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CHANGED HER PLANS.

Depose the Emperor, r temperarily to abandon her decision There is much enxiety in native quarters regarding the downger empress' next move. It is generally thought, however, that she will allow affairs to remain as at present, until she is able to ascertain to a certainty what attitude the emperor's party is likely to assume. There is little reason to believe that the emperor's party is strongly enough united to give serious

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## STANDARD OIL CHANGE.

Bownger Empress of China Afraid to Bockefeller No Longer President of the Ohio Company,

PEKING. Feb. 7.—It is generally believed that the downger empress will not
attempt the formal deposition of the emperor at the present mament, though that
it was her first intention there is little
from to doubt. It is gathered from credtinle Chinese sources that the downger intanded to carry out her plans during the
first days of the new year. Everything
had been prepared for the coup, but at
the last moment representations to her
that such a course probably would create
sersous apposition in the south induced
her temperarity to abandon her decision. Rockefeller, it is said, has been subjected to so many examinations in the various legal proceedings against the company under anti-trust lecislation that he found the presidency trasome, and hence his resignation. Frank Rockefeller, brother of John D., has resigned the second vice-procedurer.

while whatever action the dowager The J. P. Quinn Dry Goods Company kes. | will lose \$150,000.

It is Believed He Will Stand by the Louisville Agreement.

ASKS FOR A FAIR ELECTION LAW

Republicans of the Legislature Held a Session at London-Goebel's Remains Viewed by Thousands.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 6.-The text of the agreement reached by the Louis-ville conference last night was brought to Governor Taylor this morning by a left the building, Mr. Baker remarked: quorum in either house is present, ad-"I hope and believe that the entire mat-ter will be amicably adjusted. More than the next. this I am unable to say at the present

General Lindsay and Mr. Edelen spoke in similar tones, and while all expressed themselves as reasonably confident that Governor Taylor would acquiesce in the terms of the agreement, they all desired to be understood as saying that they had no authoritative reason from Governor Taylor for entertaining the belief that they expressed.

Early in the morning, before he had received a copy of the agreement, Goveror Taylor said:

nor Taylor said:
"Under no circumstances will I discuss
the agreement before a copy of it has
reached me. Speaking generally, however, I would say that if an agreement
can be made by which an election law
will be given to the people of Kentucky,
through the operation of which a fair
election and an honest count are assured
to the citizens of this state, no personal
ambition of mine will stand in the way." ambition of mine will stand in the way." After the three gentlemen who brought the agreement had retired, Governor Taylor remained alone in his office with the copy of the agreement. He studied it carefully, went over it in an exhaustive manner, and late in the afternoon declared he would take no action whatever until he would take no action whatever until

"I wish to see my attorneys," he said, "and consult with them about certain forms of the agreement before I announce my intention. I will not say what I intend to do until after I have obtained legal advice.

The consultation of the attorneys was held in Governor Taylor's office, and ad-

journed at a late hour.

There is not in the city of Frankfort a single member of the legislature. The republicans are all at London and the democrats are in places along the border of the state, from where it will be easy to escape should any attempt be made by the military to arrest them and convey them to Loudon. But such republicans of prominence as are here seem inclined to believe that Governor Taylor will accept the agreement. They all admit, however, that he has given as yet no oral or written syldence of his intention.

News of the agreement reached at Lou-isville was received with great satisfac-tion at Frankfort. The strain of the past 10 days has been very great, and any lessening of tension was most wel-come to members of both parties. Not a single member of the legislature, demo-crat or republican, is in this city. A meeting of Frankfort citizens was

held at the courthouse tonight, and arrangements were made for the public observance of the funeral of Governor Goebel. All business men were asked to close up Thursday and drape their buildings in will be tolled during the service.

THE LOUISVILLE COMPROMISE.

