

TELLER TALKS ON EXPANSION

The American Flag Must Never Be Pulled Down.

MUST PROTECT OUR OWN

A Liberal Government Advocated for the Distant Colonies, and Self Government Wherever Possible—But the Territory Must Not Be Relinquished—Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Opposes the Annexation of the Philippines in the House—He Regards the American Flag as a Piece of Bunting.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Teller occupied the first half hour of today's session of the senate with a speech in advocacy of the theory that there are no restrictions upon the right of the United States to expand its borders so as to include far distant territory. He went quite thoroughly into the legal points bearing upon the question and also incidentally discussed at some length the form of government for the Philippines, saying that he would encourage self-government among the islands and would give them the most liberal government which they were able to conduct, but that he would not take down the American flag where once planted.

The remainder of the session was given up to the Nicaragua canal bill. Senator Caffery was the only speaker on this subject and he opposed the Morgan bill.

Referring to the territory acquired by the United States during the recent war Mr. Teller said: "We have already acquired this territory. We need, as a matter of fact, no treaty with Spain to confirm our right to it. By right of conquest—a right undoubted—we came into possession of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Asiatic archipelago. They are ours just as certainly as they could be made by treaty."

"If we acquire territory," he continued, "the very act carried with it the right to govern. Who," he demanded with dramatic force, "can govern in Cuba and Porto Rico but the United States? That question is settled—settled by the very circumstance of the case. The question is now, what disposition shall we make of the territory that has come into our possession?"

THE GREATEST QUESTION. "We are," declared Mr. Teller, "coming to a point where the government of the American people have not met since 1861. I anticipate much difficulty and embarrassment, but have at no time felt the distrust that has been manifested by many of our people."

So far and so soon as possible, Mr. Teller believed that the government of Cuba should be given self-government, but he did not believe that the United States should leave the infant power thus established as a prey of any other nation either through conquest or treaty. He believed it folly to talk of imperialism as applied to this country. No man, he said, had any intention of establishing in this country the European policy of imperialism and none would champion such a course.

Mr. Teller said he knew that the Philippines were incapable of establishing a government equal to the governments of our states and that he would encourage communities among them to establish the best governments they were capable of. We were under obligations to help them. The people of the United States had fought the war with Spain and not the administration or congress.

In reply to a question from Mr. Tillman, Mr. Teller said he would not go to war with the people of the Philippines in order to force our institutions upon them. He would consult them as to the form of government and he believed that by pursuing this course we should avoid the necessity of war with the natives. Their government might not be as perfect as ours, but all accounts agreed that the natives were tractable and intelligent and capable of governing.

Mr. Proctor here interrupted Mr. Teller to read an extract from a letter from Admiral Dewey concerning the character of the Filipinos, as follows: "These people can be governed with the slightest difficulty. They readily give in to reason, and I have not had the slightest difficulty in dealing with them."

Mr. Proctor also read an extract from the letter of an army officer speaking in terms of praise of the Filipinos, and saying that there need be no difficulty with them.

Mr. Teller expressed the opinion that the natives could not be governed from Washington. They were susceptible to just and liberal treatment and there was no reason why, if they were capable of appreciating them, our beneficent institutions should not be extended to them.

A message was received from the house of representatives announcing that an amendment of the senate—the final question in controversy to the war and navy deficiency bill, had been agreed to. This passes the measure, and as soon as signed it will go to the president.

OPPOSITION IN HOUSE.

The house today listened to the first speech against the annexation of the Philippines. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, a Democratic member of the foreign affairs committee, in an hour's speech, stated his opposition to a policy which would bring the islands under the sphere of United States influence. He contended that it would be hostile

SHAFTER'S STORY OF THE CAMPAIGN

HIS PLANS OFTEN CHANGED BY WAR DEPARTMENT.

Admits That He Took Chances in Crowding the Transport Fleet, and Also Assumes the Responsibility for the Lack of Ambulances.

Nothing But Praise for the Surgeons and Staff Officers

Washington, Dec. 20.—General Shafter appeared before the war investigation commission today and went into a detailed account of his preparations for the Santiago expedition. He said his plans were changed three times by the department and once he actually started, but was called back by the report of the Spanish warships off the coast. He said the transport fleet was not sufficiently large to accommodate 15,000 men for any length of time at sea, but all were so anxious to go that he risked considerable crowding to take all the men possible. He admitted he took chances in doing this, but said the weather was good and there was no mishap to report. The men were regulars almost entirely, fully equipped, and he saw that they were made as comfortable as circumstances permitted.

