

A PARTIAL ANSWER

England's Reply Respecting the Flour Seizures.

SATISFACTORY AS FAR AS IT GOES

The Question Whether Foodstuffs Are to Be Regarded as Contraband Is Not Decided.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The answer of the British government to Mr. Choate's communication regarding the flour seizures in the American flour and other goods on the three vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria, has been received. Just as the officials of the state department expected, it amounted to a partial answer. It does not state the American government's policy in the seizure of the goods, but states that the seizure was made for the purpose of ascertaining the character of the goods seized, but not finally deciding broadly whether or not foodstuffs are to be regarded as contraband.

The British government adopts precisely the point of view regarding the seized goods that was assumed by the state department and embodied in Mr. Choate's note on the subject addressed to the British foreign office. In brief Mr. Choate reports as follows: That the answer is highly satisfactory; that is, in broad and liberal terms.

The position assumed by the British government is that foodstuffs in transit to a hostile destination can be regarded as contraband of war only when they are supplied for the enemy's forces. It is evident, however, that they are capable of being used for the benefit of the enemy. It must be shown that they are so in fact by their destination at the time of seizure.

The British government does not claim that any of the American vessels, the German bark Maria and the British bark Mashona were contraband of war. The British government is investigating the facts in connection with the goods seized on the third vessel, the Beatrice.

Mr. Choate's message embodied succinctly the authorities relied on by the British government to sustain its position and as this position, as already stated, is one of those which the state department is endeavoring to establish as a convincing one. For this reason Mr. Choate's message is long, and it was nearly two weeks before it could be deciphered and placed in the hands of the state department, of course they are regarded as convincing. For this reason Mr. Choate's message is long, and it was nearly two weeks before it could be deciphered and placed in the hands of the state department, of course they are regarded as convincing.

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GOVERNOR SHAW'S SPEECH TO THE IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Plea for a Merchant Marine, Nicaragua Canal, Sound Money and a Trust Remedy.

DES MOINES, Jan. 11.—For the second time Governor Shaw was inaugurated as chief executive of the state this afternoon. The oath of office was pronounced by Chief Justice Granger, of the supreme court, in the presence of a large audience. The ceremonies consisted of a parade from the state house headed by a troop of the National Guard and exercises at the auditorium. The governor was escorted by Lieutenant-Governor Milliman. In his inaugural address, Governor Shaw said: "At the beginning of the 19th century...

TO REDUCE THE SURPLUS

NO BETTER WAY THAN TO SCATTER IT ABOUT IN PENSIONS.

Bondholders Pluck the Government. So Why Shouldn't the Veterans' Family if They Can?

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor.)—As one who draws a pension and is not ashamed of it, though not dependent on the pension for my bread, will you permit me to make a few remarks on the subject of scattering the surplus.

Up to the act of 1890 all pensions were granted on the basis of actual injuries received in the service of the government, or the widows and orphans who had been dependent on the service of the civil war. The government took every precaution to protect itself against fraud. An applicant must prove that he was a soldier or a person described in his application by both the records and surviving comrades, and that his disability was the direct result of his service. Then a board of three surgeons, one of whom was a general and the commissioner at Washington, in 1890, owing to the difficulty of meeting the technical demands of the law, made impossible in many cases because of the death of medical officers, congress passed "the dependent pension law." Under this law a surviving soldier who was disabled was not required to establish the fact that his disability resulted from his service, but as much as ever, and it must be shown that he was not disabled by vicious habits.

RECALL OF METHUEN.

Announced by the London Correspondent of the New York Paper.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "Lord Methuen has been recalled to England. This statement is made on the highest authority. It is reported that the late British general, Lord Methuen, who was recalled to England in 1898, after the battle of Tlokoeng, is now in London, but in the strictest retirement, suffering from a nervous breakdown, caused by his attempts to follow and save the troops which were in deadly peril from trying to hold the advanced posts in Natal.

VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN OREGON

The assessed valuation of property in Oregon for 1899 is \$120,237,874. This is the lowest total since 1893. The decrease since 1893, the year of highest valuations, has been \$47,501,028. But there has been a net gain in value of \$20,691 since 1899.

Assessed valuations in Oregon for 1899 showed a reduction of \$13,248,688. Of this Multnomah county contributed \$11,219,695. Multnomah's reduction was 25 per cent. Washington's was the same. Jackson's was 24; Gilliam's, 19; and Douglas's, 15.

The smallness of the assessment for 1899 is evidence that county assessors are not giving fictitious values to property. Assessed valuations are now lower than at any period of the good or hard times of the '90s, or in the present era of prosperity. Assessors have nothing to fear when there is no fear of a reduction.

