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In Criticising Ex-Secretary Bliss the League Declares That "No Branch of the Government Suffered Like the Indian Service."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—The resolutions adopted by the Civil Service league, in session here, declare that the McKinley administration, upon its incoming, showed the same indisposition shown by its predecessors to obey the law in newly classified branches, such as deputy internal revenue collectors, employes of the United States marshals, pension examining surgeons, etc. The practice of appointing persons without examination as laborers and subsequently assigning them to clerical or other classified work was increased. The failure to extend the system where practicable has been as patent as the failure to sustain it.

The report charges that the census bill providing for 3,000 appointments was passed with a deliberate rejection of the copetitive system, after a debate. It charges that in the treasury department appointments are made first and examinations are held afterward, and that those who fail are kept in their places.

In the postoffice dejartment, is is charged, clerks are appointed without examination at small postoffices about to be brought within the classification of the free delivery system and then are immediately transferred without examination to similar apopintments in larger offices and even to other departments.

The report on the scope of President McKinley's order of May 29 last in part was as follows:

"The present review deals with the scope of President McKinley on May 29, as apparent over six months of active operation, and its results, as indicated by the present condition of the service. In order to appreciate the significance of the president's action, it must be remembered that the Republican party came into power in the fall of 1897, pledged by its platform to sustain the civil service law and rules, to enforce them thoroughly and honestly and to extend their application wherever practicable, and that Mr. McKinley, in accepting the nomination of his party for the presidency, indorsed and reaffirmed these pledges, declaring that 'no backward step' would be taken.

"The principal test of the McKinley administration to uphold the civil service law came naturally in connection with these branches that had last been classified. The original classification of 1883 embraced 13,924 places. Of these Mr. Cleveland, during his first term, added 1,939. During the administration of President Harrison the rules were further applied to 19,073 positions. During the second Cleveland term there were added 36,705, making a total to that date of 32,997 to be credited to Republican administrations, and 38,644 to be credited to Democratic rule."

The report on the "Indian service under President McKinley," says:

The committee finds itself compelled to report that probably no branch of the federal service has suffered more from the ravages of the spoils men during the present administration than the Indian service.

That such should have been the fact is not only a misfortune, but a disappointment. The choice of Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss as secretary of the interior was accepted by many friends of his government as an assurance that promises made during the two former administrations would be continued, or at least maintained. Such was not the case; no serious attempt seems to have been made by the president, of by Secretary Bliss to conduct the service on non-partisan principles. On the contrary, the secretary was influenced almost wholly by partisan consideration in making appointments and removals. Mr. Bliss' total want of sympathy with the merit system was sufficiently indicated when he remarked in substance to one who urged the retention of a very worthy and efficient officer that he believed there were plenty of "good Republicans" fully as capable as the official in question."

The committee commends Commissioner Jones and continuing its report on the action of the department, says:

"The appointments and removals made purely for political reasons are so numerous that it was impossible to review them adequately in the limited space available."

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." The marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at A. Wasley's drug store.

Hough Gets Ten Years.

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 16.—The trial of William Hough for the killing of Edward F. Rich, of New York, came to a sudden end in the Gloucester county court yesterday. After the state had rested its case the defense retracted its plea of not guilty and entered one of non-vult to murder in the second degree. This was accepted by the prosecution. Hough was at once sentenced to ten years at hard labor in a United States prison. Hough told the court that Rich first cut him with a knife and that he shot Rich in self defense.

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Dispute Ends Murder.

Franklin, N. H., Dec. 16.—A dispute over a laundry bill and the display of a revolver led to the murder last night of L. M. Yeaton, a local insurance agent. The assailant was E. C. Wingate, proprietor of a steam laundry. Yeaton went to the laundry to talk over with Wingate some insurance matters. Wingate asked Yeaton to settle his laundry bill, and a quarrel arose. Yeaton drew a revolver, whereupon Wingate felled him to the floor with a piece of steam pipe. Yeaton's skull was fractured and he died soon after.

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New York, Dec. 16.—Thomas B. Albin, of Patchogue, L. I., has been notified by California attorneys that he is one of the heirs to a fortune of $2,000,000, left by a cousin named Louis Albin, who died about a year ago in California in his 88th year. Thomas B. Albin's share is said to be about 280,000. Louis Albin, when a lad of 15, shipped on a whaling voyage embarking from Sag Harbor, then the main whaling port on Long Island. Nothing was heard of him up to within a few years ago, when he wrote to some relatives at Patchogue and at Brooklyn, saying he was living in California. Louis Albin never married, and the property, which is said to consist of mining property and shares in a sugar refinery, is to be divided between his cousins and their decendants.

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The Pope Blames Kite Humbert.

Rome, Dec. 16.—In the pope's allocution at Thursday's consistory his holiness referred to the fact that the Vatican was not invited to send a representative to the peace congress at The Hague, an omission which, he said had been "censured by all impartial judges." The holy see had desired a place in that conference, continued the pontiff. One voice had obstinately opposed itself to this desire and had gained the point. It was the voice of those who, with the conquest of Rome, had deprived the pope of his powers.

Father Chidwick Indignant.

