ISLANDS MAY WIN

Senate May Favor Free Trade With the Philippines.

TONGUE TAKES HAND IN FIGHT

Oregon Representative Proposes to Admit Breadstuffs Free to Islands —Provision of Treaty With Spain May Prove Obstacle.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Free trade with the Philippines will have a better show in the Senate than in the House. Senator Mitchell would have secured a reduction of the rates a year ago had it not been for Democrats preventing it and helping those who insisted upon the 75 per cent rate. Quite a number of Senators believe that free trade with the Philippines will not do any injury to American products, and it is likely to pass, unless it endangers the whole scheme of reducing duties on Philippine goods.

Representative Tongue today proposed an amendment to the Philippine tariff bill, providing that wheat, wheat flour, corn, cornmeal, oats, oatmeal, rye, rye flour, buckwheat, buckwheat flour and all other breadstuffs prepared from wheat, barley, corn or oats, shipped from the United States to the Philippines, should be admitted into the islands free of duty. The Republican leaders, however, requested him not to press his amendment, on the ground that it would open up a prolonged discussion, and, furthermore, insisted that, under the treaty, any such privilege extended to the United States must also be extended to Spain up to 10 years after the signing of the peace treaty. On these grounds, and fearing the amendment would be defeated, Mr. Tongue withdrew it, but says it is his intention to have it urged in the Senate when the tariff bill is considered after the recess. In that body he believed the chances are brighter for having his amendment incorporated in the bill.

PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

How Oregon and Washington Delegation Will Spend Christmas.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Simon, who starts for home tomorrow, to remain in Portland through the holidays, is the only member of the Oregon delegation who has made definite plans for the recess. He says he will return to the Senate when the sessions are resumed.

Senator Mitchell is tied down so closely with his correspondence and the report of the Hawaiian subcommittee that he cannot tell positively what he will do. He may, if he finds time, spend a few days visiting relatives in Ohio and New York.

The two Oregon Representatives are planning to spend the bulk of their holidays in Washington, looking after departmental matters that accumulated during the Summer.

Senator Foster will spend his holidays in Wisconsin, where he has business matters to attend to. While Representative Cushman will remain here, his colleague, Mr. Jones, is preparing to take a trip to Cuba, which will occupy his entire recess. Senator Turner is not expected to arrive here before the first of the year.

WINSOR AGREES ON TERMS.

Conferees Agreement on Transport Business—Talk With Ludington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—President Winsor, of the Boston Steamship Company, had a conference with Secretary Root this afternoon regarding his bid for carrying troops and supplies to the Philippines from Puget Sound. Mr. Winsor confirmed his telegram of yesterday to the effect that he was willing to waive the three-quarters provision, and intimating that his rates originally quoted would apply to smaller amounts of Government business.

After the conference Mr. Winsor said no contract had been closed. He is to talk with the Quartermaster-General tomorrow, after which it is expected Secretary Root will formally announce his decision.

The Secretary said today that he did not desire to enter into a contract with any commercial line where a stipulation was imposed that that line should have at least a certain amount of business. He insists that the Government shall be free to ship such troops and supplies at a contract rate as may be deemed to the best interests of the Government. Mr. Winsor's intimation was that such an arrangement would be satisfactory to him. Today's conference lasted half an hour.

HELPED BY THE DEMOCRATS.

Republicans Made Lucky Escape From Trouble on Trust Question.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—The Democrats thought they were putting the Republicans in a hole yesterday by springing the Bartlett proposition for an appropriation to prosecute the trusts. The Republicans were taken by surprise, but today they are feeling extremely well satisfied, as it precludes any other legislation in regard to trusts, and makes it unnecessary to report on the Hepburn bill which has been pending in committee.

Had that bill been reported, there would have been a long discussion of the trusts and many other amendments would have been offered in the House. Now the Republicans are relieved from the necessity of reporting the appropriation, and will probably let all other bills go by the board, because the committee will be unable to agree upon a measure.

Democratic Senators regard the step as a blunder from a party standpoint.

MAY DEFEAT TREATY.

New England Senators Oppose Reciprocity With Newfoundland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—It is evident that the New England Senators, aided by others who may be affected, are going to defeat the Hay-Herbert treaty regarding Newfoundland. The argument is going to be used that it is an entering wedge into the tariff, and that any movement of this kind will mean further invasions and a blow at protection.

