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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1900.

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BULLER'S ADVANCE GOES STEADILY ON

Against Stubborn Opposition the British Capture an Important Position.

TWO DAY'S HARD FIGHTING

In the Early Part of the Struggle the Boers Artillery Fire Was Too Much for the British and Their Infantry Retreated; but Later the Attack Was Renewed in a Different Place, the Boers Were Surprised and the British Gained Possession of a High Ridge—This News Is Confirmed by the Boers. Fighting Reported at Sterkstroom. Roberts and Kitchener Leave for the Front.

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High Hill Taken. At 4 o'clock a high hill, a continuation of the Brakfontein, had been taken. The operations were excellently planned. The name of the hill taken is Krantz Kop.

Boer Head Lager. Boer Head Lager, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11 a. m.—Further reports of yesterday's fighting at the Upper Tugela river show that the British lost heavily at Pont Drift, but took an important position on a small kopje on the Molent Drift side. Four Boers were killed.

NOT IN MOOD FOR PEACE. Henry Labouchere Mobbled in Northampton by Loyal Britons. Northampton, England, Feb. 7.—The announcement that Henry Labouchere, editor of Truth and Liberal member of parliament for Northampton, would address a peace meeting in the evening drew a noisy crowd of opponents, who swarmed upon the platform and smashed the chairs.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR NOTES. Cape Town, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Buller have started for the front. Lord Roberts is expected to start for Cape Town Saturday to assist Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner, in the negotiations with the Boers.

Small Audience Heard Bryan. New York, Feb. 7.—Mr. Bryan spoke tonight at Carnegie Music hall on "Pending Problems," under the auspices of the Winfield Scott Hancock post, No. 228, Grand Army of the Republic, of the department of New York, for the relief of soldiers and widows and orphans. Less than 100 men and women paid the price of admission.

To Fight in San Francisco. New York, Feb. 7.—San Francisco will be the scene of the next big fight, W. A. Brady and George Conditine met again today and the question was practically settled. Conditine accepted the offer of \$100,000, but Brady refused to accept.

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CANAL TREATY IS GAINING IN FAVOR

SENATE COMMITTEE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE IT.

Probability of the New Nicaragua Canal Convention Being Ratified as It Stands—Democrats Who Will Vote for It—As the Treaty Stands It Was Drafted by Our State Department and Accepted by Great Britain—Foreign Opinions.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In the meeting of the foreign relations committee this morning the Hay-Pauncefote convention developed great strength. Members of the committee say that it will probably be reported favorably at the next meeting without amendment. Senator Morgan made a statement concerning disputed points which other members regarded as convincing. Senators Daniel and Morgan on the Democratic side will join the solid Republican membership in reporting the treaty as it stands. Senator Money's position alone is doubtful.

It appears that a majority of the committee on foreign relations, to which the treaty has been referred, favor its ratification, but an element in the committee as well as outside it will urge amendment, not only in the fortification clause, but also in that clause which pledges the neutrality of the canal.

The President's Views. Washington, Feb. 7.—It is learned that the text of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was the work of the United States state department. The British government accepted the document just as it was drawn, so the responsibility for whatever is contained in it and the form of expression are chargeable entirely to the United States.

Department officials are astonished at the amount of criticism that has been directed against the treaty, but they feel confident that the convention will be ratified, providing it is not amended, especially as to the fortification clause. It is understood that an amendment on that point would defeat the treaty, and it is intimated that the objection will be twofold, first from the British government, and second from the president himself.

DEPEW WHACKS AT PETTIGREW

The Misfit from South Dakota Nevertheless Persists in His Folly. Mutton in South African War Advocated in the House.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The house finished the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill by passing it substantially as it came to the floor. There was some desultory discussion of the Philippine question and the war in South Africa, the principal feature being the speech of Mr. Shafronoff in favor of mediation in the British-Boer treaty. The diplomatic bill as passed carries \$1,743,988.

A lively tilt between Mr. Depew (Rep., N. Y.) and Mr. Pettigrew (Rep., S. D.) was an unexpected feature in the senate today. Mr. Depew read a letter from President Schurman to the Philippine commission, in which he was dictating statements made by Mr. Pettigrew in a speech several days ago and then commented caustically upon the methods of the South Dakota senator in introducing the evidence of such men as President Schurman and Admiral Dewey through the statements of Aguinaldo. Mr. Pettigrew replied sharply, repeating much of what he has said heretofore and distinctly retreating the statements which had called forth the denials of both President Schurman and Admiral Dewey.

