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AIMED AT PAPER TRUST. De Vries' Resolution for Repeal of Tax. WASHINGTON, March 5.—Representative De Vries, of California, today introduced a joint resolution for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper and the material from which it is made, and directing the Attorney-General to proceed under the anti-trust law against those maintaining a monopoly in each paper and material. The resolution recites that the existing duty of 36 per cent greatly aids in the maintenance of the monopoly, that the price of paper has been increased 90 per cent to the consumer, and that the result is a menace to popular education and the dissemination of information.

MAKING IS NEXT

British Force On the Way to Raise the Siege.

NO NEWS FROM LORD ROBERTS. Which is Taken to Mean That Something Has Happened or Is About to Happen.

Plumer at Crocodile Pool. LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch to the Times from Bulawayo, dated February 23, says: "Colonel Plumer yesterday occupied the position at Crocodile Pools which the Boers evacuated February 23. It is not known whether the enemy have taken any steps to make a further effort to interfere with their retreat. Stores are pouring in today. The progress of relief, however, is slow, as only 60 carts a day can cross the pontoon bridge."

General Brabant's Victory. DORDBRECHT, March 5, evening.—General Brabant has scored a complete victory. The Boers are in full retreat with their guns and wagons, and are being pursued.

Extent of the Boers' Front. LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Onfontein, dated Sunday, says: "The Boers' front covers 15 miles to the south of Modder River."

Some of Buller's Casualties. LONDON, March 5.—General Buller's revised list of casualties from February 14 to February 27 gives 38 men killed, 64 wounded and 25 missing.

Boers Evacuate Stormberg. STERKSTROM, March 5.—Stormberg was found evacuated when the British entered last night.

BRITISH BUDGET PROPOSALS. Statement of Chancellor of Exchequer in the House of Commons.

POSITION OF THE ARMIES. The British Placed Better Than the Boers. LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch to the Standard from Onfontein, dated Sunday, March 4, says: "Lord Roberts' army now occupies a most advantageous position. The Sixth division, under General Kelly-Kenny, is posted on the right, and holds all the kopjes for a distance of five miles south of the Modder. The Seventh division, under General Tucker, is in the center, immediately south of the river, and General Colville, with the mounted infantry, on the north bank. The cavalry brigade, under General French, is posted on the left front, and the mounted infantry, under Colonel Ridley-Maryin, on the right front."

The country around consists of wide, grassy plains, broken only by ridges and isolated kopjes. A body of the enemy has taken up position on one of the latter, a flat-topped hill, to the north of the river, five miles beyond General French, who today took out horse artillery and shelled them. Another force, 900 strong, holds an isolated group of kopjes south of the Modder and in front of the British mounted infantry. Their position is surrounded on all sides by level plains, over which the Boers must make their way in order to reach the river. As a consequence their situation appears precarious in the extreme.

The water is now in beautiful condition. Water is plentiful, supplies being obtainable not only on the river, but also from numerous small springs. The health and spirits of the troops are excellent.

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ARE STILL AT WAR

Fighting in the Southern Extremity of Luzon.

CAPTURE OF NEUVA CACERES. Manila, March 5.—Bates, with two battalions of the Forth and Forty-fifth Regiments, and detachments of artillery, engineers and signal corps, a total of 220 men, landed troops on the southeast, northwest and southern coasts of San Miguel Bay, Camarines Province, to move on Nueva Caceres, in three columns. The only strong opposition was encountered by Godwin and a battalion of his regiment at Libanan, northwest of Nueva Caceres. Godwin's loss was Adjutant Calles, who died of wounds, and three enlisted men severely wounded and five slightly wounded. The enemy left a dead on the field and many wounded, who were cared for by our medical officers.

GENERAL WHEELER RETURNS. Made an Investigation at Guam on His Way Home. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The United States transport Warren arrived here today, 41 days from Manila, via Hong Kong, Guam and Honolulu. On the Warren brings news from the Philippines. Lieutenant-Commander Briggs, United States Navy; Captain Johnson, United States Volunteers, and several passengers, including William Bengough, the artist for Harper's Weekly, returned with the transport.

GENERAL BATES' EXPEDITION. Operations in North and South Camarines. MANILA, March 5, 4:45 P. M.—General Bates' expedition to Southern Luzon, consisting of the Forth and Forty-fifth Regiments, a total of 220 men, has occupied Nueva Caceres, the gulf town of South Camarines; Daet, Province of North Camarines and the neighboring smaller towns. The enemy resisted at one point and fought a battle, including the death of Lieutenant John B. Gallagher, of the Forth Regiment.