The Gloucester fishermen, who have for many years prevented an adjustment of many Canadian difficulties, will succeed in defeating this treaty. The Joint High Commission labored to reach some adjustment between the United States and Canada, but at every turn was met by demands from New England which could not be acceded to as long as the Newfoundland fishermen wanted access to American markets.

There is some disposition to force the Hay-Herbert treaty, notwithstanding the objection of Lodge, Frye and other New England Senators, but it looks as if they would be able to gather enough support to prevent its ratification. If the treaty fails, it will be very annoying to Secretary Hay, who has negotiated it with the full knowledge of the President, and it will leave him in an unpleasant situation respecting his relations with the new British Ambassador and the government of Great Britain. Some wonder is expressed that the President is pressing a treaty such as Secretary Hay has negotiated, and that his closest friend in the Senate, Senator Lodge, assumes responsibility for defeating a measure which has the Administration's approval.

WAGER SWAYNE DEAD.

Distinguished in Civil War, Helped Freedmen—Became Great Lawyer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—General Wager Swayne died today at his residence here of a complication of diseases. His widow, two sons and a daughter were at the deathbed.

(Wager Swayne was born in Columbus, O., November 10, 1834. He was the son of Noah H. Swayne, at one time Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. In 1856 he was graduated from Yale in the same class with Chauncey M. Depew, Judges Brown and Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, and other distinguished men. Three years later Wager Swayne was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. He formed a law partnership with his father and practiced until the breaking out of the Civil War, when in 1861 he was appinted Major of the Forty-third Ohio Volunteers.

Major Swayne saw service along the Mississippi, and was engaged in the battles of Corinth and Iuka. At Corinth the Colonel of the Forty-third Regiment was killed, and Swayne was put in command. He continued with his regiment until the Fall of 1863, and accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea. During this campaign Colonel Swayne lost his right leg by the explosion of a shell in an affair at the crossing of the Balkahatchie River, South Carolina, and "for gallant and distinguished services" on that occasion he was commissioned Brevet Brigadier-General.

In 1865 he was detailed by the War Department to duty in Alabama, as Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau in that state. During the next three years the history of the Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama and the history of General Swayne's life are almost coincident. He instituted various enterprises for the education of the blacks, and to provide them with sustenance and the opportunity to become self-supporting. Swayne's policy disagreed with President Johnson's, and he was recalled in 1868. He was then put in command of one of four regiments of infantry known as "the Veteran Reserve Corps." In December, 1868, General Swayne was married to Ellen Harris, of Louisville, Ky.

In 1880 he was retired at his own request and resumed the practice of law at Toledo, O. He rapidly forged to the front in his profession, and in 1879 moved to New York as attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company. In May, 1881, he formed a partnership with Judge John F. Dillon, which firm soon became general counsel for the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Missouri Pacific Railroad and other great commercial interests.

General Swayne was a prominent member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was the second president of the Ohio Society of New York, and was commander of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion.)

VANDERBILT SERIOUSLY ILL.

Peritonitis Develops to Complicate Attack of Typhoid Fever.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following bulletin was issued at the house of Cornelius Vanderbilt at 3:15 o'clock today by Drs. Flint and Janeway:

"Since the issue of the last bulletin (last night) Mr. Vanderbilt's condition remains about the same, with a tendency of his temperature to decline, and 36 hours ago he developed a small area of inflammation over the spleen. This subsided and it showed no tendency to spread until today, when it developed a generalized peritonitis. His condition is, of course, grave."

Four doctors were at the residence of Mr. Vanderbilt this afternoon: Doctors Flint, Janeway, Delafield and another.

The physicians issued the following bulletin at 7:20 tonight:

"Mr. Vanderbilt so far is standing the complications as well as we can reasonably expect. He is no worse than he was at noon."

No change is reported in the condition of Mr. Vanderbilt tonight. Dr. Janeway said at midnight: "Mr. Vanderbilt is in no danger."

Lady Michael Herbert, wife of the British Ambassador, called at 10 P. M., to remain for the night. Lady Herbert is a sister of Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Postmaster-General Payne Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—While on his way to the White House today shortly after noon to see the President, Postmaster-General Payne suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was driven to his hotel and two physicians summoned. The patient was relieved this afternoon, and hopes to be at his office tomorrow.

Father Michael Abbott Dead.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—Rev. Michael Abbott, pastor of the Catholic Church at Farmer City, died today after a three weeks' illness with typhoid fever, aged 38. He was accounted one of the most brilliant priests of the Roman church in this state. His home was in Boston.