Havana, Dec. 16.—The bishop of Havana has agreed to waive all cemetery charges in connection with the removal from Colon cemetery of the remains of the victims of the Maine disaster. Father Chidwick, chaplain of the destroyed battleship, is indignant at a charge made by a local paper that the bishop demands $2 for a permit to remove each body. This statement is absolutely false, as the bishop is lending all assistance and facilities in the undertaking.

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And Destroy Another by Shell Fire. Britons Tried to Cross Tugela River, But Were Compelled to Abandon the Attempt After Heavy Loss.

London, Dec. 16.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing eleven guns. General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses, leaving the guns behind.

Following is the text of General Buller's dispatch announcing his reverse, dated Chieveley camp, Dec. 15:

"I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp, near Chieveley, at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through at one of them. They are about two miles apart.

"My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left drift, General Hildyard the right road and General Lyttleton was to take the center and to support either.

"Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaughts Rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal. Colonel I. C. Brooke was seriously wounded.

"I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge.

"At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support the attack—the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field batteries and six naval 12-pounder quick firers—under Colonel Long, had advanced close to the river in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donga, and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Captain Schofield and some drivers.

"Another most gallant attempt with the teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the 16 horses 13 were killed, and as several drivers were wounded I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage.

"Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dunronald and part of General Barton's brigade. The day was intensely hot and most trying on troops whose condition was excellent.

"We have abandoned ten guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in General Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large.

"The Fourteenth and Sixty ninth field batteries also suffered severe losses. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley."

This latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through, but General Buller's own dispatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers.

It was not anticipated that General Buller would make a frontal attack. No criticisms of his movements are made, however, since apparently he suffered a replose rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack here, but broke it off in the middle, so as to save a useless sacrifice of life. It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly.

Immediately on receiving the news the war office decided to mobilize still another division and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible.

The latest dispatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith, whose position is now perlious.

Harvard's Oratorical Victory.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Once again Harvard added to her unbroken debating record with Princeton university by defeating that university in Sanders theater last night. Her debaters had what was generally considered the harder side of the question, and accordingly Harvard is wild with delight over the signal triumph of her team. The decision was based upon the merits of the speaking and on the force of the arguments, leaving out entirely the merits of the question. The question was: "Resolved, that England's claims in the present controversy with the South African republic are justifiable." Harvard had the affirmative and Princeton the negative. The speakers for Harvard were E. Mayer, R. C. Bruce and Wilbur Moore; for Princeton, Alfred S. Weston, Joseph H. Hill and Joseph Jones.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at A. Wasley's drug store.

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Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—M. Numa Dorz, the distinguished Swiss statesman and former president of the Confederation, died yesterday in his 66th year.

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LOST ON LAKE MICHIGAN.

It is Feared That Sixty Men Went Down With Two Barges.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 16.—A special from Houghton contains a statement from Captain James Burr, of the American Steel Barge company's barge No. 137, in which he expresses the opinion that whaleback barge 115 and barge Colgate Hoyt, which, with his barge, were part of the tow of the McDougal, have gone down in the lake. Nothing has been heard from them since Monday night, at which time all three tows broke loose from the steamer. Barge 137 was afterwards picked up and brought into Houghton. Captain Burr says the other barges broke loose first and were older than 137 and not so well able to weather the storm. If they have gone down it will be one of the greatest lake disasters in years. Each had a crew of 20 men of its own and was carrying down an extra crew, in all about 60 men. The McDougal has passed up Soo going down without any of her tows, leaving the 137 to winter at Houghton, and the fate of the other two unknown. If No. 115 has been lost it will be the first whaleback to founder in a storm.

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Our Wheat Production.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The statistician of the department of agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,200,000 bushels, or 12.2 bushels per acre. The production of winter wheat is placed at 291,700,000 bushels and that of spring wheat at 255,500,000 bushels. Every important wheat growing state has been visited by special agents of the department.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Admiral Schley, on his flagship Chicago, arrived at Bahia, Brazil, yesterday.

Maryland asks congress for a share of the proceeds of the sale of school lands in the old "northwest territory."

The position of Maryland troops at the battle of Antietam has been marked.

By an explosion of powder in a slate quarry at Pen Argyl, Pa., J. Oswald Parsons was blown to pieces.

Ex-Senator Quay reached Washington yesterday morning, but did not take part in the Republican national committee meeting.

About 2,250,000 famine stricken persons have been given relief by the Indian famine commission.

An epidemic of piracy prevails in Chinese waters.

Frightful tidal waves are still devastating the Oriental coasts. In some districts of the island of Ceram the population was all but obliterated.

The Pittsburg Coal company and Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke company will advance prices 10 cents per ton.

Fugitive Captured in Morocco.

Atlanta, Dec. 16.—United States Consul General Gummere, at Tangier, cables that the Moorish authorities have arrested Thomas J. Hunter, who is wanted here on a charge of defaulting in his accounts as auditor of a railroad. There is no extradition treaty between the United States and Morocco, but consent was given to the surrender.

Doctors' Costly Visits.

Sickness in the family is hard enough to bear under the best of conditions. It almost always cuts off part of the regular income, and when on top of that it adds unreasonably to the expense it seems almost too great a burden for any family in moderate circumstances to endure.

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