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REAL WORK OF SESSION

the Senate This Week.

FINANCIAL BILL FIRST

Will Be Called Up on Thursday. Democrats Have No Hope of Defeating the Measure-The Quay Case Will Arouse More Debate Than the Currency Question-Efforts Will Be Made to Bring the Philippines Question to the Front. Little Business Before the House. Urgent Deficiency Bill May Be Brought Up.

Washington, Dec. 31.-With the resumption of its session Wednesday the senate will practically begin the real work of the session. After the present week, longer daily sessions will be the rule, and very few more adjournments from Thursday to Monday are to be expected, as was characterisof the sessions of the past week. In the absence of Senator Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance who will have energe of the financial bill, no definite statement can be made as to how vigorously he will press that measure at the beginning of the business, but there is no doubt of his gen-Fral determination to totsh it along as rapidly as possible after the present week. He has given notice that he will call the measure up on Thursday and is generally believed that he will then or on the following day make a statement in support of it.

It is the purpose of the supporters of the bill to make very few speeches, leaving the opposition to do the greater share of the talking, while its opponent, on the other hand, will use every endeavor to draw the friends of the bill into running debate. There is no present purpose on the part of the oppositing to delay the passage of the bill unnecessarily, and likewise none on the part of its supporters to press the measure to the personal inconvenience of opposing senators. Those senators who are antagonistic to the bill s a rule freely confess their inability to defeat it, saying that it will get practically the entire Republican vote. if needed, and probably one or two ocratic votes.

With a session of unlimited duration efore them they cannot hope to conduct a successful fillbuster. they will not seek to delay the measure beyond the necessary time to discuss its provisions and give the country the benefit of their analysis of its provisions. How long it may take them to do this will depend largely upon the length of the daily sessions and the freedom from interruptions by other

The Case of Senator Quay.

At present there is but one matter which threatens to interfere with the continuity of the proceeding upon the financial bill. That is the right of Senator Quay to a seat in the senate. Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections. has stated that . report will be made in the Quay case : on after the beginping of business. It now seems probable that there will be more debate over the Quay contest than over the financial measure. Up to date not more than half a dozen senators have announced a purpose to make set financlai speeches, while the probabilities ere that the Quay case will call out butch animated discussion.

it will be difficult to hold the discussion of foreign questions and especially the Philippine subject in cheek during the financial discussion. Many of the southern senators are anxious to bring the Philippine question to the front, and it may be safely predicted that there will be more or less reference to it from the beginning. There will be an early effort to get up the Samoan treaty and it may furnish the basis for discussion of the foreign policy if one is not found before the treaty is "ensidered. During the present west the foundations of the financial discussion will be laid and it oubtless will reveal much of the plans of both sides to the controversy. There will be a strenuous effort to ass the bill without amendment, but he opposition will insist upon votes on innumerable propositions, and on once of these they may get the support of some senators known to have pro-sliver leanings.

Little Business in the House.

The coming week in the house does at give promise of much business committees have not yet begun work and there has not been islation of pressing importance . The appropriation commitot yest considered the urgent bill, aithough the measure prepared. This bill may be during the week if there a request from the executive its usking its early passage will carry hearly fifty milollars for the army, most is on account of the Philipquite likely there will be nelderah e discussion of the Philipdne policy while the measure is onfore the house. There are some minor matters, ruch as provision for cieras. and routine management of house affairs that are to be passed upon.

Steamer Went Ashore.

London, Dec. 21.—The Humburg and South American line steamer Polotas, from Santos for Rotterdam, which went ashore near Dungeness Friday night dur-ing a heavy storm, was drawn off about 19 o'clock this morning by five tugs.

SEIZURE OF MAGICIENE. British Right to Search the Ship is

Questioned. Berlin. Dec. 31,-Regarding the seizare by the British cruiser Magiciene of the imperial mail steamer Bundesrath, of the German East African line,

Will Probably Begin in a high official of the German foreign office, who was interviewed by the correspondent of the Associated Press to-

"Silence must be preserved at present concerning the actual status of the negotiations which have been begun with Great Britain about the matter. Appropriate steps have been ta-ken, of which Germany must await the result. The matter is regarded by Germany as of the utmost importance. because seriously involving the rights of neutrality."

