

WEEK'S PROGRAMME OF CONGRESS

The Nicaragua Canal Bill is Still in the Committee Stage in the House.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY WILL BE CONSIDERED

Hearings Will Begin on Wednesday. General Wood and Others Will Address the Committee—The Senate Is Still Without Any Definite Plan of Action—Republican Leaders Have Practically Decided to Make Material Reduction in Tariff on Philippine Imports.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The really important work of the house of representatives, aside from the Nicaragua canal bill, is still in the committee stage, so that there is little of importance to be considered during the coming week. Monday will be given to bills affecting the District of Columbia. After that the pension appropriation bill will be passed. Although this measure carries about \$129,000,000, it follows the department estimates and does not involve any serious issues, so that after a brief explanation its passage usually follows promptly. The ways and means committee has a few minor bills on the calendar, for the redemption of revenue stamps made worthless by the repeal of certain features of the war revenue act. With the disposal of these bills, there will be little to engage the attention of the house, and there promises to be several periods of adjournment, during which time the committees will perfect the larger measures to be brought before the house. The chief interest of the week will center in the hearings on Cuban reciprocity, to begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning before the ways and means committee. The hearings will continue for several days, and it is expected that General Wood and others prominent in Cuban affairs, as well as the interest opposed to reciprocity, will address the committee.

Senate Without Plans. The senate is still without any definite plan of action for the future, and the indications are that the present week will witness a greater display of activity in the senate committee rooms than in the senate chamber. There are very few matters of importance on the calendar, but enough to engage attention for a few hours each day until Thursday, when the senate probably will adjourn for the week. Among the measures which there will be an effort to get out of the committee during the week are the Nicaragua canal bill, the Philippines tariff bill and the ship subsidy bill. The indications are that the Nicaragua bill will be reported practically as it passed the house, and that the shipping bill will not be materially amended, but the Republican leaders have practically decided to make a material reduction of the tariff on Philippine imports. It is not probable that the discussion of either of these questions will begin for some time. The utmost that is to be expected in that direction is a preliminary arrangement for consideration. Which of the measures shall receive first attention is not yet determined, and considerable rivalry is likely to develop for precedence. All of the three measures will be debated at some length when taken up in the senate.

TO SURVEY WATERS.

The Dolphin Sails from Washington with Three Men Missing. Washington, Jan. 12.—The dispatch boat Dolphin sailed from Washington yesterday for Porto Rico. She will make deep sea soundings on the way, will do survey duty in Porto Rican waters, and will probably return here in April. Her departure was delayed by the disappearance of Joseph Townsend, William A. Miller and Magnus Nielson, ordinary seamen. Townsend had recently been court-martialed for resisting arrest, and his sentence was in abeyance. The men had not been arrested when the vessel sailed. Lieutenant Commander Gleaves, of the Dolphin, says the men had no grievance, and he does not understand why they left the ship.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. SELBY.

Alimony of Pugilist's Wife, Five Hundred Dollars a Month. Saratoga, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Justice J. W. Houghton yesterday granted a decree of absolute divorce to Mrs. Julia Woodruff Selby from Norman Selby, better known as "Kid McCoy," the pugilist, who is now conducting a sporting place in London. The co-defendant named in the action is one Daisy Dixon. To the plaintiff has also been granted alimony of \$500 a month. She will resume her maiden name of Julia Woodruff. The roadhouse on the east shore of Saratoga Lake and known as "the Kid McCoy Farm" is owned by Mrs. Julia Woodruff Selby.

Silk Dyer's Suicide.

New York, Jan. 12.—Edward Bathurst, 65 years old, a well known silk dyer of this city committed suicide here today. He was prominently connected with the silk industry and had extensive plants at Haverstraw, N. Y. While suffering from a neuritic attack he shot himself.

FRENCH MERCHANTS PROTEST.

But the Treasury Department Will Not Revoke Its Order.

