

MR. CLEVELAND ON DEMOCRACY

His Opinion Upon Causes That Have Led to the Disorganization of the Party.

ALSO OFFERS A REMEDY

The Culmination of Democratic Woe Reached When the Rank and File Were Summoned to Do Battle Under Banners Bearing Strange Symbols—Abandonment of Principles Followed by Stunning and Staggering Defeat—Perseverance of Democratic Wanderings—A Time for Sober Thought.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Former President Grover Cleveland contributes to this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia an extended article on the "Plight of the Democracy and the Remedy," the copyright of which is held by the Curtis Publishing Company. Mr. Cleveland begins by reviewing the history of the party, and traces the causes which since 1864 in detail, in taking up the question of the present condition of the Democracy he says that the success of the party in 1892 was so decisive and overwhelming that a long continuance of its supremacy was anticipated. Then came the "fallacy of free silver," and Populism, Mr. Cleveland proceeds as follows: "The culmination of Democratic woe was reached when its compact with these un-democratic forces was complete, and when our rank and file were summoned to do battle under banners which bore strange symbols and were held out in unfamiliar forms, the result of a betrayal was foredoomed. This abandonment of the principles of Democracy, this contemptuous indifference to the traditions, the deliberate violation of the law of its strength and vigor, by a decree as inexorable as that of fate, followed by the inevitable penalties of stunning, staggering defeat.

Lessons Rejected. Again he says: "Thus in 1900 the lesson of 1896 was contemptuously rejected, and every hope of Democratic success was fully cast aside. Again our long-suffering rank and file were sacrificed, in a cause their better nature, and again it was demonstrated, but more clearly than ever before, that the only means of our recovery, the only success is adherence to recognized Democratic principles and reliance upon Democratic councils and leadership.

Work of the Board of Pardons. Releases Recommended—Pardons Refused—Cases That Are Under Consideration.

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Costly Alliance. Further on he declares: "I believe no Democrat will have the hardihood to deny that we have fought our last two campaigns in alliance with un-democratic forces and that this alliance cost us the election. Is there not good reason to suppose that even in success such an alliance would have proved unprofitable and dangerous?"

He preaches the return of Democracy to its old faith, saying: "Sincere Democrats of every condition and in every part of the land realize that the situation of the party needs repair. Reorganization is not necessary; but a return from our wandering is absolutely essential. Let us be frank with ourselves and candidly acknowledge the failure of attempting to gain Democratic victories except in the Democratic cause and through Democratic methods. Reclamation is worse than useless; and the negotiation of superior party virtues will be only a suggestion. This is the time for sober thought, tolerant language and fraternal counsel. We are dealing with the condition of a party that cannot be destroyed by external foes; and since its ruin can be wrought only from within, it should be imperishable. Above all things, there should be a manly renunciation and avoidance of undue sectional control. Democracy will not operate efficiently on sectional lines.

There is much for us to do; and the future is full of Democratic duty and opportunity. Our fighting forces will respond listlessly and faithfully if summoned to a third defeat in a strange cause; but if they hear the rallying call of true Democracy they will gather for battle with old-time Democratic enthusiasm and courage.

If I should attempt to epitomize what I have written, by suggesting a plan for the rehabilitation and restoration of true Democracy, I should embody it in these words: "Give the rank and file a chance."

TRACTION GRIEVANCES

Employees of Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Co. Make Demands.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 19.—The employees of the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley Traction company have submitted a list of grievances to the officials which they ask to have removed.

The principal grievances are long hours without extra pay. The men demand nine hours for a day's work and 20 cents for every hour worked.

Base Ball League

Cleveland, Dec. 19.—Charles Somers, one of the owners of the Cleveland club, returned from the east today. Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, he said, will surely be in the league.

WAR IN COLOMBIA

A Decisive Victory for the Government in a Two-Day Battle at Girardot Point.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The state department has received a cablegram from United States Charge d'Affaires Deaupre, at Bogota, stating that a great battle has been fought at Girardot Point, Magdalena river, Colombia, which lasted two days and resulted in a decisive victory for the government. It is reported that 50 were killed and many hundreds wounded. Other victories by the government forces of the utmost importance have been announced. The government is celebrating the victories, and considers itself greatly strengthened by the success of its arms.