This afternoon the foreign secretary. Count Von Luclow, conferred at the foreign office with his official advisers and then reported to the emperor. A cabinet meeting will consider the seiz-

It is also asserted in government circles th . the British right of search is questioned, and that in any event the British right to stop passengers whether they intend to fight for the Boers or not, is strenuously disputed, as the vessel upon which they were is neutrality and the territory to which they were proceeding, namely, Delagon, Bay, is also neutral. Redress, it is asserted, will be insisted upon by Germany.

y condemns British action in the Dundesrath seizure, which is characterized as "an instance of gress insolonce and "as calculated again to illustrate the need of a powerful German navy to render such overbearance on the part of England impossible in the fu-

MONTEJO'S DEFENSE.

The Spanish Admiral Explains Dewey's Victory at Manila-No Torpedos for Harbor Protection.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-The Tribune today prints the text of Admiral Montejo's defense under court martial proceedings for his defeat at Manila. The bulk of the blame is charged by the admiral not to himself or his ficet, but to the Spanish government for its unprepared conditions. He also claims that Admiral Dewey kept out of range of the Spanish guns, a proceeding

which Montejo refers to as "a retreat."

Montejo says: "The only preparation that had been made for war was made by the Americans, who were business-like and arranged everything with pencil and pen. The initial velocity of our cannon was 5,100 meters, that of the smallest cannon of our enemies was 750 meters. Admiral Dewey, with pencil in hand, noted the thickness of his mantiets and his casements, and knew what energy was required to penetrate them. He also knew exactmathematical calculation he arrived at distance at which he could fight without himself receiving any harm Thus he ascertained that he could fight at a distance of 2,000 or 3,000 meters with absolute impunity. The situation, therefore, was just this: We were vulnerable to all the projectiles of the enemy, and this the enemy well knew, while he got out of reach of our cannon, and remained out of reach all the

Admiral Montejo adds: "In order to give an idea of our miserable situation, may mention that we had only fourteen torpedoes for the defense of 2000 meters of space and that the cable. which we obtained in Hong Kong, was only long enough for five torpedoes and therefore only five torpedoes could be placed."

CONSOLIDATION OF GIN.

Small Corporations Will Soon Brought Into the Combine.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.-The details of the consolidation of the ing gin manufacturing companies in the United States have been practically completed, and within the next few days the Continental Gin works will be organized, with W. T. Northington, of this city, as president. It will buy out the following concerns: Northington-Munger-Prat Gin company, of Birmingham; Smith & Sons Gin and Machinery company, of Birmingham; Daniel Pratt Gin and Machinery company, of Pratt. Ala.; Winship Machine company, of Atlanta; Munger Improved Cotton Machinery company, of Dallas, Texas, and the Eagle Gin company, of Bridgewater, Mass. These are the largest gin manufacturers of the United States, and control all the principal patents on cotton gin machinery.

Several smaller corporations, it is expected, will be brought into the combine later. The purpose of the combination is said to be to control patents and stop ruinous competition. Birmingham will be the headquarters of the new company, which will represent a net \$10,000.000 capital.

WOLFSHON MYSTERY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.-The Wolfshon mystery has been partially cleared by the arrival from Chicago of Aaron Wolfshon. He has been identified by A. Jones, the local agent of the New York Life Insurance company as the man he insured for \$10,000, notwithstanding Jones' previous positive declaration that the man who committed suicide in a lodging house in this city several weeks ago was Wolf shon, whose heirs were entitled to the amount of the insurance policy which was paid over to the public adminis-

of this county. The identity of the suicide and the object of his representation as Wolfshon will now be investigated.

Death of Private Ros.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The death of Private Frank Roe, Company C, of the Eleventh United States infantry, at San Puerto Rico, is announced in a dispatch received at the war department. Dead in His Berth.

Boston, Dec 31 .- Hon, Loring E. Baker, president of the Yarmouth Steamship company, was found dead in his berth on the arrival of the midnight New York

PREPARING FOR THE DISLOYAL DUTCH

ENGLISH COLONISTS ARE OR-GANIZING AT CAPE TOWN.

