

THE WASHINGTON NEWS

WHAT OUR NATIONAL LAW MAKERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the National Congress—Bills That the Committees Report Favorably Upon—Washington Topics.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, has prepared a bill to create out of the militia of the several States a reserve volunteer army for use in time of war.

The Secretary of State and the Spanish Minister in Washington have signed a protocol extending for six months, the time allowed Spanish residents in the Philippines to elect whether they shall remain Spanish subjects or adopt the nationality of the territory in which they reside.

The United States Senate continues the consideration of the Porto Rican measure. Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, advocates reciprocity between the United States and Porto Rico, but announces that if all efforts to secure free trade should fail he would support the pending bill.

Senator Platt has introduced an amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill, providing for a congress of the various Indian tribes of the United States at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition, and appropriating \$40,000 therefor.

The House Committee on Commerce directed a favorable report on the Sherman bill, to prevent the false branding or marking of food and dairy products.

The secretary of war has created a new military "Division of the Pacific," embracing all of the Philippine Islands, under the command of General Otis.

Fifty-one senators, under pressure from the Administration, will vote for the Porto Rican Tariff bill.

In the Senate March 26 the Alaskan Civil Code bill was under consideration during a greater part of the session. An amendment was agreed to fixing a license upon almost every kind of trade and commerce in the District of Alaska.

Senator Foraker, in charge of the Porto Rican bill, announces that he will press the measure to a vote as soon as possible.

The House has begun the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill.

A bill to provide for the absorption of the Hawaiian silver circulation has been reported by the House Committee on Territories.

Senator Allison has introduced a bill amending the National Bank act so as to allow banks of deposit to be designated in cities of 25,000 population.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, has introduced a substitute for the Porto Rican bill, providing for free trade between the United States and Porto Rico, and extending the internal revenue laws, with amendments, over the island. The act is to continue for two years only.

It is intimated at the War Department that 25,000 men will be given employment in public works in Porto Rico under the operation of the Relief Appropriation act.

The military post at Cayey, Porto Rico, will hereafter be known as Henry Barracks, in honor of the late Brigadier General Guy V. Henry, United States Army, who was Military Governor of the island.

DEATH RECORD.

Ex-United States Senator Charles Gibson, of Maryland, of heart disease, aged 57 years.

Sydney A. Kent, a well-known Chicago broker, aged 66 years.

Dr. St. George Mivart, former lecturer on zoology at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and professor of biology at the University of Louvain, long recognized as the leading scientist within the Roman Catholic Church in England.

Philetus Sawyer, formerly United States Senator from Wisconsin, aged 82 years.

Charles K. Holliday, of Topeka, Kansas, one of the directors and founders of the Santa Fe Railway, aged 76.

Mrs. Felicity Pickard, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, aged 103 years, 9 months and 16 days.

Dr. Francis Sinclair Barbarin, for twenty-seven years curator of the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, aged 67 years.

Joseph W. Merriam, United States Consul at Iquique, Chile.

Hon. J. M. Stone, for ten years Governor of Mississippi, is dead. At the time of his death, Mr. Stone was President of the Starkville Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, founder of the Hebrew Union College, is dead in Cincinnati.

Latest News from the Active Business World.

It is announced that as a result of the conference at Chicago a few days ago of manufacturers of wagons, carriages, etc., an average advance of 20 per cent. over the old scale is now in effect.

The coal miners and operators, in conference at Saginaw, Michigan, have agreed on the wage schedule, an advance of 30 per cent. being secured by the miners.

A strike has been declared at the Arboissier Works, near Point-a-Pitre, island of Guadeloupe.

JULIAN RALPH'S ATTACK.

He Declares the Boers Have No Bravery or Honor.

The most serious indictment of the Boers' methods of warfare which has yet appeared in England comes from Julian Ralph, the American war correspondent, in a letter from Kimberley, published in the London Daily Mail. It is, in part, as follows:

"It is a war steadily and stealthily planned by the Queen's Dutch subjects and the Dutch republics for fully twenty years. For between four and six years they have been equipping for it. They began purchasing arms and planning defenses before the Jamison raid. Let no one fool you with the falsehood about that. Finally, Kruger begged President Steyn to declare war three weeks before President Steyn consented. Next rid your mind of the notion that you are crushing two farmer republics. There is not a farmer in the two countries, and only one, the Free State, was a republic in any way except misnaming."

"These people are herders of cattle, sheep and goats, like the Israelites of old and the Arids, Turks and Balkan people of to-day. His (Boer's) so-called farms are as nature made them, merely reaches of veldt whereon his cattle graze. On each one he has to put up a home, but its surroundings are almost invariably most repellent and disorderly than any houses I ever saw, except the cabins of freed slaves in the United States. Their camps and strongholds from which we have routed them are the filthiest places I have known men of any sort to live in, and I have seen red Indians, Chinese and Turkish camps, and the camps of many sorts of black men.

"There has hardly been a battle in which the Boers have not abused either the white flag or the Geneva cross, or both.