Winston Churchill Is Ill.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Winston Churchill, the novelist, recently elected to the New Hampshire Legislature, is ill at the residence of his uncle, J. G. Gazzam, in this city. It is thought his illness is serious, the result of exposure to inclement weather during his recent campaign.

Sudden Death of Charles P. Griffin.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 18.—Charles P. Griffin, one of the best known politicians in Ohio and ex-Speaker of the Ohio Legislature, dropped dead of heart disease in his office today.

Hosea M. Knowlton Dead.

MARION, Mass., Dec. 18.—Hosea M. Knowlton, ex-Attorney-General of Massachusetts, who was stricken with apoplexy on December 6, at his home here, died tonight.

Russell Sage Is Well Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Russell Sage was at his office today for the first time since he was taken ill two months ago.

Alfonso's Cousin a Sport.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—General Bourbon de Castellvi, a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested yesterday evening in a gambling house. He was arraigned before the Captain-General and subsequently released. The General has challenged the prefect, who is responsible for the energetic attempts made to suppress club gambling.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives.

"One of my children was taken with cramp colic and suffered severely," says S. B. Elzee, of Monett, Mo. "I telephoned for a doctor, then gave a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and a few minutes later a second dose. Before the doctor came the child was relieved." For sale by all druggists.

MARSHALL INCORPORATES

PORTLAND BASEBALL ASSOCIATION IS FORMED.

Lucas Now Has Open Warfare to Face—Situation in Detail.

Yesterday saw the first definite move that has been made since the baseball fight commenced, and Henry Harris and W. H. Lucas declared war. Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the County Clerk for the Portland Baseball Association, by J. P. Marshall, E. H. Hamlin and Cecil H. Bauer, with a capital stock of $5000.

This latest move on the part of the Portland people makes facts out of the fancies that have been flying around among the Portland fans for the past few days, and lets Lucas know what to expect from the local bunch. He will undoubtedly take the first opportunity to get Marshall and his association out of the Pacific Northwest League, and after that he will probably take up the matter of putting in an opposition league.

The move made by Marshall yesterday in filing the incorporation articles has been expected for several days; in fact, ever since the trip of Harris to the northern country. This is, however, the first time that he has done anything that can be charged against him by the Northwest officials, and his head will drop from that organization in the very near future if Lucas intends to carry out the line of policy that he has announced he would in case Portland dropped out.

Lucas has left the city, presumably for Seattle, where he will bolster up the genial Dugdale and impress upon him the necessity of sticking to the old league, and of letting the Portland team and the Pacific Coast League go to blazes. Just what Lucas did while he was in Portland does not seem to be fully known by the Portland fans. He was here several days, and in that time it is not on record that he held consultations with any one, or did any tall scheming. He neither talked with or even saw any of the Portland players or directors, and if he had any dealings with any Webfoot fans, he did it on the quiet.

The persons interested in the Pacific Coast League do not hesitate to say that Lucas is simply working a game of bluff, and doing nothing but watch and wait developments. As for tricks up his sleeve, they all scoff at the idea, and say that he has absolutely no resources in this city, and very few in the other cities of the Northwest, as far as that goes. It seems strangely suspicious that he could stay in one city for four days, where a fierce war was being waged against him, without seeing some one or doing something in the way of making things hard for the enemy.

It is a foregone conclusion that Sammy Vigneux and the players he has signed will go with the California League. Where Jack Marshall goes, there goes Sammy also, and where the little manager goes, he will take the players he has signed beyond a doubt. It is generally understood that he has Anderson, Engle and other good Portland men, beside Schmeer and Slagle, from Montana, and that he will no longer play behind the bat, but will manage alone, and get some one else to do the catching.

With a practically limitless salary and good company to play in, there is no reason on earth that Portland should not have a first-class team, one that will make the California players hustle to beat. Vigneux is generally considered to be a good manager, and he will do his best to deliver the goods, as far as having a good team goes, especially when he has the cold cash behind him with which to secure players.

The most interesting question that has not yet been answered is, Where is Dugdale going to drop? Lucas claims that he has the Seattle manager nailed to the Northwest League; but there are whispherings in the wind that the fat man is uneasy, and may take it into his head to jump to Harris, especially when he sees that Portland has such good chances to be a money-making concern.