Discussion of the financial measure was then resumed, speeches being made by Mr. Turner (Dem., Wash.), Mr. Bates (Dem., Tenn.) and Mr. Allen (Rep., Neb.), all in opposition to the pending bill.

It was the intention of Mr. Chandler, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections to call up the Quay case today, but he yielded to the unanimous consent agreement to take up the pending financial bill, simply announcing that during any lull in the finance debate he would bring the Pennsylvania senatorial case before the senate.

TAFT NOT GOVERNOR.

Says He Will Stay in the Philippines Two Years. Washington, Feb. 7.—Judge William H. Taft, who was yesterday appointed president of the new Philippine commission, will leave Washington tonight for his home in Cincinnati. He said today that he would not remain in the islands longer than two years, and that on his return to this country he would resume the practice of the law.

He would not, he said, be appointed at any time governor general of the Philippines. He realized the fact that the mission of the commission was a most difficult one, but he had strong hopes of being partly instrumental in giving to the Philippines a civil government and a code which would secure to them the fullest possible measure of liberty and security to life and property.

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SUGAR TRUST SAYS STOP.

The Consequence Is a Shut Down of the Spreckles Refinery.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—Under orders from the officials of the American Sugar Refining company the Spreckles refinery here has closed, throwing out of employment 1,000 men. It was announced today at McCahan's refinery, which is a rival of the American Sugar Refining company, that the plant will be temporarily closed within a few days. Nearly 2,000 men are employed at this place. Superintendent Peterson, of the Spreckles refinery, said today:

All I know or can say is that we have received and are obeying orders to close down. The orders arrived Saturday night. We do not know the reasons, and cannot ourselves see the necessity for the shutdown. It is a complete one and the department of the works is being shipped to the other side of the sugar already barreled. We have received no intimation as to how long the works will last, but do not anticipate that the works will remain idle long.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO MAJOR LOGAN

Body of the Dead Warrior Viewed by Thousands and Borne to the Grave with Exceptional Military Honors.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 7.—Thousands of citizens and people from the surrounding towns and country passed through the vestibule of St. John's Episcopal church today, where the body of Major John Logan lay in state, surrounded by military guards. The sealed coffin containing the body reposed in the vestibule of the church. It was covered with the national colors and across the bier lay a broad band of silk embossed with the legend, "Major John A. Logan, 3rd U. S. V." Great masses of American beauty roses, pillows of violets and other rare and beautiful flowers almost concealed the casket. At 2 o'clock the coffin was removed to the church. The burial service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. A. L. Pearson, assisted by Bishop Leonard, of Cleveland.

The funeral procession, which was large, passed through the principal streets. It was in command of Captain James A. Freed and was composed of members of the seventh United States infantry and the regimental band from Fort Wayne, and a battalion of militia from the Fourth Ohio National Guard, in command of Lieutenant Colonel Pond, of Cleveland, G. A. R. Posts and Union Veteran Legion corps, city officials and citizens. The cortege was followed by the cortege moved and the interment was made in the Andrews Mausoleum in Oak Hill cemetery.

RECEIPTS AT HAVANA

Last Year They Were a Little Over Eleven Million Dollars.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The war department made the statement today that the total collections for the port of Havana for the 201 working days of the year 1899 were \$11,071,154, making an average daily collection of \$53,867. The total amount of collections for the year was derived from the following: Import duties, \$9,857,590; export duties, \$752,349; tonnage dues, \$250,957; American harbor improvement tax, \$129,645; cattle inspection fees, \$114,212; and cartage charges, \$12,422; capitulation tax, \$27,793; fines, confiscations, etc., \$6,333; overtime work of customs employees, \$8,124; consular fees, \$300; miscellaneous sources, \$38,466.

WOMAN SUICIDE IN ALASKA.

Sister-in-Law of the Union Pacific's President Kills Herself. Seattle, Feb. 7.—Mrs. John M. Tenney, formerly of Seattle, took her own life at Juneau on the evening of February 6. In a fit of insanity she had sought on by prolonged illness. Tenney had before the sailing of the steamship Cottage City, on which she was to have taken passage to Seattle, she seized a revolver and shot herself through the heart.

