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SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 2, 1900.

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THE ENGLISH NOW HAVE LADYSMITH

General Buller's Men Take Possession of the Town.

SUFFERING OF GARRISON

Had Lived for Days on Half a Pound of Meat a Day and Horse and Mule Flesh—Will Need a Little Nursing—London Transported with Joy Over the News of the Relief.

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IN INTEREST OF MERCHANT MARINE

A REPORT PREPARED BY SENATOR FRYE.

Suggestion Made by the Committee on Commerce of the Senate—Value of the Merchant Marine Pointed Out—The Danger of Relying Upon Foreign Nations in Time of War Is Dwelt Upon—Decrease in American Shipping.

Washington, March 1.—The report prepared by Senator Frye upon the shipping bill reported by the committee on commerce of the senate was made public today.

The decrease in American shipping since 1869 is shown. In that year the value of imports carried in American vessels was \$28,956,772 and foreign vessels \$96,552,912.

A Promising Field. The maximum annual expenditures are fixed at \$9,000,000 in the bill.

Frolicked Like Schoolboys as They Waded the Modder River.

London, March 1.—One would suppose, says a special correspondent telegraphing from Bloemfontein, under date of Feb. 27, that such determined fighters as the Boers would have destroyed their guns, small arms and ammunition before surrendering.

BOER REPULSE AT MAFFERING. Forty Killed and Wounded in Attack on the Town Feb. 18.

London, March 1.—A special dispatch from Cape Town says that a telegram received there from Maffeking announced that a severe and protracted attack on the town on Feb. 15, but were driven off at all points.

HARRIS GETS SIXTEEN YEARS. The Baltimore Wife Murderer Is Sentenced.

Baltimore, March 1.—Harry W. Harris, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his wife, was sentenced by Judge Phillips, in the criminal court today, to sixteen years in the penitentiary.

NO EUROPEAN INTERVENTION. Germany Intends to Make No Offer and Has Heard of None.

Berlin, March 1.—The foreign office announces that, in spite of newspaper statements to the contrary, Germany neither knows of any project for intervention in South Africa nor intends such herself.

PRESIDENT AT NEW YORK. Mr. McKinley Will Attend the Ohio Society Banquet.

Washington, March 1.—President McKinley will go to New York tomorrow in a special car attached to the 11 o'clock Pennsylvania limited train, and on Saturday night he will attend a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

CHARLES L. DAVIS DEAD.

Theatrical Manager and Actor of Prominence. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 1.—Charles L. Davis (Alvin Joslin) the well known character actor and owner of Alvin theater in this city, died tonight, aged 52 years.

INSURGENTS ACTIVE.

They Ambush a Train Near San Fernando—Third Cavalry Prepared to Drive Them Out.

Manila, March 1.—5:35 p. m.—A hundred insurgents, seven miles from San Fernando de la Union, ambushed ten men of the Third Cavalry who were escorting a provision train.

THEIR FIRST VICTORY. Democrats Secure Extra Votes in Contested Election Case.

Washington, March 1.—The Democrats secured their first victory of the session in the house today on the motion to take up the contested election case of Aldrich vs. Robbins.

PHILADELPHIA ACTIVE. One-Half of the Convention Fund Already Paid In.

Philadelphia, March 1.—Mayor Ashbridge today sent to Senator Hanna, chairman of the national republican committee, a check for \$25,000 for the republican convention.

CUBAN TARIFF SCHEDULES. Are Not Satisfactory to the Planters.

Washington, March 1.—The Cuban tariff schedules, had a conference today with Secretary Root respecting the expediency of securing legislation from congress that will put Cuba on an equality with the other West Indian islands in the matter of imports into the United States.

Shot His Brother. Chicago, March 1.—Charles E. Lutz, who was seriously wounded by his brother, A. D. Lutz, today at the latter's art store, 56 West Madison street.

Public Debt Statement. Washington, March 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued today shows that at the close of business February 28, 1900, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,118,886,650.

Littlefield Endorsed. Portland, Me., March 1.—The Portland board of trade today emphatically endorsed the views expressed by Congressman Littlefield in his speech on the tariff bill.

English Army Estimates. London, March 1.—The army estimates, issued tonight, show a total expenditure of £20,489,600, an increase over last year of £2,852,200.

EFFECT OF THE HEAVY STORMS

RESULTS OF THE MARCH BLIZZARDS.

Snow Blocks Travel in the West, While the Floods Make Trouble in Eastern States—Central Pennsylvania Suffers from High Water. Two Deaths Result—Drowned in the Lackawanna.

