

EXPANSION IN SENATE

Week Will Be Opened by Speech from Senator Platt.

WILL REPLY TO MR. VEST

A Number of Speeches on the Same Subject will be Made After the Holidays—It is Expected That the Treaty will be Taken Up for Discussion Early in January.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The week in the senate will be opened with a speech by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, on the question of expansion.

Mr. Platt will reply to the speech of Senator Vest made last Monday, and as he has given very careful attention to the extension of our territorial area, no little interest is manifested among senators in his presentation of the matter.

It is hoped that the treaty will be taken up for discussion early in January. Already there is talk of the probability of discussing the treaty during the present session and the impression is favorable as they come into our possession.

It seems to me that even the minority will consent to the treaty's adoption without material delay. The friends of the treaty who are giving attention to the closest details of opposition as they develop themselves have taken the pains to have enumerated the names of the signers to the memorials against annexation which have reached the senate.

WILL PRESS CANAL BILL

Senator Morgan said today that he means to press the Nicaragua canal bill as vigorously as possible, and he expressed the hope that he might get a vote before next Wednesday.

The bill concerning the registry of the foreign built vessels wrecked on the American coast is still on the calendar as a special order and Senator Eilers will probably make an effort to secure consideration.

IN THE HOUSE

The holiday recess, by the terms of the resolution reported by the ways and means committee, is to begin Thursday and extend until Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The resolution will make the recess begin on Thursday. The appropriations bills are further advanced now than they have been for many years at the short session.

Dutch Minister Arrives

New York, Dec. 18.—Among the passengers who arrived this morning on the house before the holiday recess, an unprecedented thing in legislative annals. The military academy bill could have been added to this list had it not been that Chairman Hull, of the military affairs committee, declined to allow the attention of the common to be drawn from the bill for the increase of the army even for the limited time required to prepare the academy bill.

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MERRITT'S OPINION OF THE FILIPINOS

BELEEVES THEY ARE GRATEFUL TO AMERICANS.

The American Army in the Philippines Should Consist of 20,000 or 30,000 Men—One-half Should Be Recruited from the Natives—The United States Admiral to Control the Islands for a Time at Least.

New York, Dec. 18.—General Wesley Merritt, commander of the United States army at the Philippines, gave his opinion on the situation in a clear manner yesterday, in speaking of the Philippines, he said:

In my opinion the army in the Philippines should consist of 20,000 or 30,000 men. One-half should be recruited from the natives. The United States Admiral to control the islands for a time at least.

Business hours will close at noon and all manufacturing establishments will run with as few hands as possible.

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SHAFER ROASTS CUBANS

He Says That They Are Not Now Fit for Self Government, That Gunpowder Is for Hell.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—At the collation of the officers of the Third Georgia regiment to Postmaster General Smith and the newspaper correspondents this afternoon, General Shafter had some interesting things to say about the Cubans.

CINCINNATI INJURED

The Cruiser Runs Against a Rock at Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 18.—While the United States cruiser Cincinnati was leaving port about sunset yesterday she ran full speed upon a rock fully defined in the chart.

Shipwrecked Crew Rescued.

London, Dec. 18.—The Norwegian steamer Tyr, from Philadelphia for Gloucester, England, arrived at Southampton today.

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HOBSON AT LOUISVILLE

He was Tended a Reception at the Pendergrass Club.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—Last evening Lieutenant Hobson was tendered an informal reception at the Pendergrass club.

At its close he was escorted to Macauley's theatre. As soon as he took his seat in the box and the audience recognized him, they cheered wildly.

RUSSIANS IN TURKEY

Monument to Czar's Fallen Soldiers Unveiled at Galatia.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The Russian Grand Duke Nicholas, who arrived here on Friday on board a Russian steamer, unveiled today at Galatia, near San Stefano, where on March 2, 1878, he signed the treaty of peace.

COL. GARCIA ARRIVES

Eldest Son of the Late Cuban Leader in New York.

New York, Dec. 18.—Colonel Carlos Garcia, eldest son of the late Carlos Garcia, arrived here today on the Ward line steamer Santiago.

BISHOP OF HARRISBURG

The Honor Conferred Upon Father Shanahan.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Chancellor Laughlin, of this diocese, today received a telegram from Papi Delegate Martindell at Washington informing him that a papal bull containing the appointment of Father John W. Shanahan, of Philadelphia, as bishop of Harrisburg, is on its way to this country.

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT

Brought Against Boys Guilty of Heinous Crime.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 18.—Two mere boys, Elmer and George Butler, aged respectively 20 and 17, were today found guilty of manslaughter and will serve a term in the penitentiary for the murder of Daisy Broese, a young girl.

HOSPITAL SHIP SAILS

The Missouri Sails for Havana With 300 Tons of Medical Supplies.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—The hospital ship Missouri sailed today for Havana with three hundred tons of medical supplies for the troops in the island.

Wreck on the Rail

British Steamer Grounded

Darwin, from La Plata, for this port, grounded in the Girondo channel, by weather but floated at high tide.

Steamship Arrivals

New York, Dec. 18.—Arrived: La Bretagne, Havre; Queenstown; Sailed: Eurora, from Liverpool, New York; Havra—Arrived: La Gasogne, New York.

THE PRESIDENT AT SAVANNAH

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AT-TEND VARIOUS CHURCHES.

Mr. McKinley Attends the Wesleyan Methodist and is Received with Cordiality—General Alger Visits the Camps, and Shafter Makes a Speech.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—Notwithstanding that this was supposed to be the day of rest with the presidential party, it was, as a matter of fact, filled with interest and activity.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

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