Transport Grant Arrives. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The transport Grant arrived today, 27 days from Manila. The Grant brought 20 sick soldiers, 27 discharged men and 27 cabin passengers. Six deaths occurred during the voyage. Short stops were made at Nagasaki and Kobe.

SAW MARRIAGE CONTRACT. Strong Witness Put Forward by the Craven Attorney. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The hearing of the suit of Mrs. Nettie R. Craven against the heirs of the late Senator Fair was resumed in Judge Trout's court today. The first witness called, Mrs. Margaret C. Craven, a nurse by profession, proved to be one of the strongest witnesses yet put forward by the Craven attorneys. Mrs. Craven testified that in 1882 she married Senator Fair, and that she was the mother of the late Senator's only child, Mrs. Craven, who was born in 1883.

SENDING GUNS TO LONDON. Kentucky Democrats Demand That the Arms Be Returned. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 5.—The shipment of guns and ammunition to London continued today. Senator Triplett offered a resolution to investigate the publishing of reports concerning shipments of state arms to London by Governor Taylor, and demand the return of the same to the state arsenal. If the return is refused, the committee shall issue a bill making an appropriation of \$50,000 to buy new guns, also authorizing General Castelein to issue a call for a sufficient number of volunteers to take the guns from those now in possession of them and return them to the arsenal in this city. The Republican officials offer no explanation of the change of program.

INQUIS HEEDED FOR THE BORDER. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—A special from Benson, Ariz., says: "Rumors have reached here that a large body of Yaqui Indians are headed for the international line. Orders have been issued by General Merriam, commanding officer at Fort Huachuca, to hold his troops in readiness for immediate field service to be used to repel any attempt to cross the line into the United States."

SENATOR WOLOTT DIVORCED. DENVER, March 5.—Before Judge Allen, of the District Court, Mrs. Frances M. Wolcott was today granted an absolute divorce from Senator Edward O. Wolcott, on the ground of desertion. The complaint was not filed until today. Senator Wolcott was not present, and no evidence was introduced for the defense.

Disturbance in Savaii. SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 5.—According to mail advices from Samoa, the Samoa Herald predicts grave complications in connection with a serious native disturbance in the island of Savaii February 3.

PHILIPPINE CORRESPONDENCE. President Sends a Mass of It to the Senate. WASHINGTON, March 5.—The President sent to the Senate today the correspondence called for by the resolution of Senator Hoar, asking for information relative to the Philippine Islands. It is a very voluminous record, containing much that has already been made public and contains instructions by the President, proclamations by the Philippine Commission, reports of the Philippine Commission, and other information. It also contains information as to the treatment of the prisoners of war, and the treatment of the island by the insurgents, and also such information as has been received "as to aid or encouragement received by Aguinaldo and his followers from persons in the United States, or other documents emanating in the United States, and adverse to its authority, were circulated in whole or in part among the Philippine arms against the United States, among other inhabitants of the islands, or among the soldiers of the United States." Referring to General Otis' proclamation, the President said: "No disapproval of the said proclamation was expressed by my authority or the War Department. It was in fact approved by me, although no formal comment was made to that effect was sent to General Otis."

SNOW STORMS. Heavy Fall at Detroit. DETROIT, March 5.—For the second time within a week, Southern Michigan is in the grasp of a furious snow storm. Trains at Detroit are from one to 12 hours late. The heaviest snowfall today has been 9 1/2 inches, making a fall of 30 inches in the past six days.

Blizzard at Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE, March 5.—Milwaukee is experiencing the worst blizzard of the season. Suburban street-car traffic is tied up, and all steam railroad trains are behind time.

Storm at Chicago. CHICAGO, March 5.—The most disagreeable storm of the winter set in this afternoon, and at midnight showed no signs of abatement.

"Sappho" Players Held for Trial. NEW YORK, March 5.—Police Magistrate Mott today held Olga Nethercott, Hamilton Revelle, Marcus Mayer and Theodore Moss for trial on a charge of presenting an immoral play, "Sappho." Bail was given at \$500.

SIMON WILL REPLY

Intends to Refute Some of Senator Carter's Assertions

IN REGARD TO THE CORBETT CASE. Outlook for the Puerto Rican Bill in the Senate.—The Times-Herald's Editorial.

Senator Simon will take occasion before the close of the debate on the Quay case to reply to the remarks of Senator Carter today, especially so far as the application to the failure of the Oregon legislature to elect a successor to John H. Mitchell. Senator Simon did not care to break into the situation, but because other senators had arranged to talk on the financial bill, and he did not wish to disturb the order of business agreed upon. After Carter's speech has been printed in the Record, and each assertion, and the moment the Philippines shall consist of a Governor-General appointed by the President, Cabinet appointed by the Governor-General, a General Advisory Council, elected by the people, the qualifications of electors to be carefully considered and determined, and the Governor-General to have an absolute veto.