As to the medical supplies General Shafter said: "You know medical supplies are the one thing that a commanding general or line officer never knows anything about. The surgeon is supposed to know what he wants. My medical officer said he thought he had enough medical supply for the temporary service to which we thought we were destined. Events proved, however, that the surgeon was mistaken. The ammunition supply was ample."

As to supplies General Shafter said there was nothing essential left behind. "As to those ambulances," said General Shafter, "I take the whole responsibility on myself. I ordered and supervised their loading, and after events proved that it would have been better to have taken ten or fifteen additional ambulances and left that many wagons behind. But the wagons can be used for two purposes and ambulances can be used but for one. I took the wagons and the ambulances had to be transported in them after the first day's fighting. I must say that on a rocky, muddy road, such as we had there, that there is little difference in comfort between an ambulance and an escort wagon. The men were put on staves in the bottom of the wagons and we did the best we could for them. Ambulances would have been better, but then hind sight is always better than foresight."

LANDING FACILITIES.

Concerning the landing facilities with the expedition General Shafter said they had two large barges, one of which was lost on route and a small tug, the "Captain Sigsbee," whose captain deserted during the night. The boat capacity of the transport fleet was sufficient for the landing as events proved. An interesting incident of the landing was brought out by General Shafter who said he had arranged with the Cuban general, Castillo, the day prior to the landing, to have 1,000 men back of Daiquiri to catch the Spaniards when they were shelled out by the navy. Castillo was 3 hours late, however, and all the Spaniards got away. "How about the landing party?" asked General Beaver. "It was the one problem of the campaign and it taxed us to the utmost," he said. "If it had not been for the pack train we could not have done it and the expedition would have been a failure."

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

State Department Knows Nothing of Reported Overtures.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department knows nothing of the reported overtures through Mr. Pierce, the American charge at St. Petersburg, for the placing of a considerable sum of money in Russian bonds through the Texas syndicate. It is assumed that any such treaty has been made if the charge is simply acting under his general instructions to lose no opportunity to facilitate American financial and mercantile operations in that quarter of the world.

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New Steel Combine.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—The report that a new steel combine is to be formed as a result of the uniform price of \$15 per ton demanded by the steel manufacturers of the United States is denied by Pittsburg manufacturers, who claim that the condition of the market has simply caused uniformity in the demands. The minimum price will be \$15 per ton, but manufacturers deny any understanding to this effect. Pig iron has been advanced from \$10 to \$10.25 per ton by the Valley Bessemer association.

Trade League Banquet.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ex-Governor Patterson and a large delegation from the Trade League of Philadelphia, today called on the president and Postmaster General Elwell Smith and urged their attendance at the Trade League banquet to be given in Philadelphia on January 25. Later the delegation went to the capitol to urge congress to authorize the opening of the Delaware river from Philadelphia to the sea to thirty feet.

Freight Trains Collide.

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—A collision between two freight trains occurred near Bailey's station on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad about 5 o'clock this afternoon. About fifteen cars were derailed, blocking the tracks and delaying passenger traffic four hours. Passenger trains were sent via Sunbury and Lewisburg division.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen, etc. Liverpool—Arrived: Majestic, New York, Southampton—Arrived: Sasia, New York for Bremen. Honolulu—Arrived: Rotterdam, New York.

SAMPSON IN COMMAND.

Commodore Philip Will Have Charge of the Forces at Havana.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The navy department is advised of the sailing of Admiral Sampson on his flagship, the New York, for New York.

Commodore Philip at the Texas, will be the commanding officer of the American naval forces at Havana, by virtue of his seniority, but Admiral Sampson retains command of the entire North Atlantic station. It is his purpose upon arriving in the United States to rest for two weeks, the first part of that time he will have the opportunity for a year and a half. It is not expected that the admiral will return to Havana, as the evacuation commission will have its work completed before the first of the year.