Washington, Jan. 12.—M. de Margerie, secretary of the French embassy, has made a protest in behalf of the merchants of his country against the recent order of the treasury department prohibiting the admission of adulterated canned fruits to American ports. The assertion was made that the canned goods on which the department has just placed a rigid ban did not contain enough poisonous acid to make them dangerous. After considering the protest officials decided that the order, which was based on an investigation by the department of agriculture, would have to stand. The manufacturers contend that such a small amount of sulphurous acid is used for polishing and preserving the fruit that it does not affect the fruit as an eatable. Chemists of the department of agriculture, however, say that in subjecting the fruit to the polishing process the acid permeates the fruit, and thereby makes it dangerous for food.

MINISTERIAL CAMPAIGN AT ST. ETIENNE

The Town Elaborately Decorated with Flags—M. Waldeck-Rousseau and Party Cheered.

St. Etienne, France, Jan. 12.—The opening of the ministerial electoral campaign here today proved an unqualified success. The weather was fine and cold.

Since yesterday, the capital of the Loire has been filled with people from the surrounding districts and numerous visitors from Paris and other parts of France.

Besides M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French premier, the ministers of war, marine, the colonies and commerce, were in attendance, as were the principal military and civil officials of the department.

Today's ceremonies include visits to the hospital and other local institutions of St. Etienne. The town was elaborately decorated with flags. M. Waldeck-Rousseau and the other ministers were greeted with cheers and cries of "Vive La Republique," "Vive La Loi," and "Vive L'Union."

It is not a hospital that I have just visited; it is the vestibule to the morgue. He promised to do his utmost to secure government aid in building new hospitals.

The speech took the form of a review of the policy of the government and the work of the present legislature.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau declared that since the formation of his ministry the country had acquired a security unknown for a long time and that it required no further action to recognize that the bad days had gone by. When the cabinet took office, he said, the factions of the party which regarded France as its own property and patriotism as a political industry, the sole patent of which it conferred upon itself, had prepared to usurp power by the exercise of veritable tyranny, and that within the first year this tyranny was succeeded by material and moral disorder.

He recalled the sweeping Republican victory in the municipal elections, and that the hour for action, instead of defence, had seemed to have arrived, and that the government submitted a programme of reforms. He said the adoption of the law of associations had marked a decisive step forward from the point of view of economic development and the guarantee of society.

Referring to the liquor legislation, which had resulted in a loss of a treasury, the premier said that the transitory deceptions attributed to this law were not too heavy a price to pay for the suppression of the scourge of alcoholism which threatened the very existence of the race.

Alluding to the naval programme of France, M. Waldeck-Rousseau said that sub-marine boats, the construction of which was due to French genius, were calculated to overturn the laws of naval pre-eminence.

NEW BOOK ON SCHLEY CASE

War Correspondent Graham Tells Story of the Santiago Battle.

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MOVEMENTS OF THE FLYING SQUADRON

Views of the Fight with the Spanish Fleet Obtained on Board of the Brooklyn—A Defense of Admiral Schley—Correspondent's Version of the Signals on the Arrival of the New York.

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"I am sure you feel as pleased at having New York at the front as I do for I have listened to the best account I have ever heard or read of the naval fighting during this war."

"This book is the first and only complete story of the work of the flying squadron, commanded by Schley. Mr. Graham was assisted by his camera, which enabled him to take many interesting illustrations and the account he gives of the movements of the fleet and the battle is evidently sincere. It is free of virulent and personal attacks; the aim is to give a truthful statement of every occurrence. In the arrival of the New York, Mr. Graham says: "The commodore reached over to me, took my glasses and looked searchingly to the east, saying slowly as he did so: "There is the Texas and there is the Vixen, but I don't see the Commodore. He is apparently behind the glasses up, in an instant he evidently had found her, for he remarked: "Yes, there she is. I can tell her by her smoke."

This was at 4:15 o'clock after the Colon had gone ashore, while Captain Schley was in the command of the New York. At 5 o'clock, just as the New York had got within signalling distance, Commodore Schley ordered the signal raised: "A glorious victory has been achieved; details later." This signal replaced the one which we had been expecting to see, and he thought she would be able to fill her engagement at Chattanooga tomorrow night.