GENERAL GRIGGS COMPLETES SPEECH

Argument Before the U. S. Supreme Court in Porto Rico and Philippine Cases Concluded.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Attorney General Griggs, who yesterday began the government's presentation before the United States supreme court in the cases involving the status of Porto Rico and the Philippines, concluded his argument late today. He closed his speech with a brilliant and eloquent denunciation of the "feeble and humble way," said he, "to support the legislative and executive branches of the government in dealing with these momentous questions. Throughout I have felt a serene confidence that nothing I have advised, nothing the government has done, has been without its precedents and forerunners from the most illustrious of our forefathers, from Jefferson, Jackson, Madison, Gallatin and from the chief justices of the past, that nothing has been done but tended to give the people a more complete knowledge of our country and the improvement of the people coming under our control." Instead of seeking strict and narrow constructions, he said, the powers of the executive and legislative branches had so been construed as to give the widest and amplest discretion so that the day would be hastened when we might give to these new peoples self-government, and to some of them perhaps a place in the galaxy of states.

The court adjourned as soon as Mr. Griggs finished, and members of the bar gathered about him to congratulate him upon his able and eloquent presentation of the government's case. Mr. Aldrich will close for the plaintiff in the Philippine case tomorrow, and the case will then be submitted.

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Pardons were refused John Kelly, Allegheny, burglary; Charles Stramulsky, Schuylkill, aggravated assault and battery; John McCoolick, Luzerne, second degree murder; William Welsh, aggravated assault and battery; Alexander A. Viskowsky, Allegheny, embezzlement; John D. Lamey, Philadelphia, robbery, and Patrick Reardon, Allegheny, robbery.

Rehearings were granted in the cases of Isaac Leedom, Lebanon, larceny; Emma Erbeben, Philadelphia, larceny; J. M. Moorehead, Armstrong, second degree murder, and Joseph Yendyck, Montgomery, indecent assault. A rehearing was refused in the cases of John Sadler, Westmoreland, first degree murder. These cases were held under advisement.

Labanna Ecker, Armstrong, burglary; Paul V. Colman, Philadelphia, forgery; Aaron Hin, Lebanon, second degree murder; J. W. McCreeby, Allegheny, assault and battery; Michael Darragh, Schuylkill, felonious arson; Augustus Nott, Luzerne, second degree murder; William Croftell, Lycoming, larceny; Jesse Costo, Blair, forgery; Mark Thomas Hayes, Fayette, first degree murder, and James Rutherford, Philadelphia, felony.

The cases of Frank Helms, Philadelphia, assault and battery; John Poyd, Allegheny, horse stealing, were continued.

New York Vice Committee

New York, Dec. 19.—At a meeting today of the committee of fifteen appointed by the mayor of commerce to work for the suppression of vice in this city, the following officers were elected: Chairman, W. H. Baldwin; secretary, Prof. Edwin E. Seligman, and treasurer, Geo. Foster Peabody.

High Price for Stock Exchange Seat

New York, Dec. 19.—An incident of the very active business in the stock market is the high price asked for membership on the stock exchange. Today \$25,000 was bid for a seat on the exchange compared with a sale yesterday at \$20,000, which was the record price.

MORE HAZING TESTIMONY

Thirty-Five Cadets Examined as to the Ordeals They Had Been Obligated to Undergo.

YOUNG HOBSON'S ORDEAL

Obligated to Stand Upon His Head in a Tub of Water but Did Not Consider It Brutal—John Herr, One of Booz's Bruds in the Fight, Said That Booz Was Not Knocked Out but That He Simply Laid Down. Different Modes of Torture.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—There was some very interesting testimony brought out today by the court of inquiry which is investigating the alleged hazing of cadets at the military academy here, in connection with the recent death of former Cadet Booz. Thirty-five cadets were examined during the morning and afternoon sessions and of these one was the brother of Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, of Merrimack fame; another was the son of General Phil Sheridan, and a third, Mark Brooke, of Pennsylvania, is a nephew of General Brooke, who is the presiding officer of the court. All three told of the hazing they got during the encampment of '98, at the time Oscar L. Booz was their classmate, and not one of them said that the treatment received or the things they had to do were either brutal or degrading.

Hobson's worst ordeal was when he had to stand on his head in a bath tub in which there was about ten inches of water. He said he was particularly strangled, and the ordeal was only a few minutes. Young Phil Sheridan was made to ride a broomstick along the company's street, in commemoration of his illustrious father's ride and he had to keep shouting, "Turn, boys, turn," all the time. He did not think this was humiliating, but he said, although he did not relish the task, he was nothing brutal in any exercises which he was put through, only they were tiresome.