Philadelphia, March 1.—The unusually heavy rain of the past two days, coupled with the melting ice and snow, has caused several floods in the central part of Pennsylvania.

Near Carbondale, a thirteen-year-old boy named Stanley Franz, while watching the flood on the Lackawanna, fell from a bridge and was drowned.

Bellefonte and Williamsport suffered severely from the rising waters. At the latter place Graffius Run broke loose and flooded the entire center of the city.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: FAIR, COLDER. 1 General-Siege of Ladysmith Lifted, Effect of the Storms. Professor McGiffert Will Withdraw from the Presbyterian Church. Hawaiian Bill Passes the Senate. Senator Frye on Our Merchant Marine. 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Robert Morris Lodge Banquet. Court Proceedings. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local-Seranton Electric Light and Heat Company Gets the Contract. Rev. John Dixon on Home Missions. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News About the County. 8 Local-President Seranton's Side of the Light Question. Live Industrial News.

PROF. M'GIFFERT WILL WITHDRAW

Union Seminary Professor Leaving the Church—The Trial for Heresy to Be Avoided—Has Consulted with His Friends, Who Say He Will Ask to Have His Name Taken Off the Roll of Presbytery.

New York, March 1.—Prof. Arthur C. McGiffert, of Union Theological seminary, whose views are the subject of attack by one group in the Presbyterian church at this time, has definitely decided to withdraw and will seek fellowship in the Congregational denomination.

In order to reach a decision, he called into conference about twenty of his closest friends and laid before them the entire matter. This conference was held a few days since.

From the same authority it was learned that Prof. McGiffert will seek fellowship in the Congregational body. He has no leanings whatever towards the Protestant Episcopal church, so his friends say, and will not follow that body.

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THE SENATE PASSES THE HAWAII BILL

Measure Providing for Government Has No Opposition.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION

The Scheme to Pay \$250,000 for Queen Lili's Interest in the Crown Lands Finds but Little Favor, Committee on Pacific Islands Reports Back to the Senate the Puerto Rican Tariff Bill Passed by the House—Mr. Penrose Will Ask for Vote on the Quay Case at an Early Date.

Washington, March 1.—After being under consideration for nearly ten days the bill providing a form of government for the territory of Hawaii was passed by the senate today without division.

Mr. Clay (Ga.) delivered today a speech on the Philippines. It was a carefully prepared argument in favor of the adoption of Bacon's resolutions declaring it to be the policy of the United States to turn over the islands to the Filipinos as soon as a stable government could be established by them under the protection of this country.

Mr. Foraker the Puerto Rican tariff bill passed yesterday by the house. The committee considered as soon as the conference report on the financial bill shall have been disposed of next Tuesday.

In the consideration of the Hawaiian bill Mr. Clark (Wyo.) proposed an amendment appropriating \$250,000 to be paid to Lillookalani, the late queen of the Hawaiian Islands, for all interest she may have in the crown lands.

The amendment was vigorously opposed and like other efforts to amend, was of no avail.

Mr. Foraker, chairman of the committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico, reported back to the senate the Puerto Rican tariff bill passed yesterday by the house.

There were other committee amendments to the bill relating to marriage and divorce laws. One allows priests who have taken vows of celibacy but who renounce the church, to marry.

The Quay case was not brought up today, but when Mr. Foraker presented his motion to make the Puerto Rican bill the unfinished business Mr. Penrose (Pa.) said, while he did not expect to oppose the motion, he desired it to be understood that he would press the Quay case and would ask for a vote at an early date.

THE IDAHO MINE TROUBLES.

Witness Tells of Trials Before the "Kangaroo Court."

Washington, March 1.—Wilbur Stewart, the newspaper publisher at Mullan, Idaho, today continued his testimony before the house committee on military affairs concerning the labor troubles in Idaho.

Mr. Stewart testified that one Johnson was taken before the "inquisition" and an effort made to learn from him the names of persons who participated in the riots.

Some of Mr. Lentz's inquiries brought into question the accuracy of the report of the testimony taken by the industrial committee as to the Idaho trouble, but that line of inquiry was ruled out on the ground that the committee had no authority to investigate the industrial commission.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Harrisburg, March 1.—Samuel Maner, one of the Democratic legislators who voted for General Simon Cameron for United States senator in 1857, died today, aged 84 years.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 1.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair, colder; Friday: high northwesterly winds; Saturday: fair.