The Alertness of the British Makes United Action on Part of the Boers Difficult-The Home Guards Ex-Dutch Without the Aid of Regulars-Patrols of Regulars Fire at Colonial Guards-All Warned to

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28,-The olonial authorities are using every precaution to prevent an insurrection on the part of the disloyal Dutch in Cape Colony and to suppress a rising, if one should occur. Everywhere the British colonists are being organized into home guards, drilled, armed and ready to act in their respective localities, should armed Dutch colonials gather

The theory is that the British homestaying colonials should be fully prepared to cope with the Dutch colonials without the aid of regulars.

The alertness of the British makes united action on the part of pro-Beer residents difficult. Unable to meet openly, they slip away single or in small groups to join the enemy forces. The authorities have been informed of many centres of agitation, which it is undestrable to particularize, but there is nothing like concerted action apparent over wide districts.

The case of Mr. Mechan, solicitor to the De Beers company, who is accused of treason, acquires increased importance since he has been transferred from the custody of the civil author-Ities here to the military authorities at De Anr.

Parties of Boers have been operating some seventy miles south of Lord Methuen's position, Boers appeared on Christmas day near the railway about twenty-nine miles south of De Aar. A force of the Duke of Edinburgh's own volunteers prepared to engage them, but the enemy retired.

Another party ared into a British patrol camp during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 27. This was near Vic-toria road. An attempt was made not far from that point to damage the railway. One man was caught in the act and shot.

A similar attempt was made between Multiersolel and Klapmuts, but the would-be wreckers escaped. Like attempts are reported from several other points. Evidently small parties of Boers or Dutch colonials have been trying to interrupt the movement of trains, but thus far they have been baffled by the elaborate British patrol-

ing. In one case a patrol of regulars fired ly the weight of the most powerful pro- on a patrol of colonials. The latter jectile of our ships, and by a simple were wearing broad-brimmed hats and were mistaken by the British for Boers, | unjustifiable war now being waged by No casualties occurred, but in consequence of the accident an order has Transvaal, and to give utterance to been issued requiring all classes of

London, Jan. 1 .- The Daily Mail pub-

lishes the following dispatch from Cape Town:

"Ninety-five per cent, of the Bechuina farmers in the Vryburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of Orange river. They also undertook to invest Mafeking while General Cronje's men went south to meet Lord Methuen. Government of Rechuanaland is being administered as if the London, Jan. 1 .- A dispatch to the

Daily Mail from Kimberley, dated Fri-"We have food enough for three

months. Fresh fruit and vegetables are obtainable daily from Lenilworth. and water is pientiful and excellent." Frere Camp, Natal, Saturday, Dec. 00.-Owing to the flooding of the Tueela river, a large party of Boers have been cut off on the south side. They are reported to be in the hills to the right of Chieveley.

Boers Fire Plum Pudding London. Jan. 1.-The following

heliograph message has been received by way of Weenen from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 27

"The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Captain Dalzel and wounding seven lieutenants-Dent. Twiss, Tringham, Caffyn, Byrne, Scafe and Kane."

A later dispatch from Ladysmith, by way of Weenen, dated Friday, Deember 29, says: "All well. The Boers have been firing plugged shells containing plum

pudding and the compliments of the season. They are still fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand." London, Jan. 1.-The war office publishes the following dispatch, dated

yesterday, from the general commanding at Cape Town: "Methuen's position is unchanged. "French reports that the Boers, fearng their communications would be cut

by our cavalry, have retired to Coles-"Hear unofficially from Sterkstroom that a British reconnaissance, seven miles north of Dordrecht, engaged superior forces and was obliged to retire

THE REMAINS OF HEROES.

on Dordrecht."

Bodies of Lawton and Logan on Board the Transport Thomas.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- The departure of the transport Thomas from Manila yesterday with the remains of Major General Henry W. Lawton abourd was anrounced in a dispatch received at the war department from General Otis

The vessel comes to the United States via Nagaski. She also has aboard the remains of the late Major John A. Logan.

Advance in Miners Wages. Elkhorn, W. Va., Dec. 31,-The two cading collieries in this field will tomerrow advance the miners wages 10 cents. Over one thousand men are at-

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD.

Elaborate Programme of Religious, Literary and Musical Features.