PENSIONS FOR CONFEDERATES

Senator Butler Will Offer an Amendment to the Pension Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, today gave notice of an amendment he will introduce to the pension appropriation bill pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers. The amendment follows: "That from and after the passage of this bill every pension law now on the statute books shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, the army nurses and all other pensioners who may be able to prove their claim under the present pension laws without regard to whether said soldier was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service of the Civil War of 1861-5, provided that those enlisted in the Confederate service shall not draw any back pensions prior to the passage of this bill, but their claim under existing laws shall begin and become operative with the passage of this bill."

THE KID KNOCKED OUT.

Dal Hawkins Makes Short Work of McPartland.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dal Hawkins, the lightweight pugilist from the Pacific slope, made short work of Kid McPartland, of this city, when he met in the arena of the Lenox Athletic club this evening. The bout was decided in the third round, the New Yorker being knocked out with a left swing on the jaw. Hawkins opened favorite in the betting at 100 to 20, but these odds did not last long and even money ruled when the men donned the gloves.

CROOKS ARRESTED.

Philadelphia Police Make an Important Capture.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—In the arrest tonight of three men who gave their names as Edward Lawson and Charles Kelly, of New York, and William Cushman, of Brooklyn, the police of the Ninth district police station say that they have captured three of the most expert professional thieves in the country.

STEEL'S SENTENCE.

Former Cashier of Chestnut Street National Bank Gets 6 Years.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—William Steele, former cashier of the Chestnut street National bank, was today sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States district court to six years and six months imprisonment and \$300 fine. Steele was convicted on conspiracy with the late William M. Singerly, president of the bank, in making false entries in the books of the bank, and false reports of the currency and in misapplying the funds of the bank.

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SAMUEL GOMPERS IS RE-ELECTED

CHOSEN BY PRACTICALLY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Again President of the Federation of Labor—Nearly All of the Old Delegates Re-elected—Subjects Discussed—Isaac Cowen's Resolution.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a practically unanimous vote at the closing session of the eighteenth annual convention of that organization. The convention which had been in session for eight days adjourned sine die at 6 o'clock. Detroit, Mich., was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

THE TICKET.

First vice-president, P. J. McGuire, Philadelphia; second vice-president, James Duncan, Baltimore; third vice-president, James O'Connell, Chicago; fourth vice-president, John E. Mitchell, Indianapolis; fifth vice-president, Max Morris, Denver; sixth vice-president, Thomas A. Kend, Chicago; secretary, Frank Morrison, Chicago; treasurer, John B. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill.; fraternal delegates to the union congress of Great Britain, Thomas P. Tracey, New York; cigar makers' union, James O'Connell, of Chicago, of the Machinists' union.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee on laws reported against the measure on the ground that it would legalize the employment of children as laborers. In support of his resolution Mr. O'Sullivan said that he had been before the legislature of Massachusetts when lawyers argued the constitutionality of an act to tax factories which employed children. He said that these lawyers all agreed that such a tax was constitutional and that it was generally agreed that the only way to stop factory keepers from hiring children was to tax them out of existence.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Light Rain; Variable Winds.

1 General—Senator Teller for Expansion, General Shafter Before the War Investigators. The American Federation of Labor Elects Officers.

2 General—President McKinley and Party Return to Washington. Manila Insurgents Exact Tribute. Financial and Commercial.

3 Local—Letter from Ponce, Porto Rico.

4 Editorial.

5 General—Whitney's Weekly News Budget.

6 Local—John Gibbons Sentenced to Jail for Contempt. Notable Guests at a Patriotic Meeting.

7 Local—Thieves Rob the Matthews Residence on Olive Street. Action on the Death of Robert Robinson.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

9 News Round About Scranton.

10 General—Life of the Soldiers at Camp Mackenzie.

SAMUEL SLOAN WILL SOON RETIRE

Some Doubt as to Whether Mr. Hallstead Would Care to Be President of the D. L. & W.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. New York, Dec. 20.—Taking account of statements from all sources of information available in Wall street today, the indications point to the speedy retirement of Mr. Sloan from the presidency of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, which may not be deferred longer than the coming annual meeting of the company. The matter is said to be very largely, if not wholly, in the hands of Mr. Vanderbilt, but it is likely he will be influenced in his decision in case it is not already formed by J. Rogers Maxwell and George F. Baker, both of whom are directors of the Lackawanna company and also leading spirits in the Jersey Central.

DUNNING'S ORDEAL.

