

THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW

OF BUT LITTLE USE.

The Attorney General Shows Weak Spots in the Anti-Trust Law.

Attorney General Harmon sent to the House a reply to the resolution of January 7 requesting him to report what steps he has taken to enforce the law against trusts, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade.

Many complaints have been made against alleged trusts, combinations and monopolies which, in so far as they relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the federal government, I have endeavored to investigate as well as the means at my disposal permitted.

The virtual effect of this is to excite from the operation of the law manufacturers and producers of every class, and probably importers also.

MORE BUSINESS CONFIDENCE.

Merchants Are Looking For Better Days—Review of Trade.

R. G. Dan & Co., say in their weekly review of trade: Failures for the first week of February were \$4,079,680 against \$2,909,890 last year.

Weyler's Campaign Scheme. Gen. Weyler has arranged a new plan of campaign, which embraces the concentration of troops at Belaluz and Pinar del Rio.

HOUSING THE BIG CONVENTION.

The St. Louis Exposition Building Will Not Do. The Committee on Hall of the Republican National Convention met in St. Louis.

GUAYAQUIL IN ASHES.

Fire in Ecuador Destroys Property Valued at \$4,000,000. The city of Guayaquil, in Ecuador, was visited by a terrible fire Tuesday night.

REACHED THE POLE.

Dr. Nansen's Arctic Expedition Said to Be a Success.

A telegraphic dispatch received at St. Petersburg, from Irkutsk, Siberia, says that a Siberian trader named Kurbatoff, who is the agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, who sailed in the Fram June 24, 1893, for the arctic regions, has received information to the effect that Dr. Nansen has reached the north pole.

The expedition sailed from Christiania June 24, 1893, the doctor's plan being to sail for the New Siberian islands and head north to Kara sea, by being included in a vessel constructed especially for such an undertaking.

Discovery Made By Japanese Troops in a Village. Dreadful stories come from Yokohama, of the treatment of Japanese by Formosa rebels some correspondents going so far as to say that the Chinese practice cannibalism.

WEDDING AT PITSBURGH.

The War to be Actively Pushed in Three Provinces. Gen. Weyler has arranged a new plan of campaign, which embraces the concentration of troops at Belaluz and Pinar del Rio.

CLOUDS ARE CLEARING.

The Venezuelan Commission is Greatly Encouraged.

The Venezuelan Commission is highly gratified at the position taken by Great Britain in responding favorably to its request to be supplied with information relative to the location of the boundary line.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Nicaragua has displaced martial law, and resumed civil law. A movement is said to be on foot to consolidate all the street car companies of Cleveland.

SURGERY BY THE CATHODE RAYS,

LOCATED THE BALL.

By Which It Was Proposed to Impress Objects Upon the Brain.

Of all the experiments made in connection with the X rays, the oddest are now being physically conducted. It is reported in the physiological laboratory of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

The exposure lasts for about two hours or, in case of exceptionally thick skulls, half an hour longer. It is found to be necessary to put the subject to sleep during the exposure.

SURGERY BY CATHODE RAYS.

Success of a Chicago Operation—The Hypnotist Was Deceived.

The first surgical operation performed in the United States with the assistance of the cathode rays was a success at the Mercy hospital, Chicago. It consisted of the removal of a malignant growth between the third and fourth fingers of Louis Burkhardt.

BELIEVE HIM GUILTY.

But the Administration Seizes the Release of Waller.

Ambassador Eustis has been instructed to accept the offer of the French government to release ex-United States Consul Waller from further imprisonment and pardon his offense on condition that the matter be thereby terminated.

AN EASTERN COAL POOL.

Bituminous Coal Producers Are Trying to Form a Pool.

A movement to form a great pool of bituminous coal producers is now under way. If the pool is formed it will govern production and prices will be advanced.

THREE SPANS FELL.

Workmen on a Bridge Near Bedford, Ohio, Thrown 65 Feet into Tinker's Creek.

Three spans of the southern end of the high trestle in course of construction by the Akron, Bedford and Cleveland Electric railway, over Tinker's creek, near Bedford village, collapsed, hurling six workmen into the valley and creek below.

AN ILLINOIS LYNCHING.

Grant Atterbury Taken From Jail at Sullivan By a Furious Mob. Grant Atterbury was taken from the jail at Sullivan, Ill., dragged to the court house and hanged to a tree.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Five Bremen were killed and 194 houses consumed during the fire in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The Wisconsin Central railroad has conceded 15-day tickets to the G. A. R. encampment at St. Paul.

