban belligerence. He declared that he could not be mistaken in his belief that the American people, without distinction of party sympathized with the Cuban cause.

The war on the island had been characterized on the one hand by heroism devoted to the cause of freedom and independence, and on the other by all the cruelty and devastation of the darkest ages of the world. He inveighed against the selfish agencies at work to prevent action by this government and asserted that every hour's delay of our recognition of Cuban belligerence lent aid to the oppressor and placed us in the attitude of doing what we could to stifle freedom within sight of our own shores. The triumph of tyranny in Cuba, he said, would prove a menace to liberty the world over, and in conclusion, amid a sound of Democratic applause, he appealed to the majority to give the house an opportunity of voting on that resolution.

#### AN AMENDMENT.

When the paragraph of the civil service bill relating to the pension office was reached, Mr. Bingham offered the amendment which he gave notice at the opening of the debate, to reduce the clerical force by 95, involving a reduction of salaries aggregating \$150,000.

#### NEW GOLD FIELDS IN THE KLONDIKE

##### A Stampede from the Dyea to the New Placer Mines.

#### RICH DIGGINGS ON THE YUKON

##### Miners from Dyea Are Flocking to the New Finds in Large Numbers. Recent Discoveries Ninety-six Miles Above Dyea Have Caused Much Excitement.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15.—Charles G. Warren, of this place, a returning passenger on the steamship Alki, reports the discovery of rich placer diggings above Dyea. There has been a stampede from Dyea to the placers, which are ninety-six miles above the town, and that the discoveries caused great excitement there.

News was also brought of a late discovery on Deadwood Creek, seven miles from Dawson City, on the opposite side of the Yukon.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—The following telegram has been sent to the Dominion government by the British Columbia board of trade:

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

##### General Gobin and G. A. R. Council Making Arrangements for 1898.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Encampment, General J. P. S. Gobin, with the council of administration, arrived today. The purpose of the visit is to take part in the national encampment of 1898 to be held at Cincinnati.

#### CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHERN BANKERS

##### They Seek a Currency with Elasticity Sufficient to Meet Automatically the Demands of Trade.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—The Southern Bankers' convention met here today on call of the Clearing House, and the southern banking reform and recommended measures which will give an elastic currency, and to take the government out of the banking business.

#### SPANISH GENERALS PROTEST.

##### They Consider President McKinley's Message Insulting to the Army.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A 15-Member committee of Spanish generals has received from Madrid, telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden, say the Spanish military journals declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain marshal was asked to co-operate but he merely replied that he would consider the matter. General Weyler answered a similar request saying he desired in the first place to learn the opinion of certain persons, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the minister for war.

#### AGED WIDOW MURDERED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 15.—Elizabeth Gunn, a widow, aged 75 years, was found murdered at her home on the outskirts of the city, early this evening. She was found lying on the floor with a towel tied round her neck. Death was caused by suffocation. The house had been ransacked and the theory is that the perpetrators purpose was robbery. There is no doubt that the murderer was a man, but from indications in the house the impression was an incorrect one.

#### COLLEGE GRADUATE A THIEF.

##### Oldham, From Trinity, Dublin, Arrested at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—A man who gave his name as James Oldham when arrested by the police several days ago for the burglary of several West End houses turns out to be James Oldham, a graduate of Trinity college, Dublin.

#### Senator Wolcott Will Explain.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In response to Senator Allen's resolution today it is expected that Senator Wolcott will explain to the senate and the country his recent mission to Europe as the head of the bimetallic commission. Mr. Wolcott and his colleagues have studiously refrained from a public discussion of the details of their work and there is much interest manifested among senators as to what he may say.

#### Carbonate Convicted.

New York, Dec. 15.—In the Supreme court today Angelo Carbonate was convicted of murder in the first degree, on September 12 Carbonate stabbed to death Nalle Brogan within 200 feet of the Tomb. There were four policemen with in a short distance of the scene of the murder. But despite this Carbonate was convicted on circumstantial evidence only.

#### SPAIN'S HOPELESS CAUSE.

##### Information from Havana Which May Lead to Intervention.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Star says that a man of sufficient importance to have been in the cabinet of President McKinley, had he so desired, is in receipt of an important letter from an eminent American in Havana on the subject of the promises made by the Spanish cabinet to the people of Cuba. The letter says, in the most positive language, that there is no longer anything like a campaign against the insurgents, and that the Spaniards are hoping to end the rebellion by the extravagant and alluring promises they have scattered broadcast. The letter says that on all sides in Havana these promises are regarded as empty, and are, therefore, accomplishing nothing. It is declared that autonomy is an impossibility, and that nobody will be deceived by it.

