



OLD STAGERS AT THE FRONT IN CONGRESS

Bills Almost Without Number Bob Up Again.

LEFT OVER MEASURES

Vast Number of Minor Importance but a Few Were of National Interest—The House Not in Session Yesterday—Senate Spends Half an Hour in Executive Session—The Quay Case—Sympathy for the Boers.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house was not in session today, having adjourned yesterday over to Thursday. Nearly eight hundred bills and joint resolutions, several important concurrent resolutions and petitions, numbering hundreds, were presented to the senate today. Some of the bills were old stagers which had been introduced in the last congress or in previous congresses. A vast number of them were of minor importance, but a few were of national interest and moment.

REPUBLICANS APPROVE FINANCIAL BILL

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Republican members of the committee on finance and currency have today approved the bill for the house financial bill, recently introduced, and recommended its immediate consideration and passage.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

The score at 12 O'clock—Miller-Waller Leads. New York, Dec. 7.—Miller, the six days' champion of the bicycle race, was still one lap in the lead at Madison Square Garden at midnight, going at a twenty mile an hour rate.

EARTHQUAKE IN DAKOTA

Seismic Disturbance in Various Localities. Faulkton, S. D., Dec. 6.—An earthquake shock was plainly felt in this vicinity about 6 o'clock this morning.

ALLEGED TRAIN ROBBER

Orangeburg, S. C., Dec. 6.—Bartow Warren, a white man of unknown antecedents charged with robbing an express train near Branchville, S. C., on Friday, was arrested in Charleston and brought here today.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Detroit, Dec. 6.—The auditing committee of the American Federation of Labor is in session here with Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, going over the account of the organization preparatory to the annual convention, which begins next Monday.

MUSKRATS BREAK CANAL

Trenton, Dec. 6.—Muskrats have caused a break in the bank of the Delaware and Raritan canal near this city. The work of letting the water out was begun this morning and it will require several days to complete the work.

FIRE AT ALLENTOWN

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Carbon County Improvement company's electric light plant, wagon works, foundry, machine mill, ice plant and machine shop at Allegheny, were totally destroyed by fire today.

GENERAL YOUNG UNREPORTED

SUPPOSED TO BE IN HOT PURSUIT OF AGUINALDO.

The General and His Men Not Heard of Since Nov. 29—Official Report of the Battle of Vigan—800 Filipinos Attacked Small Force of Tired Out Americans in the Night. Rebels Repulsed After Four Hours' Fighting—Their Loss 40 Killed and 32 Taken Prisoners.

TO CONSIDER MANY PROTESTS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—General Otis today reported to the war department that he has had no word of General Young for a week. That is taken to indicate that the general is continuing his hot pursuit of Aguinaldo and probably he is in a country where he regards it as unsafe to use couriers.

MOLINEUX TRIAL

Enmity Shown by the Prisoner for Cornish. New York, Dec. 6.—The entire day in the trial of Roland H. Molineux was taken up in the examination of Rudolph Helles, a warm friend of Molineux's, and the introduction of the letters in the case.

DEATH OF JAMES MCCONNELL

Editor of the Philadelphia Evening Star Expires. Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—James McConnell, editor and one of the proprietors of the Evening Star, of this city, died suddenly early today, at the age of 55 years.

WILL MEET IN SCRANTON

State Council Jr. O. U. A. M. to Hold Sessions in January. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 6.—Information comes from the state headquarters of the Junior Order United American Mechanics in this city that the state council in this city will resume its sessions at Scranton in January.

RAILWAY STATISTICS

Harrisburg, Dec. 6.—The annual report of the state bureau of railways, the advance sheets of which have just been issued, shows that during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, there were 28,625 persons employed by the steam railways operating in Pennsylvania, an increase of 245,972 over 1898.

DELWARE TRUST MILE

Dover, Del., Dec. 6.—The following companies were incorporated here today: The Continental Gas company, New York, empowered to manufacture and sell carbon gas, capital \$3,000,000.

WILL NOT WORK FOR CRAMPS

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—A number of workmen from Trenton were at the headquarters of the striking employes of Cramps shipyards today.

BISHOP OF SANTIAGO

Rome, Dec. 6.—Monsignor Donato Sbruttini has been appointed bishop of Santiago, Chile.

Gov. Bradley Offers Reward

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6.—Governor Bradley announced today that he will offer a reward for the apprehension of the members of the mob which burned the negro Coleman at Maysville this morning.

Pension for Mrs. Gridley

Washington, Dec. 6.—A bill was introduced in the senate today by Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania, to pension Mrs. Gridley, wife of the late Captain Gridley, of the Olympia, at \$50 per month.

THE IRON TRADE

Review of the Situation by American Manufacturers. Pittsburgh, Dec. 6.—The American Manufacturer will be surprised to learn that what is not the case now that was absent a few months ago, is that foundry iron may be had for present delivery for the same prices that have been quoted for the first half of 1900.

GENERAL JOUBERT IS INDISPOSED

BOER COMMANDER IN CHIEF LEAVES LADYSMITH. Goes to Volksrust, Near the Transvaal Frontier, for Medical Treatment—Situation at Ladysmith. Boer Bombardment More Effective. Garrison's Rations Reduced—Considerable Sickness in the Town. Disorder Reported Between Transvaalers and Free Staters.

THE LONDON BUDGET

London, Dec. 6.—A budget of news from Ladysmith, which arrived this morning brings the history of the beleaguered garrison up to November 29. In spite of the reports of a retrograde movement by the Boers, the dispatches say that up to the time they were sent the garrison, although still strong, was suffering from confinement, restricted food and the increasing volume of the Boer artillery fire, especially that of the additional heavy-calibre gun placed in position 5,600 yards from the western defenses.