"At many places they fired on our ambulances. I saw them do it at the Modder river, and saw them fire on our stretcher bearers in that battle time and time again. When we entered Jacobsdal it looked like a city of doctors. Every man in the street wore the Red Cross bandage on his arm. These were the men who had just been shooting us from behind the garden walls. There was nothing novel or original about their seeking the cowardly shelter of the doctor's badge.

CUBA MUST WAIT.

Official Statement as to the Protest of Her Independence.

The official statement given out by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with Cuba, indicates clearly that Cuba will not get independence for a long time.

Years must elapse before that government is established, if ever, for this official statement refers to the people of Cuba as children who must be taught; a people who have had very little opportunity to study the principles, details, necessities or responsibilities of self-government.

It is not believed in Washington that Cuba will ever have absolute independence. The Administration will bring it about when the vote is taken in Cuba for the election of members of its first General Assembly, a vote will be registered simultaneously in favor of annexation to the United States. Should this fail, this Government will have paved the way for a practical protectorate over the island. It is even now being asserted that the United States will dominate the foreign policy of the "Republic of Cuba," if it is ever established, and that no treaties will be negotiated without first having received the approval of this Government. Cuban treaties of the future will not be permitted to include the "most favored nation clause," which would permit other nations to compete on an equal footing with the United States. If there is not annexation, the United States will force a protectorate.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including Flour and Grain, Produce, HAY, HOPS, WOOL, BEEF, LARD, BUTTER, and CHEESE.

Laporte Borough Audit.

R. A. CONKLIN, Treasurer, in account with Laporte Borough for the year 1899.

Financial statement table for Laporte Borough showing various accounts, receipts, and disbursements.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities.

Table showing resources and liabilities for the Laporte Borough.

Recapitulation of Borough Expenses.

Table summarizing the recapitulation of borough expenses.

Made up as follows:

Table detailing the breakdown of the recapitulation of expenses.

Auditors Statement of Laporte Township.

Table showing the auditors' statement of Laporte Township.

Handed over to successor in office.

Table showing items handed over to the successor in office.

W. J. Lowe in account with Laporte Twp.

Table showing W. J. Lowe's account with Laporte Township.

Order for Atty fees issued for 1898-99.

Table showing attorney fees for the years 1898-99.

Supervisors services.

Table showing the supervisors' services for the year.

Liabilities and resources of Laporte Twp.

Liabilities and resources of Laporte Twp. on road for settlement ending March 12, 1900.

Table showing liabilities and resources of Laporte Township.

We the undersigned auditors and town clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HENRY KARGE, Auditor. E. C. PETERS, Town Clerk.

EXODUS FROM CHICAGO.

Many of its Foremost Citizens and Corporations Going to New York.

The exodus of wealthy Chicagoans to New York continues at a rate which promises to diminish rapidly the ranks of the local "400."

For instance, last week James B. Breesee, the broker, left to make Gotham his residence. This week Charles B. McDonald, the broker and golf man, announced that he would soon say good-by. Next week will see the departure of Frederick K. Pulsifer, one of the leading members of the Board of Trade, to swell the list of Chicagoans in the East.

Samuel M. Nickerson, late President of the First National Bank, has bought a home in New York, as has also his son, Roland, a popular young clubman. H. H. Porter, President of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway, shook the Chicago dust from his shoes about two years ago and went to New York. He gave as his reason the excessive taxation and persecution against corporations.

It is estimated that altogether the city, by these and other removals of persons and corporations, has lost several million dollars.

LABOR TROUBLE SETTLED.

A Strike Avoided and Terms of Union Conceded.

An agreement has been reached by the Carpenters' Union and the Carpenter Contractors' Association of Buffalo, whereby the threatened strike of carpenters on Monday has been averted.

The machinists' strike at Columbus, Ohio, has been settled. The employers agree to take back all the old men, but they are left free to employ non-union labor on equal terms with union labor.

Chicago pattern makers have secured the signatures of twenty job shop bosses to their new agreement, and by so doing avoided a strike and won every point for which they contended.

CRIMINAL.

Charles H. Cole, formerly President of the Globe National Bank in Boston, appeared in the United States District Court March 29 and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging embezzlement and misapplication.

Three convicts in North Carolina, who were serving out their sentences on the county roads, made a break for liberty the other day. The guard fired, and the bullet passed entirely through one of them, killing him instantly and wounding another mortally. The third escaped.

W. H. Culton, charged with complicity in the murder of Goebel, is said to have confessed.

Ellsworth Evans shot and instantly killed Assistant City Marshal William Hennecke, at Booneville, Missouri, while Hennecke was attempting to arrest Evans after he had robbed a cigar store March 27.

Mrs. W. W. Rice, of Worcester, Massachusetts, wife of ex-Congressman Rice, and sister to Mrs. Senator Hoar, is dead at Washington.

The Merchants' National Bank of Rutland, Vermont, has been placed in the hands of a receiver. The cashier was arrested, his shortage being estimated at \$145,000.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

The affairs of Chief Clarence, of the Mosquito Territory, the pensioner of the British government, who is being sued for debt, have assumed such an acute stage that he has appealed to the government for assistance.

The winter has been unprecedentedly mild at Cape Nome; all necessities of life are plentiful and cheap.

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