Year	Assessed Valuation	Year	Assessed Valuation
1899	\$120,237,874	1889	\$167,748,902
1898	133,486,562	1888	167,748,902
1897	131,968,415	1887	167,748,902
1896	131,968,415	1886	167,748,902
1895	131,968,415	1885	167,748,902
1894	131,968,415	1884	167,748,902
1893	167,748,902	1883	167,748,902
1892	167,748,902	1882	167,748,902
1891	167,748,902	1881	167,748,902
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1886	167,748,902	1876	167,748,902
1885	167,748,902	1875	167,748,902
1884	167,748,902	1874	167,748,902
1883	167,748,902	1873	167,748,902
1882	167,748,902	1872	167,748,902
1881	167,748,902	1871	167,748,902
1880	167,748,902	1870	167,748,902

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

Governor Taylor Asks That the Democratic Committee Vacate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 11.—Governor Taylor, through Judge W. H. Yost, filed with the contest committee a motion to require the democratic committee to vacate the office of governor in the event a candidate is elected by a majority of the vote in the contest. The motion is supported by an affidavit charging that the names were fraudulently drawn by the clerk, and that the democratic members now serving are all disqualified by reason of partiality for the contest. The names of the candidates mentioned specifically as to each. It refers to the rules of the committee, which he says were framed as to exclude the greater part of the voters, and charges in general terms that the rules of the contest is about to be made throughout on partisan lines, and without regard to the merits of the case. Chairman Hickman announced that the affidavit and motion would be taken under advisement.

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The house adopted the senate resolution providing for the joint committee to investigate the alleged bribery in the contest. The committee will consist of one republican on the committee and one republican on the committee. The republican leaders, while not abandoning the fight against Goebel in the legislature, are eagerly awaiting news from Washington as to what the federal government will do in the event Goebel is seated by the legislature. The republican leaders are advising Governor Taylor to resist in case the legislature decides in favor of Goebel and are promising support to him if he is seated.

Parliament Summoned.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The queen has proclaimed the meeting of parliament for January 24.

COLONEL STONE SHOT.

Shot While Foreclosing a Mortgage on a Farm.

KINGFISHER, O. T., Jan. 11.—Colonel John Stone, president of the People's party of Kingfisher, was shot and killed at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the farm of Jim Watcher, near Columbia, Kingfisher county. Colonel Stone had foreclosed a mortgage on Watcher's farm and was there to take possession. Watcher claimed his attorney had advised him to resist eviction.

Beer Resolution Tabled.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—The house of representatives today, by a strict party vote, indefinitely postponed the resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain. The republicans voted in the affirmative.

Clark Is Mayor of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 11.—The inauguration proceedings in the majority case, ex-Judge George H. Clark, were discontinued by the resignation of Clark. Clark is now in possession of the office.

Arrested for Bribery.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 11.—Four members of the board of education were arrested today on warrants charging them with accepting a bribe. They are: A. M. Cowie, G. G. Irey, George H. Hess and...

WHAT IS THE REASON?

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THE DRAINAGE CANAL.

Water Power From It Will Be Used by the City of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Water in the north section of the drainage canal today reached the top of the Bear trap dam at Lockport, and within an hour or two the first thin sheet of water began pouring over the top, thousands of gallons of water, under the pressure of the immense volume of water in the windmill basin, were splashing on the rocks of the Mill race. Cakes of ice and masses of driftwood were taken up in the current, and the roar of the water could be heard for a quarter of a mile. It will be two or three days before the canal will be completely reached, and then drainage at the Campbell-avenue dam will be commenced.

SHOOTING OF A DESERTER.

Case Against Two Soldiers Charged With Murder.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—The habeas corpus case of Corporal Fair and Private Jockey, charged with the murder of the state court for murder by shooting Deserter Morgan, came up before Judge Munger in the federal court today. United States District Attorney Sumners appeared for the prisoners. The facts regarding the killing are not in controversy, the question being whether it was justifiable. From the line of questioning and the attitude of the court, it is evident that the result of the case largely hinges upon whether Morgan was in the act of escaping when shot, or whether the escape was an accomplished fact and the killing was only a military necessity.

Lord Straethon Will Equip Them.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—Lord Straethon has offered to equip a mounted corps of 400 Canadian for South Africa service. The proposal is being accepted by the government. The corps will be composed of British Columbia.

CASTORA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Castor*

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Geo. S. Kelly, of 11 Nassau St., New York, writes: "I have been suffering from rheumatism and dyspepsia, and I came to the conclusion that I must get a change of air. I immediately found relief from your medicine. It is a grand relief from all ailments. I immediately found relief from all ailments. I immediately found relief from all ailments."

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