Young Brooke said that the only man he had heard spoken of in any sense or being religious, was the president of the Young Men's Christian association, who was called "Saintry Mitchell." This was not done in disrespect, as the witness said every one of the cadets looked up to him and liked him.

Samuel Frankburger, of West Virginia, gave rather convincing proof that a cadet's religious belief or practice was not considered in any way detrimental to his standing with his fellows. Frankburger is a Hebrew, and in answer to the question of the commandant of the cadets as to his religion, he said: "I am a Jew, sir."

No Brutality.

He said he had been hazed, but in no harsher manner than that experienced by his classmates and he, too, said there was no brutality.

Booz's parents claimed that their son had complained of brutal treatment at that time. Frankburger said that if Booz had been treated brutally he would have known of it. Booz's tentmate, Albert, was also a Jew, but Frankburger swore that Albert was an uncompanionable man and was consequently disliked by his classmates.

John J. Herr, of New Jersey, who was one of Booz's seconds in his fight with Keller, told the story of the encounter, in which he said "Booz just kind of laid down without sufficient cause and when he fell the last time, although counted out, Herr said Booz was not knocked out or winded. On account of his actions in the fight, Herr said Booz was looked upon as a coward and nobody liked him afterwards. Herr strenuously denied that Booz was roughly or brutally hazed.

During the forenoon Cadet Charles Michael Eby, of Pennsylvania, went into a detailed description of the different modes of hazing which he had undergone. He described "bracing," "wooden willie," "foot ball," "eggling," "hanging on stretcher," and several other forms of "excuse" which he had gone through. He never saw a man faint from exhaustion during these ordeals, but told the court that he himself had fainted a faint while "eggling." As a windup to his testimony, Eby gave an exhibition of bracing, which is accomplished by pulling the chin from drawing back the shoulders while standing erect. He said this was an exaggerated form of a soldierly position.

None of these ordeals was brutal, he declared, and he never knew or heard of any one who had suffered any consequence of being put through them.

Sells Gets a Divorce

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Peter Sells, the circus man, was today granted a divorce from his wife on the ground of gross neglect of duty. The money and the ground were settled by agreement among the parties. This was the termination of a highly sensational case which had been heard in the courts here for several weeks. The amount of alimony agreed upon was kept secret by the parties interested, but from an authoritative source it was learned that the amount is \$20,000, of which \$5,000 is in real estate. All other suits which were pending as a result of the divorce case were dismissed.

Want Sympathy for Boers

New York, Dec. 19.—Under the auspices of the Transvaal league, there was held tonight a meeting for the purpose of arousing sympathy for the Boers. The fact that an Englishman, Ernest Temple Hargrove, of London, author of "World Politics," who spent eight months in South Africa during the heat of the struggle, was to speak on "How Americans Can Help the Boers" attracted a large attendance.

METZGAR TRAGEDY

Nothing Developed in Inquest to Establish a Motive for the Crime.

Bedford, Pa., Dec. 19.—Nothing developed at the inquest in the Metzgar tragedy, at Hopewell, to establish a motive for the crime. In Metzgar's pocket was found a letter addressed to his brother, Fred Metzgar, of Newark, N. J., enclosing a check for \$150, and telling him he would never see him again. In Mrs. Metzgar's trunk was found a tinsy of Metzgar, an invitation to the wedding of the couple in Newark on Wednesday, 1900, and several letters from her mother, wishing her success in her new position, and telling her to be a good girl. Witnesses at the inquest testified to hearing Mrs. Metzgar scream "Murder," and say "I'll be good," when the body was found. The door was shut up. This conversation was followed by a shot. Metzgar then, evidently hearing the people in the hotel coming toward the room, fired the shot that ended his own life, falling heavily.

Mrs. Metzgar's body was today claimed by her mother, Mrs. Caruthers, and sent to North Tonawanda, N. Y. Metzgar's body was taken charge of by his brother, Fred Metzgar, and taken to Newark tonight. Mrs. Metzgar had been with the Newark "Larkin" company only about a month.

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AT PEKIN

It Is Believed That Terms of the Joint Chinese Official Note Have Been Arranged.

Washington, Dec. 19.—While nothing had been heard of the agreement reached at Pekin this evening as to the terms of the joint Chinese official note, the officials here hope that the statements are correct and the way is now paved for its ratification by the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The officials here are unable to say just what the British modifications referred to in the Pekin dispatch are, but it is believed that they related upon the exclusion of the "irrevocable" clause which this government has insisted upon. The Chinese plenipotentiaries will appear in the preamble to the note. Minister Conger had positive instructions from this government on this subject, and the preamble to the joint note, it is said, will not contain that word. The Chinese peace envoy has given his assent to the terms within which to consider the demands made, and then will follow the formal negotiations for the settlement of the peace terms.