Terms of the Agreement Reached at the Peace Conference.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 6.—The peace conference held at the Galt house last night between seven republicans and seven representatives of the democrats resulted in the signing of an agreement, embody-ing seven specific propositions, which promise a settlement of the party difficulties which have been brought about be-tween the two state governments in Ken-tucky. This agreement is, in substance, as

First-That if the general assembly, in joint session, shall adopt a resolution ratifying their recent action, adopting the contest reports, seating Goebel and Beckham, the contestees, Taylor and Marshall, shall submit without further protest.

Second-That all narties shall unite in an Second-That all parties shall unite in an effort to bring about such modification of the election law as will provide for non-partisan election boards and insure free

and fair elections.
Third-That conditions shall remain in statu quo until Monday, the general as-sembly meeting and adjourning from day to day until that time.

Fourth—That nothing shall be done to hinder or prevent a joint session of the general assembly for taking action on the ratification resolution

Fifth-That the state contest board shall meet and adjourn from day to day until Tuesday, without taking any action on the contest for minor state officers. This post-ponement is suggested in order that the action of the general assembly on the ratification resolution may be taken first. Sixth—The state troops shall be removed from the state capitol at once, though with all necessary precaution for the public safety. This matter is to be under the direction of General Dan Lindsay, of

Seventh-That the republican officials and officers of the state guard shall have immunity from charges of treason, usurpa-tion, court-martial or any other such of-

The agreement was signed by the follow-

The agreement in full was not given out last night as it was decided first to submit it to Governor Taylor for his signa-ture. It was stated by republicans pres-ent that Governor Taylor would agree to anything that all of them signed. It was stated in the conference that the London session of the general assembly would be called off at once until Monday. While the situation is in state one. Taylor While the situation is in statu quo, Taylor will remain in possession of the executive building, while the republicans will reconnize him and the democrats will recognize | tense

LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED.

Beckham as governor.

ed. A. R. Dye, of London, was elected secretary pro tem., and sworn, and Frank Rites, of Lendon, was made temporary page. Resolutions of regret on the death of their colleague, Senator Goebel, were adopted, and the senate adjourned, to meet tomorrow at noon. Judge Brown swore in the officers elected:

Temporary Chairman Slack rapped the house to order at 12:15 o'clock. He sa'd:

"May this legislature, in all its acts and efforts, be in the direction of peace on earth and good will toward men. We

on earth and good will toward men. We pray that honesty of purpose and strict integrity may guide the deliberations of

Chairman Slack then announced that ow ing to the absence of Speaker Trimble (dem.) a speaker pro tem. must be elected. Representative Bethurum, of Rock Castle county, was elected unanimously. Judge Faulkner, of Barboursvile, was made secretary pro tem, and the house was ready for business. Resolutions deploring the death of William Gorbel were adopted, and then, in respect to him, the house at 12:20 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow at noon. committee consisting of General Dan Lindsay, T. H. Baker and T. L. Edelen. They
handed Governor Taylor a copy of the
agreement, were closeted with him for a
spreament, were closeted with him for a
short time, and then departed. As they
the constitution states that when no

Of the 13 senators present today, 11 are republicans and two are Brown democrats. There are 12 straight republicans in the senate, and if Senator Burnham arrives tomorrow, as expected, the number will be complete. Senators Alexander and Glies-ple, both Brown democrats, and McCon-nell, populat, are expected tomocrow. In which event the republican strength of the senate will be represented.

The republican strength in the house numbers 40. Of this number, 35 were present at the session today.

A telegram was received tonight from Lieutenant-Governor Marshall saying that he will be here tomorrow. The general santiment is that the legislature will re-main here until ordered by Governor Tayfor to return to Frankfort.

GOEBEL FUNERAL TRAIN. Thousands Viewed the Remains at

Covington. Covington.