He Gives a Qualified Answer to the Question.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When John P. Dunning was called to the witness stand in the Botkin murder trial today he obdurately refused to answer the question put to him yesterday by Attorney Knight for the defense, who wished to know the names of other women with whom Dunning had been intimate, other than Mrs. Botkin. Dunning spent the night in prison, and when asked to give the information said that when it was shown that any woman other than the accused could be in any way connected with the taking off of Mrs. Dunning and her sister, he would give the names of other women.

AIMING AT THE MORMONS.

Cincinnati Presbytery Wants United States Constitution Amended.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—The Cincinnati Presbytery has considered polygamy and the question of refusing to seat Congressman-elect Brigham H. Roberts of Utah. The Revs. J. H. Walker, W. R. Reynolds and W. A. Eulaly, as a committee on bills and overtures, reported resolutions calling on Congressmen Shattuck, Bromwell and Brown to propose and vote for an amendment to the United States constitution defining marriage as monogamous, and forever forbidding and making unlawful and punishable as a crime all polygamous, plural, celestial or any other so-called marriage, except that of monogamy.

President's Speech Indorsed.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 20.—Stephen post, 37, Grand Army of the Republic, of Leitz, has endorsed the president's speech relating to the government caring for the graves of Confederate dead, and has requested Congressman Brooks to use his influence to bring about national legislation to carry into effect the president's sentiments.

Train Held Up.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Hinds held train No. 39, south bound, was held up at Poplar, Miss., shortly before midnight.

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FIERCE FIRE IN NEW YORK

THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED, MANY OTHERS WOUNDED.

Handsome Residence on Seventy-Third Street Is Destroyed—Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Raymond's Sister, Killed by Jumping from a Window—Man Who Had Volunteered to Save Her Swept from a Ladder by Her Body—Mrs. Raymond Fell When Firemen Were Near Her—Servant's Body Found in the Ruins—Cause of the Fire Unknown.

New York, Dec. 20.—A fierce fire started in the handsome house at 299 West Seventy-third street, occupied by Charles H. Raymond, general agent of the Mutual Life Insurance company, at an early hour this morning, which resulted in the death of three persons and the serious injury of several others.

THE DEAD.

MRS. CHARLES H. RAYMOND, 55 years old; death resulted from compound fracture of the leg and internal injuries. MRS. VICTORIA UNDERWOOD, of Zanesville, O., sister of Mrs. Raymond; jumped from third story window. HARRIET FEE, domestic; burned to death. INJURED. Charles H. Raymond, 60 years; shock, received by jumping from window. William Doerr, 29 years, conductor; injured about body, scalp wound. William Ferguson, 35; better face lacerated, overcome by smoke.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

As the firemen pulled the window, Mrs. Raymond stumbled and fell. Her night dress caught in a ring of the ladder and her body whirled around as it fell to the flagged street. She was picked up unconscious and was taken to Roosevelt hospital, where she died tonight.

FORT ADAMS TRAGEDY.

Four Bodies Have Been Recovered from the Ruins.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 20.—Four bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the burned stables of light battery H, Fourth United States artillery, at Fort Adams.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE DEAD:

W. F. Butler, battery H, Seventh artillery; Private Frederick W. Kull, battery H, Seventh artillery; Private Henry I. Harris, battery H, Seventh artillery; unknown private.

THE BODIES OF BUTLER AND KULL WERE FOUND THIS MORNING.

The bodies of Butler and Kull were found this morning. The second body found last night has not yet been identified. A large number of the soldiers were granted furloughs yesterday and left the fort before the fire broke out and the force of them returned and were seen at work about the burning stables. It is thought that the unidentified body is one of these furloughed men, but there is no way of proving his identity until after his return from these furloughs, so that it can be determined who is missing. Nothing was found on the body by which it could be recognized. It was badly disfigured. The explosion in the gun sheds near the stables, which caused the death of the men, is being investigated. The court of inquiry into the cause of the explosion began its work this afternoon. The reason for allowing ammunition to be stored in the stables will have great bearing on the finding. It is said that a quantity of powder had been stored there for over a year.

HEUREUX IS GOOD HEALTH.

Port au Prince, Dec. 20.—There is no ground whatever for the rumor that President Heuresux, of the republic of Haiti, has been assassinated. General Heuresux arrived this morning at Jacmel, about thirty miles southwest of Port au Prince, and is in excellent health.

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