PEACE MEETING TO BE HELD AT CORINTO

The Nicaraguan Officials Will Confer with Presidents of Other States of Central America.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 12.—President Zelaya, the ministers of his cabinet and several other Nicaraguan officials have left here for the port of Corinto, on the Pacific, where they will meet and confer with the presidents of the other states of Central America, who will assemble there upon the invitation of President Zelaya.

General Terencio Sierra, president of Honduras, and General Tomas Regalado, of Salvador, are already on their way to Corinto. The presidents of the other republics, or their representatives, are reported as intending to go to Corinto later. The object of these meetings is declared to be the preservation of peace. They will occur January 15 and 16.

HUMAN SACRIFICE PREVENTED

Sisters of Charity Save Hy Wong from Being Offered Up to Joss.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 12.—A human sacrifice was prevented by the timely arrival of some sisters of charity upon the scene in this city. Hy Wong, a paralytic Chinaman, who has been a county charge, was returned to the care of his countrymen in Chinatown. While he was an inmate of the county hospital, his captors had planned, on this account, the Chinese made preparations to offer him as a sacrifice to Joss.

Hy Wong managed to get a message to the sisters at the hospital and they rescued him before his life was taken. It is asserted that all preparations for Hy Wong's execution had been completed when the sisters arrived at the Joss house.

M'KINLEY MEMORIAL.

Ten Thousand Dollars Contributed to Fund by Pittsburgh Workers.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 12.—Ten thousand dollars was yesterday contributed to the national fund for a McKinley memorial by the workmen of Homestead. It was one of the largest amounts for this purpose that has been raised in Western Pennsylvania, and the amount, together with the names of those who donated to the cause, will be forwarded to the directors of the McKinley memorial commission in Washington early this week.

The majority of the workmen gave a half day's pay, from the lowest laborer to the heads of departments. There were a few, however, who gave nothing.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—The ledger, in its usual article tomorrow will say: "The anthracite coal trade presents the usual unattractive conditions. The coal shortage, along with transportation and mining and other difficulties has interfered with the movement of coal, but the companies are sending forward all the tonnage they can transport, and the demand continues good and the market takes all that can be got to deliver ports or to consumers. Prices are fully maintained and new contracts are being made. The coal companies are engaged in making up their statistical reports of the best coal year they ever have had, and are beginning a new year which is expected to be fully as good."

AGED WOMAN ROASTED.

Mrs. Cristal's Charred and Lifeless Body Found by a Policeman.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Marie Cristal, aged 72, was literally roasted to death last night. Her charred and lifeless body was found in her room by a policeman, who had seen smoke issuing from the place. The woman's death was at the request of some neighborhood board—presumably of Philip himself—gave three cheers for Commodore Schley. The little Vixen circled around three or four times, her crew yelling themselves hoarse for the Brooklyn, for Schley and for the crew. But from the New York came never a sound and never a cheer."

COLLIERY WILL RESUME.

Shenandoah, Pa., Jan. 12.—The Knickerbocker and Shenandoah collieries of the Reading Coal and Iron company, and the Lawrence colliery of the Schuylkill estate, which were rendered idle by the heavy flood four weeks ago, will resume operations tomorrow. About 2,400 men and boys will be given employment.

STATEMENT OF MRS. DENNIS.

The Washington Dressmaker Talks of the Mysterious Assault.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Adla Gilbert Dennis, the fashionable milliner, who was mysteriously assaulted on the night of Dec. 9, was able for the first time today to make a statement. The police have been hopeful that what she would say would throw some light on the motive for the crime or lead to the discovery of the perpetrator, but Mrs. Dennis' statement contained nothing that would give any clue in either direction.

MADAME NORDICA IS INJURED IN A WRECK

Engineer of Train Killed—The Singer Sustains Bruised Shoulder. Pianist Simmons Hurt.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 12.—As a result of a collision between a passenger train and a freight train on the Southern Railway, this morning near Reeves station, twelve miles north of Rome, Mme. Lillian Nordica, the singer, was injured; her pianist, E. Romane Simmons, sustained a bruised hand, an engineer was killed and three other employees of the road were injured. Engineer Frank Tracey, in attempting to jump, was caught between the two locomotives and crushed to death.