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MACHINE SHOPS BURNED.

Sprout, Waldron & Co.'s Plant Totally Destroyed. Williamsport, Feb. 7.—The large machine shops of Sprout, Waldron & Co., principal employers of Muncy, Pa., were totally destroyed by fire today and much valuable machinery was wrecked. The loss is \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The plant employed 200 men and was crowded with orders. The fire was caused by a spark from an engine.

RESCUERS MAKE PROGRESS.

Ave Within Forty Feet of Entombed Men at Oakdale Mine. Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 7.—The rescuing party at work in the Oakdale mine, where two men were entombed Monday, is within forty feet tonight of the place where the fall of rock and mud occurred. It is not believed that the men will be rescued alive.

Cycling Board of Control.

New York, Feb. 7.—The National Cycling association board of control met here today. The amateur champion of 1899, Frank L. Kramer, by his own request, was formally transferred to the professional class. The racing rules were not taken up.

FOR A FOREST RESERVE.

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DAMAGING FACT IN THE CLARK CONTEST

THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY MAKES SERIOUS ADMISION.

Says He Paid Off a Legislator's Indebtedness so That the Other Side Could Not Get a String on Him. Political Real Estate Speculation.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Walter M. Bickford was practically the only witness before the Clark investigation committee today. He was one of Mr. Clark's special friends in the last Montana senatorial campaign. Mr. Bickford contradicted much of the testimony of Speaker Stiff, Senator Myers, Representative Sullivan, Dr. Ector, Mr. Cowen and others.

He, however, admitted offering to Dr. Ector \$7,000 with which to lift the indebtedness of Representative Woods, of Ravalli county, saying that he had not intended that Mr. Woods "should know of his doing this, and that his only purpose was to control the debt so that the Daly people could not get hold of it and thus force Wood into voting contrary to his inclinations. He had received the money from Senator Clark's son, and when it was not accepted by Dr. Ector, he had returned it to Mr. Clark.

Mr. Bickford also explained the purchase of timber land owned by Representative McLaughlin prior to the meeting of the legislature. He contended that the property was worth more than he had paid for it, and that the timber was necessary in Mr. Clark's business. In his deal with Mr. McLaughlin he said he had never talked with him concerning the senatorial situation nor tried to influence him in that connection to vote for Mr. Clark. On his cross-examination Mr. Bickford stated that he was counsel for Mr. Clark, but after saying that he would not tell what his fees had been he said that all told Mr. Clark had paid him \$2,500 as counsel. He also said William McDermott had refunded to him the money expended in the campaign, and he thought Mr. McDermott was engaged in Mr. Clark's interest.

During the day the committee formally declined for the present to allow the defense to go into the campaign of 1892.

MOLINEUX TRIAL TO CLOSE TODAY

Counsel for Prisoner Finishes and the Prosecuting Attorney Begins His Final Address—Mrs. Molineux Moved to Terra.

New York, Feb. 7.—Barton S. Weeks today concluded his summing up for the defense in the trial of Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. Assistant District Attorney Osborne began the argument for the prosecution and had not finished when court adjourned until tomorrow. It is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

Mr. Weeks today continued his analysis of the testimony introduced, declaring it was a falsehood and that the prosecution had utterly failed to prove a motive. He took up the relations of Molineux and Cornish and asserted that there was no proof of malice toward Cornish on the defendant's part. Mr. Weeks today did not repeat his attack on Cornish.

Mr. Osborne at the outset of his argument stated that Cornish's connection with the case was thoroughly looked into at the start, before any arrest was made, and that Cornish was put through a most searching examination. The allegation that one of the jurors had been bribed to hang on by a log on such evidence was investigated today and found to be without basis.

Molineux's father, mother and wife were in court all day. The prisoner's wife wept bitterly during parts of Mr. Weeks' appeal to the jury.

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The rebels of Tayabas province were conveying some 200 Spanish prisoners to Libmanan, and on arriving there, the prisoners, exhausted and starved, revolted and dispersed their guards with stones and clubs. They also captured a few rifles and barricaded themselves at Libmanan, where they are awaiting the arrival of American troops.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications Today: RAIN.