#### SOCIETY EVENTS IN GEORGIA

##### One of the Guests Brings Out a Revolver and Five Persons Are Fatally Shot During His Encounter With the Host.

Jeffersonville, Ga., Dec. 15.—The citizens were startled last night by a fusillade of pistol shots at the residence of R. L. Califfe, where a house party was in progress. The screaming of women around the town and the whole population gathered about the scene of the shooting, when it was discovered that the man who was invited to the party had brought out a revolver and fired five persons fatally shot.

#### ALBERT WARNER CAPTURED.

##### He is Wanted for Complicity in the Kidnapping of Johnny Conway.

Riley, Kas., Dec. 15.—Albert S. Warner, the Albany, N. Y., lawyer, wanted for complicity in the kidnaping of Johnny Conway last August, was arrested on a farm near here after a four months' chase. He broke down in an Albany court with whom his first hiding place had been Jersey City; then he rode to Philadelphia on a bicycle, and after spending some time there wheeled his way to Kansas. It is said that the capture of Warner is due to his misplaced confidence in an Albany woman with whom he kept up correspondence. This woman imparted her knowledge of Warner's whereabouts to a man who promised to share with her whatever might be realized from the information. The man early in November offered to sell the information to a newspaper for \$10,000 and the proposition was accepted. The police, however, deny this story.

#### CRACKER TRUST HAS COME.

##### Three Large Biscuit Companies Consolidate.

New York, Dec. 15.—The consolidation of three biscuit and cracker companies, the result of the successful attempt of the American Biscuit company to cut into the New York biscuit business of the New York Biscuit company, has been effected. An official of the New York Biscuit company admitted it today, and his words were corroborated by an official of the American Biscuit company. The other company interested in the United States Baking company, whose headquarters are in St. Louis. The new organization is to be known, probably, as the United States Biscuit and Baking company. The capital, it is said, is to be \$30,000,000.

#### WIFE BEATER IN JAIL.

##### Rev. David T. Howell Sentenced to Five Days' Imprisonment.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Rev. David T. Howell, of the Protestant Episcopal church, was yesterday sentenced to five days in the county jail for wife-beating. He took the imprisonment in lieu of paying a fine of \$5, but after he had been in jail a few hours one of his friends paid his fine and he was permitted to leave the jail instead of serving out his five days' sentence.

#### UNANIMOUS ELECTION.

New York, Dec. 15.—According to passengers who arrived here today from Santa Martha there was a certain amount of truth in the statements that President Caro had been re-elected unanimously. They say that the polls were surrounded by government troops who prevented Caro's supporters to vote, while supporters of Senator Reyes, his Liberal opponent, were thrown into jail.

#### THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE

##### Resolution Favoring the Establishment of Postal Savings Banks.

#### PROVOKES A LIVELY DEBATE

##### The Question of Artificial Irrigation is Also Brought Up—Philadelphia Grocers Present a Resolution Regarding Railroads—Other Business of Greater or Less Importance.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A resolution introduced by the Chicago board of trade favoring the establishment of postal savings banks, created lively debate at today's session of the national board of trade. It was finally referred to a committee to report at the next meeting.

#### DANGERS AT HAVANA.

##### An Infernal Machine is Discovered at the U. S. Consulate.

Havana, Dec. 15.—A small box, apparently made to contain samples of some description, was found this morning at the Casa Nueva, where the United States consulate is situated. An examination of the box showed it to contain a tube filled with an explosive substance. Fortunately, the cover was not removed in the ordinary way, but was splintered open. Underneath the cover was a piece of sand paper, intended to light a box of matches and thus bring about an explosion.

#### PROTEST AGAINST EDWARD M. PAXSON

##### American Federation of Labor Objects to His Appointment as an Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The American Federation of Labor today referred to a committee a resolution protesting against the appointment of Edward M. Paxson, as an interstate commerce commissioner. It says, in part:

Whereas, E. M. Paxson has shown by his conduct in resigning the office of chief justice of the Supreme court of the state of Pennsylvania, his utter unfitness for the purpose of accepting an appointment as commissioner of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and assisting in wrecking that company, and

#### RENOUNCED PRESIDENT ANDREWS.

##### Rhode Island G. A. R. Men Object to His Enlargement of Gen. Lee.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 15.—Members of the staff of the State G. A. R. department commander made a bitter attack on President Andrews, of Brown University, at a meeting of Tower post. The cause of the attack was a recent address delivered by President Andrews in Providence at a late hour but such decided charges had developed that there was little hope of an agreement on either side of the question, and a majority and minority report may be submitted to the full board tomorrow.