Cincinnati, Dec. 31.-The national Eisteddfod with elaborate programme of religious, literary and musical features, began here today with a very large attendance. There were religious and musical exercises in Music hall this afternoon and evening. The large stage was filled with singers who rendered Welsh hymns, aided by the vast audience, with fine effect. The Rev. pect to Be Able to Cope with the Gwernydd Newton, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and now of Pittsburg, preached in English, and the Rev. H. W. Griffiths, of Cincinnati, in Welsh. At the evening session the Rev. B. Harris, of Cincinnati, preached in Wear Helmets to Prevent Mis- English, and the Rev. John Hammond, of Columbus, Ohio. in Welsh. The choral singing was under the direction of David Davis, while George W. E. Webb was at the great organ.

The competitive musical and literary features occur tomorrow. The soloists are Miss Bessie Tudor, soprano; Miss Annie E. Griffiths, seprano; Maldwyn Evans, tenor: Oscar J. Ehrgott, baritone: Miss Annie Peat, organist, and Harry E. Jones, of Philadelphia, baritone. The competing choral societies are. Columbus ladies' chorus, Mrs. Mary E. Cassell, director: Ada and Lima ladies' chorus, Huhl Owen, director; Painesville ladies' club, Jenkin Powell Jones, director: Cincinnati ladies' chorus, David Davis, d'escor: Columbus male chorus; T. H. Schneld. er, director; Northwestern Gles club, Prof. R. R. Thomas, director: Criterion male chorus, Edward Leighton, director; Calcott Glee club, Iudwich, director; New Castle Glee club, Prof. Philips, director; Columbus Choral society. W. H. Latta, director: Youngstown Choral union, Prof. W. Samuel Evans, director, and Philharmonic society, Johnstown, Pa., Thomas Morgan, director.

The principal prizes are \$600, \$400 and \$200, and there is a long list of smaller ones.

PRO-BOER MEETING.

Irish Societies of New York Meet and Denounce the English.

New York, Dec. 31,-The united Irish societies of New York and vicinity filled the Academy of Music tonight at a mass meeting called to express sympathy with the Boers and opposition to England in consequence of the South African war.

Senator Mason, of Illinois; Congressman Sultzer, Congressman Cummings, of New York, and others addressed the meeting. Justice Fitzgerald, of the Supreme court, presided. The entire house was filled. The proscenium, the boxes and the balconies were all decorated with a profusion of American flags and Irish emblems and occasionally the flags of the two South African

Justice Fitzgerald, after calling the meeting to order, said: "It is a great honor to be asked to speak to this great audience tonight and to join in expressing our deep indignation at the Great Britain upon the people of the our sentiments of deep admiration for the gallant stand being made by the embattled farmers of South Africa in defense of their property, their lives, their liberties.

"The great heart of the American copie goes out to the people of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. They are fighting for the same principles, they are against the same sovereign and red-coated soldiers that fought us a century ago and would thought it would benefit them." The speakers who followed gave force

ible expressions of sympathy with the Boers, and their remarks were enthusiastically received by the large gather-

A series of resolutions were adopted. ondemning the British government for thizing with the Boers.

The preamble of the resolution says: "All good American citizens must view with concern the evident conspiracy of English agents, acting in the interests of stock jobbers, mining speculators and company promoters to lead the United States into an entangling alliance open or concealed with Great Britain in an effort to strangle the liberties of the republics of South Africa, which are as precious to them and secured by as good a title as are the liberties of this republic."

BIG BRYAN BANQUET.

Will Be Held at Tremont House. Chicago-Distinguished Speakers.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-Arrangements have been completed for the fourth annual banquet of the William J. Bryan league of Chicago. It will be held at the Tremont house Saturday night and Colonel Bryan, who has attended every feast given by the organization, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker. Plates will be laid for 500 persons only, the experience of last year having convinced the managers of the affair that it is unwise to hold the dinner in sections or to attempt to accommodate all comers. The list of speakers will include the following:

W. J. Bryan, Cato Sells, Iowa; Carter H. Harrison, Chleago: Governor Renton McMillan, Tennessee: Senator charles A. Culbertson, Texas; Governor Hogg, Texas: James A. Mulligan, Kentucky: General Joseph B. Wisconsin: Samuel B. Bathwork, Michigan, and Dr. Howard S. Taylor, Chicago.

FIRE AT EASTON.