Mme. Nordica's private car was attached to the rear of the passenger train. When the collision occurred, Mme. Nordica was asleep in the private state room of the car. The sudden jar threw her from her bed to the floor. It is expected that she sustained a badly bruised shoulder and the muscles of her neck are said to have been strained. Dr. Garlington, the railroad company's surgeon here, attended the singer. He stated tonight that Mme. Nordica was not badly hurt and he thought she would be able to fill her engagement at Chattanooga tomorrow night.

BASE BALL TRUST.

Mr. Brush Issues a Statement Regarding Spalding's Scheme.

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—John T. Brush today issued an elaborate and corroborative statement, in which he discusses A. G. Spalding's proposed base ball trust, which he says is blocked by himself and Frank DeHaas Robinson. The documents in evidence are copies of letters and telegrams passing between Messrs. Hart, Spalding, Robinson and himself, also conversations, which are given by letters.

After declaring Spalding to be the original promoter of what is known as the base ball trust, Mr. Brush leads up to a meeting with Mr. Spalding in Chicago, where he was made acquainted with Spalding's plan to organize on the lines of the American Bicycle trust. Mr. Brush furnished a copy of a letter written by him to Mr. Robinson on July 15, at the solicitation of Messrs. Spalding and Hart, with the view of securing Mr. Robinson's consent to join Mr. Spalding in his efforts to formulate a base ball trust, also of the form of opinion that he was asked to sign which was the same as that given by Mr. Spalding when he formed the bicycle trust. In this letter Mr. Brush informs Mr. Robinson of his opposition to Spalding's proposed trust, fearing that under its working the Cincinnati club might be placed in a plight of some sort in which its interests could not be protected.

DEATH LIST INCREASED.

New York Central Tunnel Victims Now Number Seventeen.

New York, Jan. 12.—The death list caused by the New York Central tunnel accident, was today swelled to seventeen.

Winfield Plutze, who had submitted to the amputation of one of his legs, died today at Flower hospital. He lived in New Rochelle.

Richard Molineux, another New Rochelle man, who is at the same hospital, is reported to be in a precarious condition. The other patients are progressing favorably.

FARM HAND MURDERED.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—William Mettes, an aged farm hand of Cynwyd, near here, was murdered some time last night near that place. His body was found today in a clump of woods. The body had been crushed and the face battered in. Four persons with whom he had a quarrel yesterday afternoon, were placed under arrest by the Montgomery county police on suspicion of knowing something about the crime.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Jan. 12.—Arrived: Etruria, Liverpool and Queenstown; La Gasconne, Havre; Aqueduct Victoria, Southampton and Cherbourg; Palatia, Hamburg and Boulogne; Havre-Arrived: La Champagne, New York.

SEVEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Nursemaid Burned to Death Set Fire to Herself at Gas Jet While Drawing a Bath.

Orange, N. J., Jan. 12.—As a result of burns received this morning at the home of Sidney M. Colgate, at No. 363 Centre street, Orange, Miss Marion Baigrie, a nursemaid, died late this afternoon at the Orange Memorial hospital. Miss Baigrie, who was twenty years old, was a daughter of Andrew W. Baigrie, of East Orange. Mr. Colgate is one of the well known firm of soap manufacturers of New York.

Miss Baigrie, it is thought, caught fire from a gas jet while drawing a bath for the little Colgate child. Probably not until she felt the flames did the maid realize her danger. She raised no outcry then, but ran from the bathroom into the nursery, where the Colgate child was asleep in bed. Another maid was in the nursery, but Miss Baigrie eluded her and ran into the hall, where she was followed by the flames. In the main hall she gave a shriek which resounded through the house. Mr. Colgate, who was in his own bath-room, alarmed at the outcry, hastily ran into the hall. At the same moment Mrs. Colgate ran from her apartment, the door being unlocked. She started at once toward the burning girl. The flames had by that time practically burned off her dress. Removing an elderdown robe, which she wore, Mrs. Colgate threw it about the girl, and she and Mr. Colgate carried her to another apartment, where they enveloped her in a rug. In subduing the flames Mrs. Colgate was quite badly burned on both hands, and Mr. Colgate was burned on his right hand, his left arm and his face.