Governor Morton has signed the bill transferring the lands to the National government for a National park.

Riley Gramman, the plunger, who won \$100,000 at the eastern races last season, lost it in the San Francisco winter races, and is in debt.

An extensive tract of public land in Nicaragua has been sold to representatives of a Philadelphia syndicate, which proposes to raise bananas on a large scale for shipment to the United States.

Bartholomew Shea died in the electrical chair at Dannemora, N. Y., on the 11th, paying the penalty for the murder of Robert Ross, at Troy, in March, 1894.

Maine's labor commissioner figures that the average daily cost of living is 31 cents for each individual in the average family in that state.

Otto Schultz, a baker and an anarchist, was arrested at Chicago, Thursday night, for trying to turn his wife and two children.

Nicaragua has requested Costa Rica to appoint another commission on boundary, it is said, as Nicaragua cannot continue to treat with the persons constituting the present commission.

THE FT. THOMAS TRAGEDY.

The Coroner's Jury in the Pearl Bryan Case Find a Verdict.

The full text of the verdict of the Coroner's jury returned on the 12th is as follows: "We the jury find: First—That the headless body found at Fort Thomas district on the premises of John B. Cook, Campbell county, Ky., is that of Pearl Bryan, of Greenville, Ind."

The striking points made in this verdict are that Pearl Bryan had been drugged with cocaine and that the evidence as to the body was found.

A TRAMP FOUND A FORTUNE.

Discovered Thousands of Dollars That Had Buried by Train Robbers.

John P. Harmans, a 50-year-old tramp, is locked up in the Sacramento, Cal., jail on his confession that he found near the City \$20,000 of the \$20,000 stolen from the overland express near Sacramento by Brady and Browning over a year ago.

DYNAMITE WAS USED.

Cubans Capture Bayamo, Aided by the Explosive.

The following letter, written by W. W. Wilson, at Bayamo, Cuba, on January 28, and mailed at Kingston, Jamaica, reached the headquarters of the Cuban Junta, New York.

THE KOREAN REVOLUTION.

News From the Captain of the Gunboat Mochius.

Secretary Herbert received a cable dispatch from Captain McNair, commanding the Asiatic station, confirming the newspaper reports of the renewed disturbances in Korea.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Summary of the Most Important Measures Presented in Both Houses.

Notice was given in the Senate today by Mr. Davis, of Minnesota, that on Monday next he would address the senate on the resolution reported by him from the committee on foreign relations relative to the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

MONROE DOCTRINE IN PARLIAMENT.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

Both British Parties in Favor of a Peaceable Policy.

The regular session of Parliament was opened on the 11th. The speech from the throne was read by the lord high chancellor Her Majesty said:

"The government of the United States of America has expressed a wish to co-operate in the termination of the differences which have existed for many years between my government and the republic of Venezuela upon the question of the boundary between that country and the colony of British Guiana."

Britain with foreign powers are satisfactory, recapitulates the known facts of the Transvaal troubles; alludes to the necessity for an increase of the naval strength of England, and refers to the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela and disturbances in Armenia.

Her Majesty congratulates the country upon the success of the bloodless operations of the British expedition in Ashantee, and deplores the death of Prince Henry, of Battenberg, who was a member of the royal family.

SENATE.

The Tariff Bill Was Not Called up Today, Not Was There a Word Said about It by any Member on the Floor.

The House of commons resumed business at 4 o'clock and was soon crowded. The business of the day was the discussion of the Senate free silver substitute for the bond bill.

HOUSE.

The Tariff Bill Was Not Taken up in the Senate because four silver Republicans refused to vote with their party.

By the very decisive vote of 215 to 90 the House killed the free silver substitute for the bond bill.

PENSION FOR EX-SLAVES.

Colored People in Kansas Inaugurate a Novel Scheme.

Kansas is to the fore with an organization of negroes to secure pensions for ex-slaves. It was completed at Topeka, and has a membership of 250, although all are not ex-slaves.

AS THE ASTROLOGER SEES IT.

Reading the Answer to the Presidential Puzzle in the Stars.

An astrologer, who has made horoscopes of the possible Presidential candidates, finds that according to the stars McKinley has the best chance of nomination by the Republican convention.

THREE LIVES LOST.

The schooner Albatross, which was on Plum Island Sunday night, was stove to fragments, four of the crew being saved and four drowned.



SIR WILLIAM V. HARCOURT.