CONTEST AGAINST DOY

Fifty Citizens of Westmoreland Favor Steel. Harrisburg, Dec. 6.—Notice of contest was filed in the attorney general's office this afternoon by fifty citizens of Westmoreland county against Judge Lucien W. Doy, who was elected at the recent election over John B. Steel.

MISS MARLOWE WANTS DIVORCE

Says Her Husband Neglects and Refuses to Support Her. Burlington, Vt., Dec. 6.—Julia Marlowe Tabor, the well-known actress, applied yesterday afternoon for a divorce from her husband, Robert S. Tabor, on the grounds of intolerable severity and neglect and refusal to support.

TREATY WITH FRANCE

For Reciprocal Reductions of Tariff Duties. Washington, Dec. 6.—The reciprocity treaties negotiated during the congress were transmitted to the senate today and in the executive session were ordered printed and referred to the committee on foreign relations.

ADVANCE IN ANTHRACITE

Twenty-five Cents a Ton Added to Price of Small Sizes. New York, Dec. 6.—The anthracite coal companies today made an advance of twenty-five cents a ton in the price of small sizes of anthracite, the advance is due to the fact that the supply of bituminous coal at this point is exceedingly small.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

Detroit, Dec. 6.—Harry Hamburger was arrested this afternoon on his twentieth birthday anniversary on a warrant for the murder of John M. Reinold, whose body was found in a foully putrid condition in his place of business Saturday night.

SHOT BY A BURGLAR

Racine, Wis., Dec. 6.—Rev. R. B. Cheney, of the First Baptist church, and his wife, were shot and probably fatally injured by a burglar who entered their home today.

STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES

Harrisburg, Dec. 6.—A meeting of the state board of charities was held here today at which a reorganization was effected by the election of General Isaac J. Webster, of Philadelphia, president, and Cadwalader Biddle, of Philadelphia, secretary.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

New York, Dec. 6.—Arrived: Travre, Bremen, Sailed: St. Paul, Southampton; Noordland, Antwerp; Germanic, Liverpool; Cleared: La Champagne, Havre, Rotterdam—Arrived: Maasdam, New York, Plymouth—Sailed: Patricia (from Hamburg); New York.

STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT SOLD

New York, Dec. 6.—A seat in the New York Stock exchange was today sold for \$40,000, the highest price ever paid.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indicating Today: FAIR; MODERATE TEMPERATURE.

1 General—Hundreds of Bills Bob Up in the Senate. Secretary Gage's Report. General Young After Aguinaldo. South African War News. 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Accused Burglars Make No Defense. Old Forge Strike Echo. 4 Editorial. News and comment. 5 Local—All-County Foot Ball Eleven. Summit Lake Will Be Abandoned. Subscriptions for Tin Plate Factory. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County. 8 Local—Live Industrial News.

MORNING MARRIAGE

Ceremony Was Performed in St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre. In St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Wilkes-Barre, yesterday morning, Miss Blanche Elise Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Payne, of Dorranceton, was married to Frank Louis Hutchinson, of Montreal, Canada. Rev. Henry L. Jones was the officiating clergyman.

TO GATHER IN MACHINES

Constable Jacob Elman Heads a Raid Against Them. An execution was issued recently by Mrs. Michael Hand against Jack Skelly's Hon Ton Cafe, for unpaid rent amounting to \$125.

SEVENTEENTH WARD CAUCUS

It Will Be Held in Alderman Howe's Office Monday, January 8. The vigilant committee of the Republican voters of the Seventeenth ward last night met in Alderman Howe's office to discuss the time for the holding of a caucus for the nomination of a select councilman and election officers.

FATAL FAMILY TROUBLE

Lithonia, Ga., Dec. 6.—Hiram Sharp, shot and killed his wife and wounded his mother-in-law here today. Family trouble was the cause, Sharp and his wife had been married twenty years and frequently quarreled, she refusing to live with him at one time for several years.

BILL FOR PACIFIC CABLE

Washington, Dec. 6.—The bill introduced by Senator Hale for the establishment of a Pacific cable requires that the cable is to be turned over to the control of the postmaster general after completion. Washington, Dec. 6.—Pensions: Increase—T. J. Daniels, 62.44; Susquehanna, \$17 to \$21; Wallace Fanning, Shunk, Sullivan, \$5 to \$10.

THE REPORT OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS BY HON. LYMAN J. GAGE.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM

Future Needs the Assurance That the Present Gold Standard Will Continue—Confidence That Congress Will Furnish a Guaranty, Banking and the Bank's Mission. The Need for More Cash—An Illustration of Stringency—The Defects Indicated—Remedy Needed.

BANKING

The development of our legislation during the last thirty-six years, which covers the history of the national banking act and all amendments thereto, has thrown upon congress a large responsibility for the effective working of that agency known as the bank. There seems to be, in some directions, an opinion that by the grace of government, the institutions are established as a privilege to certain persons so favored; that they have no real occasion to be that at best they are parasitic upon the life and nourishment from the industrial tree to which they are attached, and to the well-being of which they contribute nothing.

THE BANK'S MISSION

While stability in the currency should be safely guarded, flexibility—the power of needed expansion—must also be provided. The bank deals in money. Money is an incident in its dealings—an important incident, no doubt, but truly speaking, an incident only. The bank deals in credits. For a consideration, varying according to time, place and circumstances, it gives to the public with whom it deals its own credit obligations, not its own money.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 6.—Forecast for Thursday, Friday and Saturday: fair to clear; fresh north to east winds. Washington, Dec. 6.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: fresh north to east winds.