#### BAD MEN CAPTURED.

##### Ed Smith and William Merry Bagged in Kentucky.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 15.—Ed Smith and William Merry, alias Ed and Bill Roach, the latter wanted in Chicago for wife murder, and the former for complicity, were arrested near Eddyville, Lyon county, today.

#### MUST SUPPORT HOME RULE.

##### Conditions Upon Which Irish Votes Will Be Given Liberal Candidates.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—John Dillon, chairman of the Irish National party, addressing the meeting of the National Federation here today, said he agreed with Mr. John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, that all sections of the Nationalists should arrive at an understanding upon the leading Irish questions before the reassembling of parliament, and suggested a conference with the Irish members on the subject.

#### FIGHTING IN GARA VALLEY.

##### March of Gen. Westmacott's Men is Accompanied by Desperate Battles.

Sima, Dec. 15.—The march of General Westmacott's brigade down the Gara Valley was accompanied by the most desperate fighting since Dargal Ridge. The enemy for the first time in the whole campaign exposed themselves in their efforts to cut off the rear guard and poured in a constant fire, replying to which the British troops exhausted their ammunition.

#### Senator Hanna Has Recovered.

New York, Dec. 15.—Senator Hanna left this city for Washington today. He said that he had fully recovered from his recent illness.

#### CLIMAX IN WHEAT DEALS

##### The Big Operations of Messrs. Armour and Leiter.

#### LAST CARGOES ARRIVING

##### Chicago Now in Control of the Situation.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Navigation is now closed and the last cargoes of Duluth wheat are about arriving here, making a movement from that point of some 2,500,000 bushels in a little over seven weeks. At the end of this week the local stock of wheat has been increased to the enormous extent of 1,250,000 bushels and more is coming by rail. Armour has succeeded in gathering together a stock of wheat which puts Chicago in control of the cash situation for the rest of the season. I. e., the home demand and foreign needs for about all the wheat not in the hands of a few elevator interests in the Northwest is being garnered in here to the probable amount of nearly ten million bushels, whereas a short time ago looked as if it would be impossible to get any stock concentrated here, owing to the exigencies of supply and demand.

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#### ASSAULTED AND MURDERED.

##### San Francisco, Dec. 15.—A horrible murder was perpetrated here at dusk this evening. The victim is supposed to be Mrs. Mary C. Clute, a wealthy resident of San Francisco.

#### CAUCUS OF POPULISTS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Populists have decided to hold a caucus tomorrow night to outline their policies on pending questions, and to make a preliminary statement of the greenbacks, the extension of further privileges to national banks, the annexation of Hawaii and favor the recognition of Cuban independence and the repeal of the civil service laws.

#### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

##### Weather Indications Today.

Fair; Northwesterly Winds.

- 1 General—National Board of Trade Delegates.
- 2 State—Former Beatty's Career.
- 3 Local—Court Proceedings.
- 4 Editorial—Comment of the Press.
- 5 Serious Scheme to Defraud Uncle Sam.
- 6 Local—Depositions in Aid of Van Horn's Argument for New Trial.
- 7 Local—Alleged Forger Sent to Jail.
- 8 Local—West Side and Suburban.
- 9 Lackawanna County Happenings.
- 10 Neighboring County News.
- 11 The Markets.

#### SPANISH REGARDS THE FOREIGN PRESS AS EXTREMELY "Y-HOLOW."

Madrid, Dec. 15.—An official note was issued tonight describing as "inventions and exaggerations intended to mislead the people" the sinister rumors as to the relations between Spain and the United States, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in the army, the attack on the American consulate in Havana, and the report that filibusters sunk the floating dock there.

#### THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, Dec. 16.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair weather will prevail, with fresh northwesterly and southerly winds, shifting to southerly, with cloudiness in the northern districts of this section by tonight and slightly lower temperature, rising slowly west of the Blue Ridge tonight, on Friday, in both of these sections, partly cloudy weather and fresh to brisk southerly and westerly winds will prevail, with snow near the lakes and eastward, and nearly stationary followed by falling temperature and by a cold wave in the western districts of this section.