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer Garrett of Spokane has entered the lists, and will make it hot for Harris if he catches him where he wants to get him. In an article on the situation the Post-Intelligencer says:

W. V. Garrett is the name of the man who controls absolutely the Spokane team. He is taking an active part in the fight started by "Uncle Henry" Harris, of San Francisco, when he announced that he would disrupt the Pacific Northwest League. Mr. Garrett is what is known as a willing fighter. He believes in carrying the scrap to his antagonist, and with this end in view he now has Jay Andrews, his new manager, down in San Francisco, signing up some of "Uncle Henry's best players.

"Charley Schwartz is working overtime these days," says Mr. Garrett, "writing to the players who were in this league last year. He has written to most of the boys who played with Spokane last year. They tell me Schwartz is long on promises but short on cash, and that they do not propose to pay any attention to him. Jay Andrews has already signed two of Harris' best men, and I have wired him to get the stars of the California League, regardless of expense. When these California people come up here and calmly announce that they intend to put us out of business they will find that we are not so slow ourselves. We did not hunt this fight, but if you watch us closely, you will observe that we are not backing away from it much.

"Harris said in Seattle that he would give us faster ball with his new league. We will grab all the players down there that are worth having, and then 'Uncle Henry' will have to do a little scrambling himself to put teams in the field. Spokane needs no watching. We are loyal to the league that gave us good ball last year, and that has been managed as well as any baseball organization in the country. Spokane finished in the cellar in both races, but that cuts no ice with us, we are after a pennant-winning team for next year, and we mean to have it."

MANAGERS ELECTED.

Pacific University Student Body Holds Meeting.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the student body held this morning, H. E. Thomas, '05, was elected manager of the football team for the season of 1903, and J. G. Thompson, '06, was elected manager of the track team.

Mr. Thomas entered this institution as a first year preparatory student, and has since been active in student enterprises. He is at present president of Gamma Sigma, the university's most flourishing literary society; president of his class, and business manager of the Weekly Index.

Mr. Thompson, a freshman this year, entered the institution two years ago. He has always taken interest in track work and has filled various positions in student affairs. It is thought he will be especially successful as manager. He is a loyal member of Gamma Sigma Society.

HONITON A WINNING FAVORITE.

Beats Two Futurity Candidates at San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The feature of the racing at Ingleside today was the event for 2-year-olds at five furjongs. It was marked by the appearance of Sylvia Talbot and The Fog, two of the candidates for the $16,000 Futurity to be run Saturday. W. O'B. McDonough started Honiton, who was installed favorite. Waldo rushed Sylvia Talbot out too fast, and she tired. Ransch, on Honiton, outrode the other boys and landed Honiton a winner over Sylvia Talbot. The first race went to Homage, played from 20 to 1 down to 10 to 1.

A field of at least 10 is expected for the California Jockey Club Futurity, which is one of the most valuable events ever decided in the West. The list includes The Fog, Krishna, Polonius, Orfeo, Organdie, Deutschland, Sylvia Talbot, Nervator, Brennus and Jockey Club. Results:

Futurity course, selling—Homage won, Ragnarok II second, Chapple third; time, 1:14¾.

Seven furlongs, selling—Platonius won, Star Cotton second, Harry Thatcher third; time, 1:33.

Five furlongs—Sir Hugh won, Orsina second, Gorgalette third; time, 1:04½.

One and one-sixteenth miles, selling—Canejo won, Meehanus second, Louwelsea third; time, 1:53.

Futurity course, selling—Jim Gore II won, Mocorito second, Velma Clark third; time, 1:13¾.

Five furlongs—Honiton won, Sylvia Talbot second, The Fog third; time, 1:02½.

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Crescent City race results:

Six furlongs—Marca won, Irene Mac second, Candaren third; time, 1:17.

Selling, six furlongs—Andes won, Pray Wilson second, El Rey third; time, 1:47.

One mile—Jessie Jarboe won, C. B. Campbell second, Moor third; time, 1:45.

Five furlongs—John Peters won, Benmora second, St. Tammany third; time, 1:03.

Selling, 1 1-16 miles—Commissioner Forster won, Optimo second, Atheola third; time, 1:52 3-5.

Commissions on California Races.

Accepted, Portland Club Cafe, 130 Fifth street. Direct wires from tracks.

REIFF NOW WANTS LICENSE.