The Stock of McKeen-Andrews House

Badly Damaged. Easton, Pa., Dec. 31.—Fire early this morning caused about \$35,000 damage to the stock and building of the Mc-Keen-Andrews dry goods house on East Northampton street. The fire had been burning fully an hour before it was discovered, and when the firemen arrived the interior of the building was a mass of flames. McKeen Brothers, women's tailors, who have their place of business on the second floor of the Andrews building, lost \$2,000 in furni-

ture and sewing machines. Their stock of goods suffered comparatively little. Mr. Andrews says his loss is completely covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mys-

SETTLEMENT OF CHINESE AFFAIR

EXTENSION OF FOREIGN CON-CESSIONS APPROVED.

The Settlement Brings to a Close a Diplomatic Controversy Between Great Britain, the United States and France, Which Has at Times Been Somewhat Acute-All Differences Have Been Amicably Adjusted.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- The announcement that the extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, has been finally approved brings to a close a diplomatic controversy between Great Britain, the United States and France, which has at times become rather acute, France taking the position at one stage of the negotiations that the American co-operation with the British in opposing the French plan of extension was an unfriendly act towards This, and the other differences, have been amicably adjusted, according to announcements China, which are borne out by the information of officials here. The controversy assumed an inter-

national scope when the three colonies Shanghai-British, French and American-sought to extend their lim-The concessions are just outside of the old native city, and lie along the river Whang Poo, near the point where it joins the Yang-Tse-Klang, They are chiefly important because Shanghai is the foremost port of entry for foreign trade in the Chinese empire. French settlement is nearest the city, and fronts on the river. Next comes the British settlement and then the American. The French desire was to extend their settlement so as to take in a large area back of the old city. including five American missionary institutions. The British government opposed this extension quite vigorously-The British plan of extension was for in "international settlement" running from the rear of the British concession up to the native city. France in turn protested against this on the ground that she would be entirely surrounded, without exit except by the river, the native city, or over British territory. The United States approved the plan of an international settlement, as the American interests were substantially similar to those of the British, but the American attitude did not include an endorsement of all the contentions made by the British. It was to this course of the American government that France took exception on the ground that it was an unfriendly to France. These negotiations. while assuming no outward show of warmth, were carried on with some briskness, Ambassador Cambon, France, representing the French side

up to a few months ago. The adjustment finally reached is satisfactory to all parties concerned. The French concession is extended without including the American missions. The British and American settlements are extended and to some extent merged in the international settlement, but the British-American extension does not so envelop the French colony as to place it in a pocket. The values of these several concessions are considerable, as the population of Shanghai is above 600,000, of which the greater part is in the foreign settlement. Here the foreigners have the right to carry on trade, and control property, and also have their own courts, police, and an organized military establishment.

M'COY-MAHER BOUT.

Betting 100 to 80 on Maher is Offered in Large Amounts.

New York, Dec. 31.-Despite the videspread circulation of reports to the effect that the pugilistic encounter between "Kid" McCoy and Peter Maher would not take place tomorrow afternoon at the Coney Island Athletic club on account of illness in the family of one of the principals, it is officially announced tonight that the tle will take place as scheduled at 3.30 p. m. tomorrow.

McCoy and Maher are said to be perfect physical condition, the result of six weeks of hard training. Both men concluded their preparations for the battle today with mild exercise. What betting was done today and tonight established Maher as a decided

favorite over McCoy, 160 to 80 on the Irishman being offered in large amounts, and as many supporters on the Kid were anxious to bet a hundred or so he found no great difficulty in getting his money at 7 to 10. "Pittsburg Phil." succeeded today in

getting \$5,000 on Maher, in small and large amounts, and now stands to loose fully \$15,000 if Maher is beaten. largest bet was one of \$2,000 to \$1,600, the Christmas greens there were no in which a Providence man took the McCoy end. Harry Corbett, who came from Call-

fornia to see the fight, bet \$800 to \$1,000 on McCoy. "Pittsburg Phil." taking the The purse for which Maher and Mc-

Coy will struggle will be \$20,000. this sum the winner will receive \$15,009. "Charley" White will officiate as ref-

No pictures of the fight will be taken.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Two Men Found in Stables Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Two men were found frozen to death this morning in stables up town, and another was found on the sidewalk unconscious and thawed back to life at a hospital. John Bellings, aged fifty years, a hostler, froze to death while sleeping in a stable on East Columbia avenue and Thomas Robinson, aged thirty met a similar fate in a stable at cie-

mentine and Midvale streets. The thermometer during the early morning hours registered eight degrees above zero. Peter Darley, aged twen-ty-four years, a collector for a commercial house, was overcome by the biting atmosphere and was found lying unconscious on the sidewalk. He was sent to a hospital where veral hours' hard work was required to

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

CLOUDY ; PROBABLY SNOW.