COVINGTON, Ky., Feb. 6.—The special Goebel funeral train arrived here this morning from Frankfort. A long procession followed the casket from the depot to Odd Fellows' hall, where the body lay in state. A detail of police led the procession, followed by the guards of homor, members of the legislature and the court of appeals, the Kenton County Bar Association, other organizations, and several sociation, other organizations, and several thousand people who had assembled at the

This has been the most memorable day in the history of Kenton county, and also in the history of the adjoining county of Campbell, in which Newport, Bellevue and Dayton form a continuous line of cities along the river. Great crowds of people continued all day and all night around the Odd Fellows' hall. During the afternoon several women fainted. Many came from long distances on both sides of the river. A dozen street-car lines were overtaxed in conveying people across the river. The A dozen street-car lines were overtaxed in conveying people across the river. The schools in Campbell and Kenton counties were closed, and procession after procession of pupils passed through the hall. Most of them carried flowers to atraw around the castafalque. The hall was full of floral tributes before the casket arrived, and ionight it is a vast hed of flowers. The floral designs came from both sides of the fiver and from a score or more of Kentucky counties.

more of Kentucky countles.
It was not intended to have any religious services here, but two prayers were offered, and Miss Carrie Belmer and were offered, and Miss Carrie Belmer and Mrs. Jessie Bowren-Caldwell furnished music. Mrs. Caldwell sang at the funeral of Horace Greeley, and will sing at the Goebel obsequies again in Frankfort Thursday. The prayer in German was by Rev. Father Gilbert Schmidt, pastor of St. Paul's German Protestant church, of which Governor Goebel's parents were which Governor Goebel's parents were the great of activity on the part of Lord Methal of the company of the part of Lord Methal of the company of the part of Lord Methal of the company of the part of Lord Methal of the company of the map, excepting the heliogram from Ladysmith saying that the Boers are cannonading and "fighting is going on."

General Macdonald, with 4000 infantry, cavalry and artillery, threatens the Boer right at Magersfontein. This is the first sign of activity on the part of Lord Methal of the company of the map, excepting the heliogram from Ladysmith saying that the Boers are cannonading and "fighting is going on."

General Macdonald, with 4000 infantry, cavalry and artillery, threatens the Boer are cannonading and "fighting is going on." members. The prayer in English was by Rev. H. W. Ewing, of the Union Method-ist church. There was no music in the procession today, and there will be no band when the neighbors tomorrow morn-ing follow the agents.

ing follow the casket again from the hall to the depot. It was intended to close the hall at 10 P. M., but at that hour the crowds ex-tended for squares in the vicinity of the hall, and it was then decided to keep the hall open all night or until the crowds

were exhausted, were exhausted.

When Governor Beckham, members of the legislature, Messrs. Woodson, Shack-elford, Lillard, McKay and other democratic leaders visited the hall this aftersoon the way was cleared by the police and the back doors in some cases were opened. These efforts for others tonight caused some dissatisfaction in the closely pressed, impatient crowd

## PLAGUE IN HAWAII.

Official Report From an Army Surgeon,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Surgeon-General Sternberg has received a report from Major Blair Taylor, surgeon, U. S. A., in regard to the progress of the bubonic plague in Honolulu. His report is dated at the United States military hospital, Honolulu, January 15, and says that up to that date there have been 34 cases of bu-bonic plague in the city of Honolulu,

with 27 deaths. "The altuation is very serious," said Major Taylor, "as the disease has brok-en out in several isolated places outside of the originally infected district. One soldier of the Hawalian National Guard is dead of the disease, and a white woman from one of the principal business houses. is now very iii. In view of the fact that the detachment of 19 men of the Sixth artillery in town were necessarily living with and intimately associated with the National Guard. I have recommended verbally to the commanding officer that these troops be removed to Camp McKinley and placed in an isolated camp for seven days. placed in an isolated camp for seven days,

and not returned to the town until the plague is over. This has been done. "The board of health seems to be doing The agreement was signed by the following: Republicans, John Marshall, Judge
J. W. Barr, General Dan Lindsay, T. L.
Edelen, Dr. T. H. Baker, David W. Faireigh, C. T. Ballard: democrats, J. S. C.
Blackburn, J. C. W. Beckham, Sam J.
Schackelford, Urey Woodsen, James B.
McCreary, Phil Thompson, Robert J. We are lucky at the hospital in being on
Deschipping. high ground, two miles from infected points and in a thinly settled neighbor-hood. Camp McKinley is also well pro-tected, being five miles from town and

completely isolated." Major Taylor incloses copies of the or-ders issued by Major Mills, commanding the post, for the isolation and quarantine of the detachment of men recently guard in the city of Honolulu, and for the general protection of the garrison from possible infection. Soldiers are not allowed to leave the camp under any pre-

Million-Dollar Fire at Tampleo. TAMPICO, Mex., Feb. 6.-Last night fire

Methuen Preparing to Move When Others Start.