- 1 General—Fighting in South Africa. Striving for Peace in Kentucky. Nicaragua Canal Treaty Gains in Favor. Damaging Admissions Made by Senator Clark's Attorney.
2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
3 Local—Criminal Court Proceedings. Text of Judge Edwards' Opinion in the Finn-Carter River Bank Fight.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local—Meeting of the Board of Health Luckawanna's Cosmopolitan Criminal Courts.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 Local—Live Industrial News.

PROPOSED ARCH OF NATIONALITY

Report Giving Reasons Why Congress Should Authorize a Memorial at Chickamauga Park of National Unity.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The secretary of war has forwarded to the committee on military affairs of the house a report which he called for from the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park commission upon Representative Grosvener's bill providing for the erection of an Arch of Nationality upon the battlefield at Chattanooga. The commission expresses the opinion that this is an appropriate site.

Because of all the great armies of the north and the south were either engaged there or numerously represented, namely: On the Union side, the Army of the Tennessee, and 2 corps from the Army of the Potomac, while on the Confederate side were the forces of Bragg, made up of his own Army, Longstreet's corps from the Army of Northern Virginia, and large forces from Vicksburg and from Joseph E. Johnston's command in Mississippi. The present and absent on the rolls of these commands, all of whom or their friends are interested, are, Union, 18,500 soldiers; Confederate, 10,000. The total organizations engaged were 28, of which 28 were Union and 28 Confederate.

Every state in the Union at the outbreak of the war east of the Rocky Mountains had troops engaged in the battles about Chattanooga, except New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Delaware. In the mobilization at Camp Thomas for the war with Spain New Hampshire and Vermont were recalled, and troops from both sections rallied there. This assembling of troops at Chickamauga, where fully one-quarter of the entire army was gathered, is deemed by the park commission to further emphasize the appropriateness of the proposed location of an arch of nationality, since there were engaged side by side under the one flag soldiers from Minnesota and South Carolina, Vermont and Tennessee, Michigan, Georgia, Arkansas and New York, Maine and Mississippi.

The commission points out that Chattanooga is nearer central and nearer the center of population than any of the great battlefields, being midway between Maine and Texas, between Minnesota and Florida, between the lake and the sea, and between Kansas and the Atlantic.

The plans of the commission, which has long been cooperating with General Allen in the entire reconstruction of battle sites, are to erect a complete roster of all commands engaged on each side down to regiments and batteries, and to erect a complete roster of all state commissioners and their governors who have assisted in the work of establishing the park, and a roster of all congresses which authorized the park and of the congress which authorized the arch as its crowning work.

The Grosvener bill appropriates \$300,000 for the arch.

FISTOL CURE FOR CRITICISM.

Disatisfied Wife, Daughter and Husband Shot by the Letter. Blackhawk, Colo., Feb. 7.—William Allen, a carpenter, shot and killed his daughter Lulu, aged 16 years, in her bed today, then shot his twice and finally shot himself in the breast. The father and mother are dying.

The cause assigned for the shooting is dissatisfaction expressed by Mrs. Allen because she was compelled to live in Blackhawk.

To Repeal Prize Fighting Law.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 7.—By a vote of nine to three the assembly committee on codes decided to report favorably tomorrow the bill of Morton E. Lewis, which provides for the repeal of the so-called Horton law which permits prize fighting in the state in regularly incorporated athletic clubs. The bill is slightly amended, however, so as to make it take effect Sept. 1, 1901.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Lahona, Pa., Feb. 7.—Rev. A. M. Stirk, presiding elder of the Harmony district of the United Evangelical church, died last night at his residence in this city of paralysis of the heart. He was 62 years of age. Mr. Stirk had been active in the ministry for over 23 years.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Adolphe Rothschild, who had a bank in Naples in the time of the Neapolitan monarchy, died in this city today. He had always retained intimate relations with the royal family of Naples.

Albany, Feb. 7.—"Bill" Cook who was sentenced in 1875 to forty-five years' imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary, died today from consumption. He was one of the most noted desperadoes of the Indian territory.

