

## SENATE COMMITTEES

### Republicans Complete the Work of Filling Them.

Some of the Important Committee Chairmen Whose Names Will Be Submitted to the Caucus This Evening—Every Republican and Populist Member Taken Care Of.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The republican committee to fill the committees of the senate completed its labors last night and directed a call for a caucus immediately upon the adjournment of the senate to-day. When this caucus convenes Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee, will submit and the caucus will approve the list of chairmen as agreed upon. Every republican and populist member of the senate is taken care of. The chairmen of the important committees are:

#### Some of the Chairmen.

Agriculture: Proctor, Vermont. Appropriations: Allison, Iowa. Contingent expenses: Jones, Nevada (pop.). Census: Chandler, New Hampshire. Civil Service and Retrenchment: Pritchard, North Carolina. Claims: Teller, Colorado. Coast Defenses: Squire, Washington. Commerce: Frye, Maine. District of Columbia: McMillan, Michigan. Education and Labor: Shoup, Idaho. Enrolled Bills: Sewell, N. J. To examine the several branches of the civil service: Peffer, Kansas (pop.). Finance: Morrill, Vermont. Foreign relations: Sherman, Ohio. Immigration: Lodge, Massachusetts. Indian depredations: Wilson, Washington. Interstate commerce: Cullom, Illinois. Judiciary: Hoar, Massachusetts. Manufactures: Wetmore, Rhode Island. Military affairs: Hawley, Connecticut. Naval affairs: Cameron, Pennsylvania. Patents: Platt, Connecticut. Pensions: Gallinger, New Hampshire. Postoffices and post roads: Wolcott, Colorado. Printing: Hale, Maine. Privileges and elections: Mitchell, Oregon. Public buildings and grounds: Quay, Pennsylvania. Rules: Aldrich, Rhode Island. National banks: Mantle, Montana.

#### Populists Taken Care Of.

Under the present democratic organization of the senate every member of the populist party holds a chairmanship, and the republicans, believing that they should deal equally as justly with the third party, have also given them chairmanships. Messrs. Jones of Nevada, Stewart, Allen and Peffer are left where they are now and Mr. Kyle, who is ranking member on the committee to establish the university of the United States, was transferred from the committee on education to the chairmanship of the first named committee. Mr. Butler of North Carolina, the new populist senator, is given a chairmanship equal to that of Mr. Peffer.

#### Anxious To Avoid Delay.

There is little doubt that the caucus will approve the work of the committee, although the assignments are necessarily unsatisfactory to some of them. A list of the senate committees thus reorganized will be at once handed to Mr. Gorman, chairman of the democratic caucus committee, and the republicans expect the democratic caucus to take action on their assignments by Thursday evening. The vote in the senate on the reorganization of the committees will be taken under the present programme the next day. But, if anything should intervene to prevent this action, the republicans will probably not agree to a holiday adjournment until a few days later. They insist that if they have the votes, and they contend they have the committees should be reorganized before the senate adjourns over until January. No effort will be made to reorganize the elective officers of the senate until after the holidays.

#### THE FRENCH SCANDALS.

Another Report that President Faure Will Resign.  
E London, Dec. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette telegraphs that he is in a position to state that M. Faure, president of the French republic, will resign before next March. He says that a fresh scandal has been unearthed in connection with the president's family, and that daily hundreds of newspapers express disgust at the campaign of slander. He intimates that the secret fund of 200,000 francs (\$40,000), which the Elysee palace expended upon the press, was not wisely distributed.

#### THE VENEZUELA MATTER.

Lord Salisbury's Reply Ready for Transmission to Congress.  
Washington, Dec. 17.—Copies of Lord Salisbury's note on the Venezuela matter have been made at the state department and are ready for transmission to congress at any time. The correspondence relating to the Armenian situation is also being prepared and will follow the Salisbury note in a very short time.

#### Refining Company Incorporated.

Trenton, Dec. 17.—The United States Sugar Refining company has filed papers of incorporation here. Branches of the business are to be established in Camden, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and the capital stock is two million dollars.

#### Miss Cassel Dead, Aged 100.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Miss Margaret (Peggy) Cassel, the oldest resident of Dauphin county, died near this city Saturday night, aged 100 years, 2 months and 9 days.

## THE CHARM.

Of a College Student's Life Causes a Professor to Return to It.

Everybody said that the boy with the eyeglasses and the pale straw hair would be a professor—one of the great educational masters of the age. When he graduated from the high school his friends heard him read the valedictory with glee. When he received his sheepskin at the university they urged him to do his best to become a member of the faculty, and the faculty itself, being in need of a talented young man, beamed amiably upon him.