Officials here still decline to make public the terms of the note, but it is believed that the following points cover the essential features of the agreement: The punishment of the officials guilty of the Boxer outrages. The payment of indemnity for the wrongs inflicted by the Boxers to the persons, corporations and societies which have suffered. The revision of commercial treaties. Some reform in the taung li yamen; the ministers having business with the foreign office may transact it more expeditiously and with a responsible head.

A monument to Baron von Kettelear, the German minister, who was killed in Pekin, and the appointment of a prince of the blood to proceed to Germany to make formal apology to the emperor for the crime.

The right to keep a legion guard in Pekin. If this is desired, the exclusion of candidates for examinations for office for a certain number of years in the case of those who may be guilty of anti-foreign activity.

An interdiction of importation of arms into China and of material to be used exclusively in the manufacture of arms. The taking of measures to prevent future troubles. Some modification, it is believed, was made to the proposed dismantling of forts, so that hereafter there will be no firing of the guns, but will present ready access to the legations in Pekin.

THREE MEN BURIED ALIVE

Beneath Thirty-Five Feet of Earth in an Irrigation Canal.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 19.—Three men were this afternoon buried alive beneath thirty-five feet of earth in an irrigation canal four miles east of this city. The names of the men are T. C. Burns, of Montana; Stauch Burns, his son; Wood Litchfield, a hired man.

Burns, sr., was a wealthy ranch and sheep owner, who came here recently and invested heavily in irrigable lands. Half the male population of this city has left for the scene of the accident with teams and shovels, hoping to rescue the men. It is thought, however, that the men cannot survive until released from the ground, being sandy loam, in which they have probably been smothered.

SILENT HEROES ON THE GRANT

Remains of 398 Soldiers Who Died in Hawaii, China or Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It is stated at the war department that the transport Grant, which is due at San Francisco about the first proximo, brings the remains of 398 officers, soldiers and civilian employees of the war department, who died in Hawaii, China or Philippines, and that there are twelve dead on the transport Sherman, which is due at San Francisco on the 12th proximo.

Among the bodies on the Grant is that of Young Barber, the nephew of President McKinley, who recently died in the Orient.

Losses at Nootgedacht

London, Dec. 20.—The British losses at Nootgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 80 killed and wounded, with 41 missing and still unaccounted for.

VENEZUELA REVOLUTION

The Situation Serious—Americans and Their Property Threatened by the Fighting Elements.

WARSHIPS ARE NEEDED

A Second Cablegram from the Scene of Trouble Shows That the Situation of Americans Is Desperate and That Prompt Measures Only Can Save Them—An Attack Has Been Planned Upon All American Interests.

New York, Dec. 19.—A second cablegram, additional to that which came yesterday, was received this afternoon by Vice-President A. D. Andrews, of the National Asphalt company, concerning the revolution which has broken out in Venezuela.

This second cablegram asserts that the situation is extremely desperate as regards Americans and their property in the South American republic.

The message, which was sent by a representative of the asphalt company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States for the protection of Americans whose lives and property are endangered. A general attack, the cablegram says, is being planned upon all American interests in Venezuela, and if success, in the prompt dispatch of warships by the United States government, is not forthcoming at once, the results may prove disastrous.

Vice-President Andrews said this afternoon that he believed the situation to be desperate not only as far as the interests of his company are involved, but regarding the interests and properties of all Americans in Venezuela.

THE MILITARY BILL IS TO BE REPORTED

A Complete Substitute for the House Measure—The Canteen Provision.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on military affairs today completed its work upon the army reorganization bill and late this afternoon its action was endorsed by the full committee.

The bill will be reported to the senate tomorrow. The bill is a complete substitute for the house bill. The house canteen provision was changed so as to permit the sale of beer at the canteens. This exception was made by omitting the word "beer" from the prohibitive clause.

The new bill continues the rank of major general to General Corbin so long as he may serve as adjutant general, but reduces the rank afterward to brigadier general.