THREATENING THE BOERS' RIGHT

Roberts' Maplifesto to Free Staters and Transvanlers-Shelling of Ladyamith Resumed.

LONDON, Feb. 7, 4:20 A. M .- Lord Rob- risk erts has caused to be distributed in the towns hordering upon the invaded colonial territory an invitation to Free Staters and Transvaalers to go into the deem. offering them good treatment and a restoration to their farms on the British octoration to their farms on the British octoration to their farms on the British octoration to their farms on the British octoration.

olines toward the decision that these are due to the wish being father of the thought." A supposition upon such a basis is utterly futile. Complete silence from the front and at home may be significant, as the wiseacres aver, but it more probably represents that period of preparation which precedes important movements.

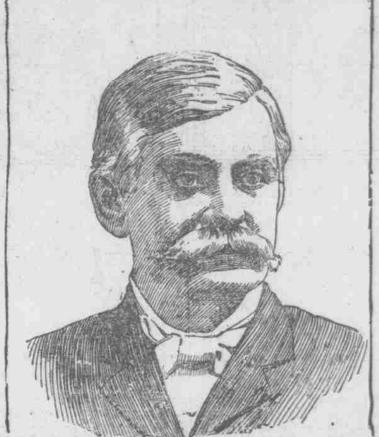
The reports from Colesherg on conditions, are scarcely more satisfactory. There is inconclusive vagueness regarding General French's reported intention to at-

There is inconclusive vagueness regarding General Franch's reported intention to attack Norval's Pont with an overwhelming force of infantry.

While news of sharp fighting in the neighborhood of Colenso can be fairly expected within a few days, it is not likely it will assume greater proportions than a reconnolsusance and skirmishes, for the purpose of holding an advanced position of the forthcoming main advance by way of Hisemfontein, General French is strategic-

ally prohibited from running any serious

## CALIFORNIA'S NEW SENATOR.



THOMAS R. BARD.

cupation of republican territory. The manifeato guarantees that those bringing horses can sell them. Foreigners will have their passage paid to Europe. Colonial release are advised to surrender in preference to be taken prisoners.

Not a word has been received from the correspondents with Concern Puller for the Prench press and people.

correspondents with General Buller for three days. It is as though Natal had been wiped off the map, excepting the he-

relation to the movements of the British further east.

appears that General French's visit to Cape Town was to ask Lord Roberts for 7000 more men. Whether he got then is not disclosed.

Troops are no longer detained at Cape Town. They proceed immediately to some point at the front. Three thousand em-barked Monday and were quickly sent elsewhere. No public reception was given to the arriving volunteers at Cape Town, because they had to leave immediately. As Lord Roberts, since the battle of Splonkop, has had 20,000 fresh troops to dispose of. it is probable that some have gone to

General Buller. The World says it learns that Lord Methuen has disbanded Remington's acouts, one of the most useful colonial commands, because he had ascertained that some members of the corps had been communicating with the Boers.