Senator Davis caused consternation in the ranks of the Puerto Rican tariff adherents today in proposing his amendment for free trade with Puerto Rico and by legislative acts to extend the Constitution relating to taxation over the island. This is not the Democratic contention, which is that, having acquired the island, it is entitled to all the rights and benefits of the Constitution, and the moment the territory is annexed, the legislation extends over it.

Senator Davis' contention is that the legislation only extends to new territory when Congress authorizes it by legislative enactment. There is difficulty about this resolution passing. The tariff advocates on the Republican side will vote against it, and probably the Democrats will also refuse to support it, on the ground that such legislation is unnecessary, and that a simple declaration of free trade is enough.

It is an interesting fact that Aldrich of Rhode Island, the most pronounced protectionist leader in the Senate, is for absolute free trade with the island. The situation in Indiana is acute. Both Indiana Senators have been flooded with telegrams and letters, showing that every prominent Republican, almost without exception, is against the bill. The banks and beverage cannot possibly see their way clear to vote for the bill, unless some change is brought about, although the friends of the bill are earnest and earnest friends of the Administration, and desire to carry out its wishes. They were confronted with the President's message at every turn.

In West Virginia, the situation is such as to cause great apprehension in the minds of Edkins and Scott. These men are preparing to insert an amendment leaving the whole matter to the President in order to make him shoulder the responsibility which he has levied upon Congress. This is not likely to go through, because the President is not likely to do so. The Democrats are very apt to oppose it.

Washington Republicans Alarmed. A strong editorial in the Chicago Times-Herald of this morning was published here today, and its utterances are viewed with alarm by the Republicans. Kohlsaat, the proprietor of the paper, was one of the men who assisted McKinley's Presidential candidacy and was one of the seven men that prepared the gold plank of the St. Louis platform and supported the Republican candidates on every occasion. This being well known to every legislator in Washington, the vigorous assertion of Kohlsaat's paper that the passage of the Puerto Rican bill means defeat of the party for Congress, surely, has the President, almost, had a terrifying effect in certain directions, and many of the Republicans today are whistling to keep up their courage.

A cry is going up from members of the House in connection with the passage of the bill, that the future success has been very much endangered. Speaker Henderson has taken a large contract, and with his usual big-heartedness he promised to go into every district where there was any doubt and make a speech because of this. At least half of the Republicans are now trying to hold Henderson to his promise.

Senator Cullom's Canvass. Senator Cullom is having a very serious time with his canvass for re-election in Illinois. Tanner, who controls the State machine, is not pleased with Cullom's record in the counties which Cullom supported he had sold. Cullom handled nearly all the patronage for Illinois for it was generally supposed that he had made himself solid; but this only proves that Federal patronage does not always re-elect United States Senators. Mason, Cullom's colleague, gets little or nothing, and the general understanding is that Cullom in Illinois that Cullom was the boss, and everything he said regarding appointments was accepted by the President. He now finds it necessary to get the Illinois counteract the effect of the State machine, which seems to be doing better work than the Federal machine.

Utah Vacancy in Senate. If Quay is seated, Governor Wells will appoint a Senator for the Utah vacancy. Wells was elected as a Republican, and went over to the Silver-Republicans, and the belief is general that he will appoint a silver man to fill the vacancy.

Alaskans Given a Hearing. The House committee on territories gave a hearing today to Governor Brady, of Alaska, and a delegation from that section, concerning the pending bill to establish a territorial form of government for Alaska. Most of the delegation do not favor the appointment of a territorial delegate to Congress unless he can be chosen by the people of Alaska. Governor Brady favors the appointment of a delegate in case one is provided for.

For Prohibition in Philippines. Representative Gillett today introduced a bill prohibiting the sale of distilled or intoxicating liquor in the Philippines in quantities less than 20 gallons, except on a physician's prescription for medicinal purposes.

Kaiser Favors More Liberty. BERLIN, March 5.—Emperor William today listened to a statement by Count von Bulow regarding the difficulties which have lately arisen between the United States and Germany over the most inspection bill. Later he received Baron von Hummerstein, Prussian Minister of Agriculture, who explained the reasons why the Austrians object to the present status of meat import and insist upon the passage of the bill in the form of which the Austrians have all along approved. The Emperor advanced some powerful arguments in favor of more liberty.