The maximum strength of the army is fixed at 100,000 men. It is inserted in connection with the provision for the enlistment of Filipinos, which provides that, when in his opinion the conditions in the Philippine Islands justify such action, the president is authorized to enlist natives of those islands for service in the army, to be organized as scouts, with such officers as he shall deem necessary for their proper control. The total number of enlisted men in said native organizations shall not exceed 12,000 and the total enlisted force of the line of the army, together with such of the force, shall not exceed at any time 100,000.

The field officers for the native troops are all to be Americans for the present, but whenever the Philippines show fitness for command, the president is authorized to make provisional selections from among them for the grades of first and second lieutenants.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF

Employees at Kingston Collieries Return to Work With Increase.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 19.—The strike at all collieries of the Kingston Coal company was declared off tonight and the 1,000 employees will return to work tomorrow morning. The officials authorized to make provisional selections in conference all day. The company agreed to pay all its employees semi-monthly in the future and also allow the miners a checkweighman of their own. The tonnage and company share question will be arbitrated in the near future. The strikers demanded the discharge of Foreman Thomas R. Morgan, but it was mutually agreed to refer the matter to the executive branch of the United Mine Workers.

No More Prize Fights

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Mayor Harrison today revoked all permits for prize fights, issued prior to the passage of the anti-light ordinance by the city council Monday night. The mayor's action puts an end to stories that he would not approve the new law.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today, Fair; Rain at Night.

- 1 General—Ex-President Cleveland's Remedy for Democracy.
2 Serious Situation in Venezuela. Treating the People in the Senate. Testimony Before the Hazing Investigation Committee.
3 General—Carbondale News Department.
4 General—General Knox Forced to Abandon Pursuit of DeWet. Financial and Commercial.
5 Editorial. Note and Comment.
6 Story—"The Vindication of Crawford."
7 Local—Don't Forget the Trolley Men. Court Proceedings. Licensed Dealers Will War on the Speakeasies.
8 Local—How Christmas Will Be Observed. Hope of Delaying Change to Second-class City Has Vanished.
9 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
10 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania News.
11 Local—Live News of the World of Labor.

EDWARD CUDAHY, JR., IS KIDNAPPED

The Entire Police and Detective Force of the City Unable to Locate Missing Man.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Edward Cudahy, Jr., 17 years old, son of Edward Cudahy, millionaire packer and head of the Cudahy Packing company, in Omaha, is missing from his home in this city and his parents believe he has been kidnapped. The entire police and detective force of the city and half a hundred men employed by Mr. Cudahy, have been scouring the city and country throughout the day, in hopes of locating the young man or securing a clue which would lead to a knowledge of his whereabouts, but without success. Mr. Cudahy has offered to pay a substantial reward and no questions asked if his son shall be returned to his home. An anonymous letter has been received at the Cudahy home substantiating the fears of the family that he has been kidnapped.

Young Cudahy left home at 8 o'clock last night to take some books to an acquaintance about two blocks distant, and that was the last seen of him. At 9 o'clock this morning a man on horseback rode rapidly by the Cudahy mansion and as he passed, he threw a letter into the yard. The letter was in substance: Mr. E. A. Cudahy: Your son is safe. We have him and will take good care of him and will return him to you in consideration of the payment of \$25,000. We mean business. (Signed) Jack.

The remainder of the note the police refuse at present to disclose, as they say it relates to the place where the money is to be left, and where the kidnapers are to leave the boy. In case Mr. Cudahy complies with their terms, Mr. Cudahy is undecided as to whether the letter emanates from the kidnapers or from some crank who threw it in the yard with no purpose other than creating a furor.

Ed. A. Cudahy tonight telegraphed his brother, Michael Cudahy, of Chicago, to send a force of Pinkerton detectives to this city at once, and they are expected to arrive here some time tomorrow, when they will be put to work on the case. The entire force of a local detective agency of this city and all the available local detectives have also been started on the search.

FREDONIA VICTIMS ARE BURIED

Thousands Came From Far and Near to Attend the Funeral Services.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Fredonia, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The remains of Phineas Jackson Morris, janitor; Ruth Thomas, of Pike, N. Y.; Maud F. Flizell, of Bradford, Pa.; Cora Storms, of Boston, Erie county, N. Y.; Inez Jones, of Busti, N. Y.; May Williams, of Canonsville, N. Y.; Bessie Hathaway, of Lake Como, Pa., victims of the fire which destroyed the State Normal and Training school, were laid at rest today. Every store in the village was closed. Thousands came from far and near to witness the services, which began at 11 o'clock, when high mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Catholic church and were concluded at 2 p. m. in the First Presbyterian church.