Captain Walter Congreve, who received the Victoria Cross for gallantry in endeav-oring to save the British guns at Colenso,

"I never saw a Boer all day, and I do not think any one else did. Thousands of builets pattered and shells burst all over the place, but the Boers were invisible, The Transvani special war tax of two shillings and sixpence per acre affects 3,000,000 nores of English owned land, a part of which is not worth more than the

tax, The Standard has received the following lispatch, dated Monday, February 5, from Kopvie's dam: neral Macdonald, with a brigade of

"General Macdonald, with a brigade of infantry, a regiment of lancers and one battery has reached here from Modder River camp, in what is regarded as an important move to the right of the Boer position at Magerafontein. Kopvie's dam commands the roads from Kimberley to Hopetown and Douglas. Two Boer lasgers, at Kamulhock and Griquatown, ar within striking distance. The arrival of within striking distance. The arrival of General Macdonaid's column was oppor-tune, as it just prevented two large com-mandos effecting a junction. He now holds both banks of the river. "Our lancers had two brushes with the Boer patrols. There is great activity among the enemy, and strong forces are

oncentrating to oppose our further ad-Bombardment of Ladysmith. MODDERSPRUIT, Feb. 4.—Messages from Ladysmith, dated February 5, say that continuous cannonading has been proceeding since early morning, with th casional roar of a "Long Tom." The fir-

PERIOD OF PREPARATION.

No News to Confirm Reports of Buller's Advance.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—This hoping, fearing, doubting nation remains at the mercy of every wild rumor. The impression that Buller's forces are fighting will not die out

in spite of the continuous assertions of the war office that it has no news to confirm that belief. that belief,

From Cape Town, under today's date, comes the statement that up to this morning nothing has been heard there regarding Buller's recrossing of the Tagela river, while Lord Roberts, in a dispatch dated February 5, reports no change in the situation. In view of the latter's dispatches, it seems hard to credit the circumstant.

Pretoria Guns Sent to the Front. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 6.—The Argus announces that 30 guns have been dispatched from Pretoria to the front, and that the Pretoria forts have been practically denuded of artillery.

BANQUET OF BANKERS.

Smith then spoke:

"We made our greatest commercial opportunity in the greatest new potential market of the world when we secured the open door in China. That is the splending the democratic national convention ing the democratic national convention.

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Just as the postmaster-general had concluded his speech, Governor Roose-velt entered the room, accompanied by ex-Governor Levi P. Morton. They were given a rousing reception. The bankers stood up and shouted their approval as the governor walked by bawing his ac-knowledgments. Senator Beverldge then

Popularity of Dias.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 6.—The na-tional convention of the liberal party has assembled, holding sessions in the hall of the chamber of deputies. All the states and territories are represented, and a committee has been appointed to count and announce the number of votes cast in the pictiscite of January 1, in order to ascertain the preferences of the citi-zens for president during the term to be-

gin in December next.
Out of S.EE qualified voters in the City of Mexico, 67.28 voted for President Diaz as the candidate of the liberal party. A similarly large proportion was noted in the vote in federal districts in favor of the present incumbent. Members of the convention say that the voting throughout the country was heavily in support of Gen-eral Diam's candidacy.

Blown to Sen and Lost.

TAMPICO, Mex., Feb. 6.—Last night fire from Cape Town, under today's date, for John D., has resigned the second vice- af Goebel Were Passed.

Fire at Little Rock.

LITLE ROCK, Ark, Feb. 6.—Fire to- night caused losses aggregating 1985,000.

The J. P. Quinn Dry Goods Company will loss 115,000.

TAMPICO, Mex., Feb. 6.—Last night fire bouse of Values of Val

Chosen Senator From Callfornia to Succeed White.

RESULT OF SEPARATE BALLOTING

Upper House Refused to Adopt a Resolution Urging Mediation in the Anglo-Boer War.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 6.-The Callfornia legislature today balloted for a United States senator to succeed Stephen

White. The vote in the senate was as llows:

In the assembly the vote stood; Bard was declared elected in both houses.

Both houses will meet in joint session to-morrow to railfy the election.

The senate this afternoon refused to adopt recontions recommending the midia-tion of this country in the English-Trans-

BRYAN IN CONNECTICUT AGAIN.

Spoke at Hartford and Bridgeport, Ending His New Engined Tour. BRIDGEPORT, Coun., Feb. 5.—William J. Bryan at 11 o'clock tonight inichted the work for which his New England trip was undertaken. He delivered two long addresses. This attornoon in Hartford be spoke to an audience of 1800 persons. He

spoke to an audience of 1800 persons. He took occusion to ray the knuckles of this insurance and manufacturing capitalists of the capital city, "the epiendidly wealthy city of Hartford," as he put it.