EXPEDITION OF WINT AND WELLS

The American Columns Drive the Loboo Rebels from Their Barracks and Hamlets.

Manila, Jan. 12.—The news received from Batangas province, a cheerful one during the entire expedition. The columns under Colonels Wint and Wells have destroyed a large number of barracks and hamlets and enough rations to keep 20,000 Filipinos for six months. There was not a single American casualty during the entire expedition. The enemy fled before the Americans, many of them were killed and several surrendered.

Major Henry Allen, formerly governor of the island of Leyte and now chief of the insular constabulary, has been instructed to send a column through the islands of Leyte and Mindanao, has returned to Manila and reports that the native constabulary is fully able to control the situation in the province of Misamis, in Northern Mindanao, where he thinks the situation has been much exaggerated. Previous reports concerning this province caused General Davis and Wade to report that it be returned from civil to military control.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

An Elaborate Programme to Be Prepared for His Entertainment.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The announcement that Prince Henry of Prussia, the brother of Emperor William, will come to the United States at an early day, already has caused much interesting speculation as to the details of his reception. The programme for his entertainment will be an elaborate one, appropriate for his high station.

MARCONI IN NEW YORK.

The Distinguished Inventor Will Be Guest of Electrical Engineers.

New York, Jan. 12.—Signor William Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, arrived here today from Canada where he has been the guest of the Dominion government. Tomorrow evening he will be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He will sail for Europe on Wednesday.

FOX PLANT PURCHASED.

Joint Bill, Jan. 12.—It is unofficially reported here that the United States Steel corporation has purchased the Fox Pressed Steel company's works and that that plant will resume work this week under new management. Officials here cannot confirm the rumor. The Fox plant has been idle since last summer, on account of labor troubles. The mill has the latest improved machinery, employs several hundred men and makes steel cars and trucks.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Albiontown, Pa., Jan. 12.—John Bowen, one of Albiontown's wealthiest merchants, vice president of the Lehigh Valley Trust and Safe Deposit company, died today, aged 67 years. He went to California in 1849 where he was a business associate and intimate friend of George Sharspe, Mackay, Flood, O'Brien and other big money makers, returning in 1860. During the Civil war he served in Captain Prescott's cavalry company of miners.

HENRY PEARLSTEIN, WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Henry Pearlstein, his wife and five children, ranging in age from one and a half to 13 years, were burned to death at an early hour this morning in a fire that destroyed a two-story frame building. Joseph Supowski, who owned the building, and Karl Braci, his brother-in-law, have been arrested pending an investigation.

OWNER OF BUILDING UNDER SUSPICION

An Entire Family Wiped Out in a Mysterious Conflagration Which Occurred Yesterday Morning. Joseph Supowski, Owner of the Building, and His Brother-in-Law, Karl Braci, Have Been Arrested.

Supowski carried an insurance of \$8,000 on the building and its contents. The Pearlsteins and another family lived in rooms above the shoe store, and were asleep when the fire started. Supowski told the police today that he accidentally dropped a lamp. A few minutes after the fire began there was a loud explosion that blew out the front of the store and hurled some of the contents of the windows into the middle of the street. Plate glass windows on the opposite side of Broadway were shattered and the sound of the explosion was heard two blocks away. The flames enveloped the building in a short time. The family living in the rear flat barely escaped with their lives. The Pearlsteins were awakened, but before they could reach the only stairway leading from their rooms, the fire had undermined the floor in the hallway and it collapsed, carrying them down into a mass of flames. Their charred bodies were found after the firemen had extinguished the flames. The body of the mother and baby were found together, the little one tightly clasped in its mother's arms. Pearlstein's body was found close to that of his wife. He also held one of the children in his arms. The bodies of the other three children were found huddled together close to the father's body.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—fair in north, clearing in northern portion. Monday, Tuesday fair, continued cold. Monday, Tuesday fair, continuing cold. Monday, Tuesday fair, continuing cold. Monday, Tuesday fair, continuing cold.