Following the services, all the caskets were carried to Forest Hill cemetery in separate hearses and the bodies laid side by side in one grave.

Steamship Arrivals

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Bremen. Sailed: George, Liverpool; Southark, Antwerp; Southampton; Majestic, Liverpool. Glasgow—Arrived: Furness, from New York. Naples—Arrived: Columbus, from New York. Southampton—Arrived: New York, from New York. Sailed: Trave from Bremen; New York. Hamburg—Arrived: Deutschland, New York via Plymouth. Lizard—Passed: Westerland, Antwerp for New York (later returning in tow of Steamer Sonnerbill).

Missionaries Killed

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 19.—News has been received by Professor Fridolf Hiesberg at the Scandinavian alliance mission of North America from Missionary Fridstrom in China, that all the Scandinavian missionaries to Mongolia are killed, and among them Carl Johan Suber, of Boston.

Two Hundred Christians Killed

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Vienna reports recent Muslim excesses against the Christian population in the central province of Turkey, where two hundred Christians have been killed.

SENATE TALKED OUT ON TREATY

Another Bargain Must Be Made with Spain for the Sulu Islands, Sibutu and Gagayan.

OUTSIDE BOUNDARY LINE

It Will Require Another \$100,000 to Secure a Clear Title to the Islands—One in Line of Borneo May Prove Valuable—Congress Authorizes the Appointment of Representative Charles A. Boutelle as Captain in the Navy on Retired List.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Today's executive session of the senate demonstrated that the discussion of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by that body is practically exhausted, and that the senate is ready for the vote, which has been fixed for tomorrow. When, upon Senator Lodge's motion, the doors were closed today and he called up the treaty, no senator evinced a desire to speak upon it.

Without making any special request for speakers, Mr. Lodge asked the senate to take up the treaty with Spain, providing for the cession to the United States of the Philippine Islands of Sibutu and Gagayan Sulu and their dependencies in consideration of the payment to Spain of \$100,000. Objection to this request was made by several senators, including Messrs. Hoar, Wellington and Bacon, and Senator Lodge, with the hope of removing the objections made, went into a brief explanation of the terms of negotiations. He explained that the islands are comprised in the Philippine group, and said that the United States would be bound to pay Spain the amount of \$100,000 for the islands, and the United States had taken possession of the islands under this supposition. It was soon found, however, that the definite line of our acquisition fixed by the treaty cut them both out. It is a result, he explained, that a definite boundary declaration always supersedes an indefinite declaration. Hence, in order to leave no doubt of our ownership the treaty for the cession of these islands had been negotiated, and he believed that the United States would have much trouble in the future by consummating the bargain. He characterized the proceedings as in the nature of a title quitting process. Mr. Lodge also called attention to the fact that one of the islands is directly on the line of communication with Borneo, and the strategical value of Borneo conclusion that some day it might be important as a cable station.

Senators Hoar and Baer said they would like to have more time to consider the question. Accordingly the treaty was laid aside for the time being.

Appointment for Mr. Boutelle

Congress has authorized the president to appoint Representative Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, to be a captain in the United States navy on the retired list. Today, without a word of opposition, the senate passed the bill, which authorized the president to appoint Mr. Boutelle to the rank of a member-elect of the next house, it is assumed that he will resign his membership in the house, and thus open the way for his retirement in accordance with the provisions of the resolution.

Mr. Boutelle for many years has been a member of the house, and was re-elected to the next congress. His serious illness for a long time has been a matter of national concern. Aside from the transaction of some routine business and the passage of private pension bills, the senate did nothing of importance in open session today.

CAPTURE OF A TERROR

North Penn Whiston Is Arrested at Easton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Easton, Dec. 19.—The police today arrested a burglar, known as "North Penn Whiston," who is wanted in nearly every county in eastern Pennsylvania. Besides his connection with burglaries the prisoner is believed to have had a hand in the murder of Charles Rockel, the aged wine maker, in Lehigh county Tuesday night. "North Penn Whiston" was about the saloons last night drunk and boisterous.

At several places where he pulled a 38-caliber revolver and threatened to use it.

Honoring the Memory of Ludlow

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 19.—Governor Voorhees today issued a proclamation on the death of ex-Governor Ludlow, who died at New Brunswick yesterday. The proclamation ordered the flag on the state house to be placed at half mast until after the funeral and directed that the public buildings be suitably draped for thirty days.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 19.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Thursday; rain at night and Friday; variable winds.