In Bridgeport, Mr. Bryan was wildly acciaimed upon his serival by train, and later as he spoke to an audience which taxed to its utmost the largest theater in the city, and even then refused to accommodate fully 2000 enthus asta crowding for admittance.

Refused to Entertain Bryan. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.-Members of the Algonquin Club, a leading social organisa-Algorithm Calls, a leading social organisa-tion of Brill, sport, Count., declined to en-tertain W. J. Bryan. Some of the mem-bers announced that Mr. Bryan would be the guest of the club, and there was a revolt by those of other political faiths. The governors of the club, after a warm discussion, decided that it would breed trouble if the Nebraskan were tendered a sinb invitation. Mr. Bryan, therefore, was not a guest of the organization.

Mr Bryan will speak in Carnegie hall, New York, tmorrow night, for the benefit of Winfield Scott Hancock post, G. A. R. an admission fee being charged. His address will be on current problems. Mr. Bryan did not speak in New York during Bryan did not speak in New York during his recent whit here, and there was some trepidation among Tammany lenders as to how far they should go in their coesuion of him. New Mr. Bryan returns with the prestigs of his highly successful New England tour, and it is scaled that a large number of Tammany's big men will be on the platform tomorrow night.

LOOKING TO OREGON. Bryan Afraid He Cannt Hold His Party to His Anti-Expansion Views.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The Chronicis to-morrow will say: "According to advises received at the democratic national headquarters, there is a strong disposition among the leaders of the party, including William J. Bryan, to settle upon June 5 as the date for the

Postmaster - General Was a Guest and Spoke on the Open Door.

democratic national convention.

"It now appears that Coincel Bryan is taking considerable interest in the Pacific alone situation. The information is that NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Men of prominence in banking and monetary circles to the number of nearly 60 met tonight at the annual banquet of group eight, of the New York State Bankers' Association, held at the Waldorf-Astoria. It had been expected that Secretary of the Treasury Gage would be at the banquet, out a telegram was read from him in which it was stated that he could not be present on acomt of his health.

Among those at the guests table were J. Edward Simmons. Fredrick D. Tappen, Joseph C. Hendrix, J. Plerpont Morgan, K. Jessup and Conrad Jordan. The toast "The President of the United States," was drunk standing amid great enthusiasm. Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith then spoke:

"We made our greatest commercial opportunity in the greatest new potential market of the world when we secured." the democratic state convention of Oregon

House Committee Gave a Hearing on Constitutional Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4-The rooms of the house committee on judiciary were crowded to overflowing today with representatives of many religious, missionary and social reform balles to urgs the need of a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy. The addresses were strongly condemnatory of polygamy, and many of those engaged in missionary work in the West stated that the Mormon church was systematically propagating the doctrine of polygamy, despite all dentals. The lady speakers appealed in particular for protec-tion to the sanctity of the American home.

Bishop Potter voiced the Episcopel sen-timent by saying that the family was the root of modern civilization, and he ear-nestly supported this movement as one of defense of the family and the home. Rev. John Dixon, of New York, said the Mormon church was seeking to make a virtue out of vice, and to establish this

rice as the corner-stone of religion.
Mrs. James gave the result of 30 years' observation on this subject, while on the woman's home mission board, of the Pres-byterian church. She spoke in the most vigorous terms of denunciation against the Mormon church. They were colonising and extending their work in Montana Idaho, Colorado and other states, she mid Miss Jessie Ackerman, of the W. said, in traveling over the world for the W. C. T. U., she observed how the Mozmons were propagating their faith everywhere. Travelers mecountered their apostics in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany, and in most out-of-the-way

Strength of the Militia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Socretary Root has sent is congress an abstract of the militia force of the United States, it shows a total number of men available for military duty, but imorganised, as 16,343,330, and an aggregate organised strength of 106,338,