General-Americans to Move on Insurgents in Cavite Province. South African Situation. Forecast of Congressional Work. Chinese Affairs Adjusted.

- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Financial and Commercial Local-Ushering in the New Year. Anomaly Shown by Trade Reports.
- Editorial. News and Commert.
- Local-Attorney Harris' Remarks Condemi-ed. Scranton Is Proof Against Big Storms
- Run Over and Killed by Trolley Car. New County Officials. Loca!-West Scranton and Suburban
- Round About the County. Local-Live Industrial News,

THE POPE'S SUCCESSOR.

Leo Designates Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, the Famous Genoese Monk, Who Is Noted for His Piety and Modesty.

Rome, Dec. 31 .- It is asserted that the pope, after the recent ceremony of opening the holy door, at St. Peter's cathedral, addressed his intimate entourage and said:

"I thank Divine Providence for granting me the grace of being able to celebrate this great function, and I wish for my successor grandeur and a long reign, to the greater glory of God.

"My successor will be young, as compared with my own age, and will have time to see many glories of the papacy and the church."

Later Leo clearly designated Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, prefect of the congregation of Indulgences and Sacred Relics, as his successor. Cardinal Gotti, the famous Genoese monk, is a man of great piety and modesty. Now about 64 years of age, he has always lived the life of an ascetic; and, despite the dignity of a prince of the church, he always sleeps in a cell and on a hard mattress.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL. Masons Commemorate the Anniver-

sary of His Death. New York, Dec. 31 .- The members of the various Masonic lodges in this city commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the death of General George Washington today by religious services in the historic churches of the metropolis, most notably in St. Paul's chapel of Trinity parish, where he centenary of the first president's death was recently celebrated with a patriotic display. The other churches in which the special masonic devotional services took place were th St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church, the Fourth Avenue Presbyterial, the Baptist church of the Epiphany, the Hamilton Grange Reformed church, the Tremont Congre gational church and the Church of the

Saviour. Five hundred members of the Ma sonic fraternity also marched to the Temple Emanuel, where special services were conducted by Dr. Silver-

These special religious services wer held at the request of Grand Master Wright D. Pownall, of the state of New York, who recently issued a circular to all the Masonic lodges under his judisdiction suggesting that the fraternity commemorate the anniversary by the attendance of the members of the various lodges at divine services at which the clergymen of the different denominations had consented to preach sermons on the life and character of Washington. Three were no Masonic ceremonies in the yesterday by taking advantage of the churches but the Masons who attendary mobilization of the American troops churches, but the Masons who attended the churches wore the regalia of

the order. Perhaps the most interesting among all of the various services were those held by the Free Masons of the lodges of the Sixth and Seventh Masonic districts in St. Paul's church. The Masonic funeral services over Washington were held in the church Dec. 31, 1799. Today's services were held at 4 o'clock. The church was filled far beyond its seating capacity.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. G. R. Vandewater, grand chaplain of the grand lodge, assisted by the Rev. W. Montague Geer, the Rev. Robert Morris Kemp and the Rev. T. J. Crosby. With the exception of special decoration. Washington's pew was draped with the battle flag and was unoccupied. Dr. Vandewater preached a brief sermon in which he referred to the life of Washington, the influence of his life on the American nation and the lessons taught by his

career. Memorial services were also held by the lodges of the Fourth Masonic district in the grand lodge rooms of the Masonic temple, this city, in the after-

noon. Grand Master George H. Phillips told of the services held one hundred years ago in St. Paul's chapel. On the table was the bible, preserved by St. John's lodge, upon which Washington took the oath of office at his first inauguration in this city. The Bible

was the one then in use in St. John's lodge. The Right Rev. J. T. Patey, of St Luke's, delivered the address on Wash-

Will Benefit 30,000 Miners.

Phillipsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—The Ber-vind-White Coa. Mining company late Saturday posted notices announcing an increase in wages to its employes April I in this and other sections in central Pennsylvania. At least 20,000 employes

will be benefited.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 31 .- Arrived: La Normandle, from Havre. Salled: Werra, for

FILIPINOS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

They Implore Americans to Continue Occupation.

VICTIMS OF TAGALOGS

Abuses and Confiscations Have Characterized the Rule of the Rebels During the Last Eighteen Months-The Insurgents Active. 2,000 Under Arms Near Imus. Americans Will Advance on Cavite

Manila, Dec. 31.-6.10 p. m.-An American advance in Cavite province. south of Manila, is expected shortly. Reliable reports from native spies show that there are upwards of 2,000 organized insurpents under arms within a mile of Imus. They are strengthening their entrenchments and possess artillery. At Novaleta the Filipino entrenchments have been much strengthened since General Schwan's advance, A thousand of the enemy are in that vicinity, and there are 600 at San Francisco De Malabon. From twelve to a hundred garrison all the towns in the southern part of Cavite, and the same may be said of the towns in Batangas province. The provinces of North Camarines and South Camarines hold quantities of hemp, which the people cannot market. As a consequence the population in that part of the Luzon is suffering from lack of food. Rice now costs four times its normal price. It is estimated that 1.000 insurgents re entrenched at Calamba.

Reports have been received that 2,900 insurgents are massed at Mount Arayat, having strong positions which ommand steep and narrow trails, and that they are prepared to roll boulders down upon advancing troops.

Normal Conditions.

Life along the coasts of the provinces of Cagayan and North and South Hocos is resuming normal conditions. The American troops occupy the important towns and patrol the country roads. The natives impore the Americans to continue the occupation, to establish a settled government and to terminate the uncertainty, abuses and confiscations that have charcterized the rule of the Tagalog revolutionists during

he last eighteen months. Vast amounts of tobacco, estimated to be worth \$2,900,000, are ready for shipment to Manila. The opening of the ports of Dagupan, San Fernando, Vigan, Lacag and Aparri tomorrow will permit the resumption of trade. bringing relief to communities greatly in need of foodstuffs. Many vessels have already cleared from Manila for

these ports. Incoming Spanish prisoners declare hat Aguinaldo has ordered the release of all Spaniards now in possession of the rebels.

The mountain passes of Calagayan and the two Ilocos provinces are still guarded, in the hope of catching the insurgent general Tinio, who is still a fugitive. It is asserted that Lieutenant Gilmore is in Tinio's custody.

Bombs and Ammunition. Manila, Dec. 31.-6.10 p. m.-Four explosive bombs, a few fire arms and 500 pounds of ammunition were discovered in a house in the center of Manila this morning while the police were seeking Recarte, the insurgent leader, who was said to have come to Manila in the hope of effecting an outbreak

at General Lawton's funeral. Today it developed that the plot included the throwing of bombs among the foreign consuls attending the ceremony, in order to bring about international complications. Those, It seems, were to have been thrown from the Escoltas high buildings, but the avoidance of the Escolta by the funeral procession spoiled the plan.

The populace, it is thought, had been prepared for the attempt by a rumor circulated widely among the natives yesterday that Aguinaldo was in Manila and would personally lead the outbreak. The American authorities having been advised of what was transpiring, prepared for all contingencies. Captain Morrison, who commands the troops in the most turbulent district of the city, says he does not believe an actual uprising will ever occur, as the natives lack the resolution to take the first steps in a movement which would entail fighting at close quarters with the American troops.

STRIKE IN FRANCE.

Owing to Shortage of Coal the Situation is Improved.

St. Etienne, Dec. 3t .- Despite the extensive shutting down of the iron works and factories in this locality, owing to the shortage of coal, the situation today is improved, in consequence of the joint decision to arbitrate, M. Jaures, the Socialist, who will act for the strikers, in the arbitration, arrived here today to meet the representative of the mine owners.

and without further delay. The lace workers have also agreed to arbitrate.

A hopeful feeling now prevails that

dispute will be rettled amicably

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 31.-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday:

eastern Pennsylvania, cloudy
weather; probably snow Monday;
Tuesday fair; continued cold;
southerly winds, becoming variable.