So it came to pass that being a person of undoubted ability and great popularity with the powers that be he was given a chair and taught chemistry in the university with such success that old professors spoke of him as a marvel and a wonder. For three years he taught chemistry and physics, and occasionally instructed classes in biology. Then he went on a vacation and did not return.

The professors shook their aged heads and his friends buzzed in utter astonishment. The young man—professor though he was, he is not yet 27—wrote from a little town out in the wilderness that he had found engagements that precluded his return to the chair of chemistry at — university, and that he sent his best wishes along with his resignation. So the young man passed out of the faculty and gradually out of the memory of his friends.

One day, about a week ago, a man who knew the bright young professor well advanced to be in a little town down in central Illinois. There is a college at this little town, and a troop of college boys came down the main street just as the man was walking around and wondering when his train would come. In the center of the group, with a package of books in his hand, came a youth with straw-colored hair and big eyeglasses, the late professor of chemistry at — university.

The man who had known him caught him by the hand, and the astonished ex-professor walked aside with him. Briefly he told his story: "I'm going to college here," he said. "It's only a little town, and only about 50 students, but here I am—and I like it."

The man who had known him tried to fathom the mystery, but the ex-professor shook his head. "I don't know why," he said. "I was visiting here for the summer—there seemed to be a fascination about the place, and I threw everything away to become a college boy once more. I can't tell you the reason, for I don't know myself. I haven't any special study, but simply do as the rest of the class do. No, I don't know what I shall do when I graduate—I haven't thought that far ahead." It was train time, and the man from the city hurried away. As he went up the street he looked back and saw the young man, who was a professor in a great city and is now a college boy in a little town, waving his hand in a last good-by.—Chicago News.

## THEY ARE INFERNAL MACHINES

The Man Who Sent the Packages to Armour and Pullman Arrested.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—There is now little doubt that the contrivances sent through the mails yesterday to Messrs. Pullman and Armour are deadly infernal machines, and had not the postoffice officials' suspicions caused a warning to be sent to the two magnates serious results might have ensued. The man named Owens, who called at the residences of the two millionaires with the intention of, as he alleges, warning them of the plot he overheard to murder them, is believed to have sent the infernal machines. He is now under arrest. The theory of the postoffice officials is that the sender, who they believe is Owen, did not intend death for the recipients, but merely to reap a reward for warning them of their danger.

## PLOT AGAINST THE CZAR.

A Prominent Nihilist and Several Other Persons Arrested.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—A dispatch received here from Moscow repeats the story that a conspiracy against the life of the czar has been discovered there. A number of bombs have been seized, and several men and women, including a prominent nihilist leader, have been arrested.

## Coronet Making Good Time.

New York, Dec. 17.—The schooner yacht Coronet, which left Brooklyn on the 5th, en route to Yezo, Japan, via Cape Horn and San Francisco, was sighted on Dec. 10 about 925 miles southwest of Sandy Hook. This would indicate that the American schooner which is to convey the Amherst expedition from San Francisco to Yezo, has traveled since it left the Erie basin at the rate of 185 miles a day.

## Two Drowned While Skating.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 17.—Howard Mood, aged 19 years, while skating, broke through the ice under the Delaware bridge, connecting Portland, Pa., and Columbia, N. J., yesterday afternoon. His nephew, Roy Carpenter, aged 11 years, went to his assistance. He also fell into the water and both were drowned.

## To Build Pleasure Resorts.

Trenton, Dec. 17.—The Fairmount Park and Beach company of Buffalo has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$250,000. The incorporators are Abram Warner, John Kelderhouse and Henry Weill, all of Buffalo. The company's business will be the building of shore and pleasure resorts, improving properties, selling lands, etc.

## Fitz Signs To Fight Maher.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 17.—Fitzsimmons has signed articles of agreement to fight Peter Maher for the world's championship on February 14 near El Paso.

## ECONOMY IS NECESSARY

### Secretary Carlisle's Report to Congress.

Recommends the Strictest Curtailment of Appropriations and the Retirement of Legal Tender Notes—A Deficiency, But No More Revenue Is Needed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The annual report of Hon. John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury, was sent to congress yesterday afternoon. The most important points contained in it are as follows: "If the income tax provision contained in the act of August 28, 1894, had been sustained by the courts, it is believed that the deficiency for the year would not have exceeded the total estimated in my last annual report. In that report the opinion was expressed that the laws then in force would not only yield an ample revenue during the fiscal year 1896, but that there would be a surplus of nearly \$29,000,000.