Having Cleared His Record, Jockey Now Seeks Reinstatement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Several Americans who spent the last racing season in France, being asked their opinion of the effect of the verdict in the case of J. Reiff against the Vie au Grand Air, said they believed it by no means restored Reiff's license, but the good effect of the evidence of Saint Saulge's owner and trainer was not to be denied.

Reiff's next step will be to apply to the stewards of the French Jockey Club for a restoration of his license. M. Edmund Blanc, one of the most notable turf men of France, is supporting Reiff, and if reinstated the young American will ride for M. Blanc for a salary of $15,000 per annum.

TO PLAY BASKET-BALL.

Dallas College Will Meet Y. M. C. A. All-Stars Tonight.

One of the fastest and most furious basket-ball games of the season will be played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this evening, between the Portland All-Stars and the Dallas College team. The visiting team ranks first among the college players of the state, and they will do their utmost to wrest victory from the Portland boys tonight. The teams will line up as follows:

Portland.	Position.	Dallas.
Miller	C	Poling
Mackie	F	Teats
Durand	F	(Capt) Wilson
McKenzie	G	Hoffman
Freeman (Capt)	G	Ford

POOR SALE FOR HORSES.

Famous English Stable Does Not Bring High Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Brood mares and yearling fillies, bred at the Childwick Stud, St. Albans, England, owned by Sir John Bundell Maple, M. P., were auctioned off here at the American Exchange tonight. Sir John Maple, whose racing establishment has an international reputation, heretofore has held his annual sales in Paris.

The 13 head offered brought a total of $14,925. John F. Fanning, who brought the horses over and managed the sale, said he was greatly disappointed by the result.

Almost Killed in Hockey Game.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Whitney Carpenter, a member of the Andover Preparatory School hockey team, narrowly escaped bleeding to death as the result of injuries sustained in a match with the team of the Cutler School, of this city. During a scrimmage Carpenter fell and struck the blade of a Cutler lad's skate. He was picked up unconscious, bleeding from a deep cut over the left ear. The flow of blood was stanched with difficulty and he was removed to his mother's residence. Townsend, another Andover player, was hurt, but not seriously, although he was obliged to retire from the game. The game resulted in a draw, the score being 3 to 3.

Officers of Century Road Club.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 18.—Paul Gyllstrom, member of the legislative committee of the Century Road Club of America, tonight gave out the results of the recent mail elections of officers as follows: President, H. A. Ludlow, of New York; vice-president, Dr. C. D. Peck, Sandusky, O.; secretary, C. E. Nylander, New York; treasurer, R. C. Williams, Washington, D. C.

Fake Fight at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 18.—The 20-round contest between Frank Dunn, of this city, and "Dummy" Rowan, of Anaconda, was a fiasco. While the seventh round was on and without any apparent cause, the referee gave the fight to Dunn on a foul. The crowd hissed the decision. It was a poor exhibition.

Negro Scores a Knock-Out.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Billy Woods colored, knocked out "Rough-House" Burns in the second round tonight.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GRANT

Veterans, Army and Navy Officers and Statesmen Will Honor Her.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were completed here today for the funeral of the late Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. There will be funeral services at the Metropolitan Methodist Church in this city at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. Frank N. Bristol officiating. Immediately after the services at the church, the funeral party will proceed to the Pensylvania Railroad station and take a train for New York.

The Grant Monument Association's representatives will meet the body at Jersey City, taking it to the Grant tomb, in Riverside Drive, where Grant Post, G. A. R., will serve as guard of honor. The committal services will occur at the tomb Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Bishop Andrews officiating, assisted by Bishop Coadjutor Hackney Smith. Special military honors will be paid, and all the Army and Naval officers in New York City and vicinity will attend in full-dress uniform.

The honorary pallbearers in this city will be: Speaker Henderson, Secretaries Root and Wilson, Major-General Grenville M. Dodge, Senators Cullom, Kean, Fairbanks, Allison, Foraker and Platt of New York, John R. McLean, of Ohio, and John I. Bancroft Davis, of Washington. It is not expected that the honorary pallbearers will accompany the body to New York, though Secretary Root and some of the others may do so.

There will be no funeral service at the late home of Mrs. Grant in this city.

Through the Japanese Minister, the sympathy of the Empress of Japan for the Grant family in its affliction was expressed today in the following cablegram, signed by the Minister of the Imperial Household:

"Her Majesty the Empress heard with much sorrow of the death of Mrs. Grant. Please convey to her family Her Majesty's sincere condolence."

French Steamer Runs on Rock.

