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FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Monday.

In the senate Lodge of Massachusetts defended the administration's policy in the Philippines against the criticisms of the minority. Rawlins of Utah replied to L. Vige's statements. The sundry civil appropriation bill and the bill for the purchase of the Rosebud Indian reservation were passed.

In the house Jones of Virginia announced the death of Congressman Oney and offered resolutions of regret. Then, at 12:13, as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned.

Tuesday.

There was a fierce discussion of the Philippine question in the senate. Turner of Washington delivered a scathing criticism of the methods practiced by the military authorities, and denounced General Smith as a "monster in human form." The senate adjourned early as a mark of respect to the memory of Representative Joshua D. Salmon of New Jersey.

The house adjourned, immediately after the reading of the journal, out of respect to the memory of Representative J. D. Salmon.

Wednesday.

Discussion of the Philippine bill in the senate took a sensational turn. McComas of Maryland said that senators from South Carolina and Mississippi, "where there is less popular liberty than in any other," were shouting loudest for constitutional liberty in the Philippines. Tillman of South Carolina replied that if it had been known in the south that the reins of government were to be given to the negroes, the civil war would have been prolonged indefinitely. He frankly described how the negroes had been defeated at the polls, admitting that the whites secured just such majorities as were necessary.

The house began consideration of the bill to provide enabling acts for the admission of the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Thursday.

Discussion of the Philippine bill in the senate, although it had a tone of bitterness, yet took on an amusing phase. Dulliver of Iowa made such a sarcastic arraignment of Carmack of Tennessee that senators and occupants of the thronged galleries were convulsed with laughter. Burton of Kansas defended the American troops from the charges of cruelty that had been made.

The feature of the debate in the house was a speech by Grosvener of Ohio in opposition to the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Friday.

The debate in the senate on the Philippine bill was mild. Teller spoke in opposition to the measure. The bill reserving a tract of land from the public lands of the state of Oregon as a public park was passed.

The house passed, without division, the bill for the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Saturday.

The senate passed the army appropriation bill. Public business was laid aside to pay tribute to the memories of the late Representative Rufus K. Polk of Pennsylvania and the late Senator Kyle of South Dakota.

A dispatch from Vryheid, southeastern Transvaal, says that natives whose kraals were recently burned by burghers attacked a Boer laager in the vicinity of Scheepers Nek and killed 32 Boers.

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## A MURDEROUS BAND.

### Australian Secret Society Pledged to Kill and Destroy.

#### Operate Under a King Whose Word is Law—Method of Organization and Procedure of Execution.

It is now something like 40 years since the British government was much disturbed by the depredations of what appeared to be an organized band of murderers operating throughout New South Wales. The organization was a secret one and at first seemed hardly worth while noticing. But before five years had passed it was so powerful that the government found itself forced to arm even the constabulary with revolvers and to instruct them not to be too slow about shooting in order to give them some means of protection against the criminals who had been enrolled under the society's rules. Since then, despite constant warfare made on it by the police, it has grown so vastly that now many cities are terrorized periodically by its members and it threatens Australia much as the Molly Maguires threatened the United States, says an eastern exchange.

This Australian secret murder society is known as Larrikim. The Larrikim is divided into branch societies known as pushes. Each push has a king, whose word is law.

The member of a push must do whatever the king directs, be it robbery, arson or murder. In turn the entire push stands by him and will stop at nothing, however desperate, to rescue him if he is taken. So well have many of the pushes proved their ability to do this that in the districts where they are most powerful it is common for them to commit all sorts of criminal acts in full daylight and practically publicly.

There is little really secret about the organization of these pushes. Nearly everything concerning them is known, so far as their methods of selecting new members, punishing traitors and so on are concerned. But all the efforts of the police have been unavailing to find out who the kings are.

Any male youth more than 17 years old who lives permanently in a push district is eligible for membership. Should he wish to join he sends the king a written application and a fee of ten shillings, which is one of the king's perquisites of office. On receiving the application the king calls together his five counselors, whom he instructs to make inquiries and report.

A meeting of the push then is convened and the applicant is accepted or rejected on a show of hands. If accepted he serves as a provisional initiate for a period of six months. Then, after subscribing his name to the "push book," which is a book wherein are recorded the crimes committed by the push, he becomes a full-fledged member and is made acquainted with the push's code of laws. No oath is administered and there is no ceremony or form of introduction whatsoever.

The first and most stringent discipline of push law enforces obedience to constituted authority. "What the king says goes" is their own phrase, and the contravention of the maxim is punishable in the first instance with the "sock" in the second with death. The sock is popular with all Larrikims, who dearly love an opportunity of witnessing its infliction. The offender is stripped, gagged and strapped face downward along an ordinary wooden bench, whereupon the executioners beat him in turn with a stocking filled with wet sand until his flesh is completely raw. His wounds are then salted and he is kept in a prison until recovery. On such occasions proceedings are conducted with the gravest decorum; no one is permitted to speak and unnecessary violence is sternly prohibited. No sympathy is manifested for the victim, and such a circumstance as a protest against the barbarity of the punishment is absolutely unknown.