#### No Cause for Alarm.

"The cash balance in the treasury on the 1st day of December, 1895, was \$177,406,386.62, being \$98,071,420.30 in excess of the actual gold reserve on that day, and \$77,406,386.62 in excess of any sum that it would be necessary to use for replenishing that fund in case the secretary should at any time be able to exchange currency for gold. There is, therefore, no reason to doubt the ability of the government to discharge all its current obligations during the present fiscal year and have a large cash balance at its close without imposing any additional taxation in any form upon the people, but I adhere to the opinion, heretofore expressed, that the secretary of the treasury ought always to have authority to issue and sell or use in the payment of expenses short-time bonds, bearing a low rate of interest, to supply casual deficiencies in the revenue. Although former recommendations upon this subject cannot be strengthened by repetition, the subject is of such importance that I consider it my duty to present it again to the attention of congress and to express the hope that it will receive favorable consideration.

#### Strict Economy Recommended.

"While the situation does not require any legislation for raising additional revenue by taxation at this time, it is such as to require the strictest economy in appropriations and public expenditures. At a time when the people, upon whom the expense of sustaining the government is imposed, are compelled to practice the closest economy in their business and domestic affairs in order to meet their obligations and re-establish their trade and industries, it is more than ever the duty of public authorities to avoid waste and extravagance in the appropriation and disbursement of the revenues. Nearly every appropriation is in terms, or by necessary implication, a direction to the executive authorities to expend the money, and, therefore, the responsibility for an increase or reduction of expenditure rests primarily and mainly upon congress. It is certain that if appropriations are not made the money will not be expended, and, for the reason just stated, it is almost equally certain that if appropriations are made the money must be expended.

#### Retire Legal Tender Notes.

"There has never been a time since the close of the war when the gradual retirement and cancellation of the United States notes would not have been beneficial to the country, nor has there ever been a time when the issue of additional notes of the same character would not have been injurious to the country. If our legal tender notes were retired, there is abundant reason to believe that a very large amount of gold, which has been excluded from the country by the excessive use of silver and paper in our circulation, would promptly return to take its place in our currency and constitute a permanent part of our medium of exchange.

#### Bonds Payable in Gold.

"As a part of the plan for the retirement and cancellation of the legal tender notes, the treasury should be relieved from responsibility for the redemption of national bank notes except worn, mutilated and defaced notes, and the notes of failed banks, and each association should be required to redeem its own notes at its own offices and at agencies to be designated by the comptroller of the currency, or, if this is not considered expedient and the present system of current redemption by the treasury is continued, the secretary should have the power, after a future date, to be fixed in the law, to require the banks to keep their 5 per cent. redemption in gold coin and to deposit gold coin for the withdrawal of bonds whenever circulation is to be permanently surrendered or reduced. This can be most successfully and economically accomplished by authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue from time to time bonds payable in gold, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per centum per annum and having a long time to run.

#### No More National Bank Notes.

"It is not probable that any plan for the permanent retirement of the United States notes and treasury notes will be adopted that will not require considerable time for its complete execution, and I therefore respectfully urge upon congress the propriety of prohibiting any future issues of such notes or of national bank notes of less denominations than ten dollars. Such a policy would make room in the circulation for silver coins and silver certificates of small denominations."

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#### SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—Of 73 religious communities in the diocese of Paris only 28 have refused to pay the new tax imposed.

—Pope Leo having appointed a vicar-general for Wales, a Welsh Protestant journal calls it "the attack of the anti-christ on Wales."

—Oxford men are beginning to send in petitions asking the university authorities not to submit the question of giving women the bachelor of arts degree to the vote of the alumni.

—A woman, Fraulein Marie Schwartz, has been made for the first time director of a girl's public school in Vienna. All the male teachers in the city protested against the appointment.

—Arizona pays the women teachers in her public schools the highest average monthly wages of any state in the union—\$74.45. Massachusetts, on the other hand, pays her men teachers an average of \$118.07 monthly.

—Flogging as a punishment for girls is what the London school board wants to introduce into the industrial schools. A short time ago it was considering the advisability of turning out the school teachers who did not agree with its theories of religious instruction.

—Over \$14,000,000 will be at the disposal of the Institute of France, whose centenary was recently celebrated, when the due d'Aumale dies. The income of the five academies that constitute the institute is now \$140,000. The due d'Aumale's gift of the domains of Chantilly gives it nearly \$9,000,000 of landed property.

—About a year ago a party of Seventh-day Adventists chartered the brigantine Pitcairn and started out with her from San Francisco on a missionary expedition in the south seas. Word of the vessel has just been received from Nukunolofa, Aongu. The party has visited Karotonga, Rurutu, Pitcairn and many other islands, stopping long enough at each one to distribute tracts and pamphlets and Bibles, and to do missionary work in various ways.

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