

THE NEWS.

The Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in Chicago, fixed the salaries of the effective bishops at \$4,700; missionary bishops \$4,500.

NAMED FOR ACTION.

WORK EXPECTED OF THE NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION. DUTIES OF THE NEW BODY. President McKinley Carefully Selecting Members of Character and Standing—Their Duties Will be to Organize Municipal Government in the Islands and Supervise their Work.

ROBERTS' OPERATIONS.

Spencer Wilkinson Says There is No Doubt About the Relief of Kimberley. London, (By Cable).—Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert, reviewing the situation in South Africa, says: "Lord Roberts has begun this campaign by striking at the principal Boer forces in the western theater of war—that of Commandant Cronje, covering the siege of Kimberley."

FINANCIAL BILL.

CURRENCY MEASURE PASSES SENATE BY VOTE OF 46 TO 29. TWO AMENDMENTS CARRY. Ten Sections of the New Bill—The Dollar of 23.6 Grains, Nine-Tenths Fine, Shall Be the Standard of Value of the United States, and All Money to Be Held at Parity With It.

TO HARASS AMERICANS.

Manila, (By Cable).—Of late the Filipinos in Albay province, Luzon, have adopted harassing tactics against the towns which the Americans have garrisoned. They camp in the hills and maintain a constant fire upon the American outposts. When the troops sallied against them they retreated, returning when the Americans retired.

KEYSTONE STATE.

WHISKY KILLED A TRAMP. Two Men Drink a Gallon of Liquor at Aylenton, and One Died and the Other May Not Survive—Mine Inspector's Report Shows Great Prosperity in Fifth District—Youth Wounds His Father. MINE'S ERA OF PLENTY. The annual report of Mine Inspector William H. Davies, of the Fifth Anthracite District, the Lehigh region, shows the total production of coal in 1899 to have been 6,191,927 tons against 5,555,480 tons in 1898.

MACRUM

Says British Consul in Pretoria. Washington, (Special).—The British Consul in Pretoria, Mr. Macrum, has been reported to have been the reason why the Transvaal Republic was not recognized by the United States. He is reported to have been the one who made public the fact that the situation in the Transvaal Republic was such that the United States should not recognize it.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The body of General Lawton was buried in Arlington after imposing exercises, religious and military. Rev. Dr. Stryker delivered the eulogy. The President and his cabinet were present, and all departments of the government were represented by their highest officials.

REPLY TO MACRUM.

Statement That His Mail Was Opened Discredited—No Unnecessary Delays. Washington, (Special).—While State Department officials were averse to discussing the published statement of Ex-Congressman Macrum, it was authoritatively stated that a search of the records failed to show that Mr. Macrum had ever reported to the department that his official mail was being regularly tampered with by the British authorities.

TORTURED BY FILIPINS.

Three Stragglers Massachusetts Soldiers Maltreated and Killed. Boston, (Special).—A despatch to the Globe from Iloilo says: Three Massachusetts soldiers of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, U. S. V., have been tortured to death by insurgents.

WERE AFRAID OF LAWTON.

Gen. Wheeler Says Insurrection Broke Out Afresh When He Was Killed. Birmingham, Ala., (Special).—Gen. Joe Wheeler, writing to the chairman and members of the Rivers and Harbor Commission from Panama, Island of Luzon, under date of January 5, asks their active efforts in securing an appropriation for the Tennessee River, below Chattanooga. General Wheeler says the death of General Lawton has delayed his departure for home. His letter reads, in part: "I expected to have been in Washington by the 1st of December, but I regarded it imperative that I should remain while the campaign was going on, in November, 1899, I assumed that the insurrection was over, and I prepared to leave; but the death of General Lawton apparently gave fresh encouragement to the insurgents, and I felt it my duty to remain a short time longer."

FIELD OF LABOR.

Havanna, (Special).—The second anniversary of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in this harbor was suitably observed here. At 9 o'clock several hundred Americans hoisted their national flags and went to the wreck of the Maine, over which the United States flag was flying at half mast.

OUR NEW POSS.

The Philippine Insurrection. Luzon, have burned a town in Albay by shooting into it. Nearly all of that province are described as being eight cases among natives last week. Thirty-sixth Volunteer Regiment of small pox. Cuban newspapers advise to return to the United States. He is reported to have been the one who made public the fact that the situation in the Transvaal Republic was such that the United States should not recognize it.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Aubrey Thomas De Vere is the oldest living English poet. Representative Mitchell May, of the Sixth New York district, has the reputation of being the best-dressed man in Congress.

THE AMERICAN ATTACHE.

A Report That He Was Missing Contradicted in a Despatch from Jacobabad. London, (By Cable).—Lloyd Weekly Newspaper publishes a despatch from Modder River, under date of Friday evening, saying that the American and Austrian attaches are reported to be missing.

AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE.

Washington, (Special).—The plan for a reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service in a civil service basis, which has been embodied in several bills and has attracted widespread attention, was a special order of business before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and on a tie vote of 7 to 7 was defeated and then permanently disposed of by being tabled.

PLAGE CONDITIONS BETTER.

Cheering Reports from Honolulu Under Date of February 3. Washington, (Special).—Major S. J. Mills, Sixth Artillery, commanding at Camp McKinley, Honolulu, reports to the War Department, under date of February 2, that since the date of his last report, January 22, only two deaths have occurred from bubonic plague, and that in the last eight days, except one doubtful case not yet determined, no new cases and no suspects have occurred.

NEW CABINET OFFICER.

Washington, (Special).—A new Cabinet officer, to be known as the Secretary of Mines and Mining, is provided in the bill favorably acted on by the House Committee on Mines and Mining. The bill creates an executive department which shall have entire charge of affairs relating to mines, including the Geological Survey. The proposed Secretary of Mines is to have the same rank and salary of other Cabinet officers, and an assistant secretary is given the same standing as the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

STATE OF LABOR.

Havanna, (Special).—The second anniversary of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in this harbor was suitably observed here. At 9 o'clock several hundred Americans hoisted their national flags and went to the wreck of the Maine, over which the United States flag was flying at half mast.