The death penalty is rarely exacted in the case of members of the fraternity, but outsiders who have incurred the push vengeance are killed regularly. The king chooses for executioners a score of his subjects, of whom at least seven are the latest recruits of the order. The victim is surrounded, stunned and thrown to the ground. No deadly weapon is employed. Each of the push silently kick the body of the prostrate victim until life is extinct. Thus all the 20 are equally guilty of murder, and probably no member of any push has been enrolled for a longer period than two years without being thus stamped with the hall-mark at pushdom.

If a member desires to sever his connection with his push or to depart from the push district in order to live elsewhere he is allowed to do so only after having signed a confession of having committed, single-handed, the last capital crime of which the push is guilty. This document is handed to the king, who files it in the push book, which is naturally kept in a place of security. This book is the one strong and yet weak spot in the push system. If it were conveyed to the hands of the authorities the whole push would have to stand self-arraigned and self-condemned as murderers and accessories. But so long as each member's name is in the book with his record of crimes, so long is he the helpless slave of the king. Therefore the pushes realize that their safety depends upon the careful preservation of these memorials. At important gatherings the book must be produced, that members may have an opportunity of reassuring themselves by perusing confessions which transfer and fasten their joint burdens on the shoulders of absent individuals.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

The reports to the postoffice department show that the entire mail carried by the train wrecked near Flagstaff, A. T., was destroyed. This mail came from southern and central California and was destined for points east and south of Albuquerque, N. M.

With great pomp the remains of William T. Sampson, rear-admiral in the United States navy and commander-in-chief of the United States naval forces on the North Atlantic station during the war with Spain, were laid at rest. Every department of the national government was represented at the funeral. About 43,000 people thronged the streets and gathered about the grounds at Arlington.

A letter was received by Senator Perkins from President Wheeler of the university of California, transmitting a report of the experiment station, relative to the great importance of studying soil conditions around Fresno to solve the problem of preventing the accumulation of alkali in the soil through irrigation. Professor Hilgard asks for \$25,000 to continue his investigations. Secretary Wilson went personally before the senate committee on agriculture and urged the appropriation requested by Professor Hilgard. A later dispatch says that the senate committee has promised to increase the appropriation to \$75,000.

The United States has won a victory in the matter of the arbitration of the dispute with the republic of Salvador over the claim of the Salvador Commercial company (a San Francisco corporation) and other citizens of the United States, stockholders in the corporation El Triunfo company (limited), created under the laws of Salvador. The decision of the board awards \$533,000 to the Salvador Commercial company and \$80,000 as counsel fees, which go to Colonel John P. Irish and William L. Hill of Oakland, Cal. The Salvador Commercial company obtained some time ago concessions from the Salvadoran government for the exclusive use of the harbor of El Triunfo, but the government afterward repudiated the concession and confiscated the corporation's property. The matter was then taken up by the government at Washington.

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### Won't Follow Advice After Paying For It.

In a recent article a prominent physician says, "It is next to impossible for the physician to get his patients to carry out any prescribed course of hygiene or diet to the smallest extent; he has just one resort left, namely, the drug treatment." When medicines are used for chronic constipation, the most mild and gentle obtainable, such as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets should be employed. Their use is not followed by constipation as they leave the bowels in a natural and healthy condition. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Miss Alice Robertson passed successfully through the trying ordeal of her public examination for the degree of doctor of philosophy from the university of California. For two hours the learned examiners questioned her in regard to the conclusions she had drawn from her study of "The Embryology and Embryonic Fission in Cyclostomatous Bryozoa." Miss Robinson is the third woman to receive from the university of California its highest academic distinction.

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### New Electro-Magnetic Gun.

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### Smyrna Fig Trees Bear at Vina.

The late Senator Leland Stanford, while in Turkey, purchased a large number of what were said to be Smyrna fig trees. These were planted on the senator's large acreage around Vina, but the trees would never bear fruit. For many years this state of affairs existed and the trees were about to be dug up and thrown away as worthless. Two years ago W. H. Samson of Corning imported "male" fig trees, better known as the wild fig, and planted them at intervals through the big orchards. The experiment has been successful, and this year the trees are laden with fine Smyrna figs. The trees yield about ten pounds each of dried fruit each season.

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## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

### HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

#### Consumers' Association Formed—Paul Leicester Ford Killed by His Brother, Who Commits Suicide—Omaha Judge a Christian Scientist.

H. W. Barrows, the disbursing officer of the census bureau at Washington, was arrested on the charge of embezzling \$7,500 in government funds.

The remains of Brod Harte, who died near London recently, were buried at Brimley, Surrey, in the presence of his widow, son, daughter and a few friends. Many beautiful wreaths were placed upon the coffin.