New York, Feb. 7.—John Taylor, for many years a prominent base ball pitcher, died today at New Brighton, Staten Island, of Bright's disease, aged 28 years. He pitched for the Philadelphia team for some years and last season was with the Cincinnati by whom he was reserved this year.

Pittsburg, Feb. 7.—Mother Elizabeth Strang, founder of the Order of Sisters of Mercy, in this country, and the last survivor of the seven sisters brought to this country in 1851, died at St. Xavier convent, near La Roche, Pa., today, of the infirmities of old age.

Cleveland, Feb. 7.—Alva M. Tucker, for a number of years the general manager of the Erie railroad, with headquarters in this city, died today in a sanitarium at Flint, Mich.

PEACE DEAL YET PENDING

Governor Taylor Continues to Think the Matter Over.

HE IS URGED NOT TO SIGN

Lieutenant Governor Marshall, One of the Signers of the Louisville Agreement, Says the Published Text Is Inaccurate, but Declines to Explain in What Particulars. The Legislature Goes Through the Motions of Meeting and Adjourning—Outpouring of People to View Governor Goebel's Remains.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 7.—The existence of a hitch in the peace negotiations and speculation as to its probable duration occupies the minds of politicians today to the exclusion of everything else. That another conference between the representatives of the two parties may be necessary before a final agreement is reached was indicated by the summoning to Frankfort this afternoon of Republican attorneys who have all along advised the leaders of that party and some of whom were present at Tuesday night's conference. These included ex-Governor Bradley, Hon. A. E. Wilson and David W. Fairleigh. The last named was said to be out of the city. The others left on an afternoon train for Frankfort. They would not talk of the negotiations not being advised as to the particular points Governor Taylor wishes to discuss with them.

The Republicans of this city are not agreed as to the wisdom of closing the negotiations on the basis of the agreement reached Tuesday night. Postmaster E. H. Barker, however, and other federal officers think the agreement should be made in the interest of peace, while the press and the anti-administration faction of the city believe the fight should be kept up. The latter, or Davis faction, held a meeting tonight at which resolutions were adopted urging Governor Taylor not to sign the agreement.

John Marshall, Republican lieutenant governor, said this afternoon that so many protests were being made by the Republicans against the terms of the peace agreement that he was doubtful if it would be signed. He said: "The terms of agreement as published are taken to be literally correct, while such is not the case. There have been several errors in the published statement."

Lieutenant Governor Marshall was one of the Republican members of Tuesday night's conference and one of the signers of the agreement. He said he was not at liberty to discuss the terms of the agreement further, nor to indicate in what respect the published reports of it were inaccurate.

Legislative Doings.

A majority of the Democratic members of the legislature are in the city and until Friday at least the headquarters of that body will remain here. About thirty Democratic members came down from Cincinnati today. Twenty or more have been here since Sunday. While others are at their homes at nearby towns, sessions of both houses were held at the Fifth Avenue hotel at 1 o'clock. Forty members of the house responded to their names when Speaker Trimble called that body to order. A quorum not being present, the sergeant-at-arms was ordered to secure the attendance of absent members. The house then adjourned until tomorrow.

Similar action was taken in the senate, where President L. H. Carter and twelve members were present. The meeting tomorrow will be held simply to comply with the law. By Friday it is expected a quorum of each house will be present. If that is the case the legislature will be adjourned to meet Monday in Frankfort, if the peace negotiations are in a satisfactory state. If not regular business will be taken up and the sessions will be continued in this city, in accordance with the plans which were being carried out last Sunday, when overtures for a peace conference were made.

This city will send a large delegation to Frankfort tomorrow to attend the funeral of Governor Goebel. Mayor Weaver and many of the city officials will attend and the Democratic clubs will be well represented.

Viewing Goebel's Remains.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—The remains of Governor William Goebel were brought back to Frankfort today from Covington and laid in state in the ladies' reception room at the Capitol hotel. There they will remain until tomorrow, when the relatives and intimate friends will take a last look at the features.

A steady rain was falling when the train arrived here, but in spite of this a throng of several hundred gathered at the railroad station and stood with uncovered heads as the casket containing the remains of Governor Goebel was taken from the car and put into the hearse. An escort of honor composed of Mayor DeLooney and members of the Frankfort city council accompanied the train.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: East—increasing easterly winds; cold; with snow, followed by clearing on Friday.