A cable to the New York Sun from Rome says: A trooper writes from Abruzzo that he and 30 other Italians are still prisoners of Negus Meuleok. It was supposed that these men were killed at the battle of Adowa in 1896.

The Pennsylvania road will shortly place in service a daily train, that will make the distance of 392 miles between Chicago and New York in exactly 17 hours. This will be by long odds the fastest long-distance train in the world, and is made possible by the expenditure of upward of \$50,000,000 by the Pennsylvania company in improving its track between the two cities. The average speed of the train, including stops, will be 53.4 miles an hour, and exclusive of stops, about 57 miles an hour.

Paul Leicester Ford, the novelist, was shot through the heart in the library of his home by his brother, Malcolm Webster Ford, who then turned the weapon upon himself and gave himself a similar wound, says a New York dispatch. The two brothers died within a few feet of each other. Malcolm was the distinguished son of a millionaire father, and there had been years of family quarreling over money matters. Malcolm Ford at one time was a noted athlete. The lead novelist was married only two years ago to the daughter of Edward H. Kilder of Brooklyn.

The Colorado supreme court has upheld the city ordinance of Denver for the regulation of wineroms, reversing the decision of the district court given by Judge Palmer, who held that women have the same right to enter wineroms or saloons that men have. "If a discrimination is made against women solely on account of their sex," says the supreme court, "it would not be good, but if it is because of the immorality that would be likely to result if the regulation was not made, the regulation should be sustained." The court holds that injury to public morality would result if women were, without restriction, permitted to frequent wineroms.

The Consumers' Commercial and Industrial association has formed a \$25,000,000 combine of the retail merchants and consumers of the country, says a Chicago dispatch. The object is to give the retailers the advantage of large capital, and the consumers that of discounts. The new company has been incorporated in Chicago and Arizona. Life membership fee is to be \$5, and this will entitle the consumer member to a 5 per cent discount in his purchases from the merchant members, regardless of the location of the latter.

The airship belonging to Senhor Auguste Sevros, the Brazilian aeronaut, made an ascension at Paris, when the airship exploded. Sevros, the aeronaut, and one of his assistants, were killed. Sevros's airship, La Paix, was not unlike Santos-Dumont's airships in appearance, but it differed from them in many details. The gas capacity of La Paix was nearly four times greater than that of Santos-Dumont's balloons. It had three main propellers and two smaller ones, used for steering and in ascending and descending.

Coroner Bralley impaneled a jury at Omaha and, accompanied by the sheriff, proceeded to the home of Judge Eller, and demanded that he be permitted to hold an inquest over the remains of Donald Eller, the judge's son, who died while under the care of the Christian Science healers. Judge Eller opened a window and informed the sheriff that in order to hold the inquest he would have to break down three doors, tear the American flag from the coffin and break a lock with which the coffin was secured. He said he would offer no personal resistance, but would not aid the coroner in any manner. The coroner decided to make no attempt to enter and withdrew.

Mrs. Catherine Soffel, the wife of Warden Peter Soffel of the Allegheny county jail, who entered a plea of guilty to the charge of releasing Edward J. John Biddle, the burglar and murderer of Grocer Kahney and Detective Fitzgerald, was sentenced at Pittsburgh by Judge Frasier to two years in the Western penitentiary. Mrs. Soffel received the sentence calmly. Walter Forman, the member of the Biddle gang who turned state's evidence and entered a

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plea of guilty to the murder of Kahney, was sentenced to death. It is understood that for the assistance he rendered the state the pardon board will commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

Indians recently brought a story to Fort Yukon to the effect that there are two porcupine ships away on the high ridge of the Rockies, where the mountains slope off to the Arctic ocean. The vessels are 200 yards apart, one partly protruding through the gravel and the other standing almost upright. In the latter a hole was made and certain stone utensils taken out. These were produced by the Indians. The place is 150 miles up the Porcupine river, then 100 miles toward the Arctic. The Indians also state that there is a porcupine forest there and massive glaciers many hundred feet in height. H. R. Mountfield, agent of the North American Transportation company at Fort Yukon, says he will go up to see for himself. The trip will take about ten weeks.

George A. Dold of Pasadena, Cal., was hard at work eating oranges at \$1.50 a day when he received a telegram informing him that he is one of the heirs of an estate valued at \$15,000,000. Dold is a Virginian of English descent, and the estate has been in litigation for 30 years. It is said that the estate will be divided equally among five American heirs. Dold, who is 43 years of age, enlisted with the Fourth United States cavalry from San Francisco and went to the Philippines, where he served 15 months.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, for a brief period at the beginning of the fruit-shipping season, has undertaken the handling of green fruits, in carload lots on passenger trains, and has also adopted a plan of distribution that will enable shippers to place small consignments of fruit in all of the markets accessible to main-line points between San Francisco and New York. The express company offers to accept shipments of 15,000 pounds or more at the regular express rates, without any additional charge for icing.

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