TOULON, France, Dec. 18.—The steamer Modoc collided with the French cruiser La Touche Treville as she was leaving port this evening in a storm. She grounded on the rocks at the Mourillon Arsenal, and now lies in a dangerous position. On board the Modoc are the mails, 223 passengers for the East Indies, and a number of sailors intended for the French warships on the China station.

WILL FIGHT JEFFRIES

MISSOULA BOILERMAKER TO MEET THE CHAMPION.

He Bets $50 to $100 He Will Stay in the Ring Six Rounds—After Fitz Also.

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—John Beaton, a boilermaker at Missoula, Mont., has bet $50 to $100 that he can stay with Champion Jeffries for six rounds. Jeffries, who is here today, says he will accept the challenge and will fight Beaton when he goes to Missoula tomorrow night. Bob Fitzsimmons, who is here also, says he, too, will accept the challenge and will forfeit $100 if he cannot put Beaton down and out in six rounds. He will bet $1000 on the side and wants to arrange the forfeit in Butte. Beaton is considered the strongest man in Montana.

Basket-Ball at Eugene.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The young ladies of the university have organized a basket ball team, with the following officers: Miss Ella Dobie, president, and Miss Edna Prescott, of Baker City, secretary and wit hsome other Oregon colleges, and perhaps compete for the championship of the state. Mr. Burden, director of the gymnasium, says that the girls have excellent material for a team, and, with proper coaching, ought to come near winning the championship.

BILL IS CARRIED.

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with many legitimate industries. Boracic acid, he said, was used in the preservation of codfish, and, under the terms of the bill, probably would be regarded as deleterious to health by the Government chemists. He said he would offer an amendment to meet this objection to the bill. In conclusion, he said there was a great deal of humbug about the outcry against adulterated foods. If we ate adulterated food, he said, we did not want to know anything more than we wanted to know about the unhealthful conditions with which we were sometimes surrounded. He said he believed the anti-spitting and other so-called health regulations and ordinances were overdone. Without action on the bill, the House, at 4:35 P. M., adjourned.

At the opening of the session Hitt (Ill.), from the committee on foreign affairs, reported back the De Armond and McCall resolutions, calling upon the Secretary of State for the facts with relation to the claims of Great Britain and Germany against Venezuela, and generally for a statement of the diplomatic situation with reference to the Monroe Doctrine. The report recommended that the De Armond resolution lie on the table, and that the McCall resolution, which called for all the correspondence in the case, be adopted.

Richardson (Tenn.) asked why Italy and other European countries which were figuring in the controversy were not named in the resolution. Hitt replied that he was advised that the correspondence was similar in each case. The recommendations of the committee were agreed to, and the McCall resolution was adopted.

FAVORED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

Root and Alger Argue in Support of Staff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Root today made an argument before the Senate committee on military affairs in support of the bill for the creation of a general staff, with the Lieutenant-General as the head of it. He presented it in less detail than he presented it to the House committee, but answered a number of questions put by the committee.

Senator Alger sat for the first time with the committee, and much interest was manifested in his position on the bill, owing to the fact of his recent connection with the War Department. He asked a number of questions of his successor in office, and after the committee adjourned stated it was his intention to support the bill.

Secretary Root renewed his position that the bill should be amended so as to postpone the date when it shall take effect until after next August, when General Miles, who opposes the bill, will retire by reason of age.

In the meeting of the committee, Senator Alger took a very decided position in support of the bill, saying that his experience as Secretary of War had convinced him that only by the adoption of a system like this could endless confusion be prevented. The exchange of views among members of the committee left no room for doubt that the bill will be favorably reported.

EIGHT-HOUR BILL AMENDED.

Senate Committee Favors Measure Relative to Government Contracts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate committee on education and labor agreed upon a favorable report on the House eight-hour bill. Many amendments have been made.

The principal changes in the bill relate to the transportation of contract work, and the purchase in the open market of goods wanted by the Government. The bill makes it specific that all purchases shall be exempt. The language relating to the transportation of goods is made more plain and definite than in the House bill. Another amendment provides that the act shall not prohibit a workman from engaging in other work for an additional two hours, after working on Government work for eight hours. The bill probably will be reported to the Senate on Saturday.

The bill provides that contracts made by the United States in any territory or the District of Columbia shall provide a penalty of $5 for each day said laborer or mechanic shall be employed on work for over eight hours. Contractors aggrieved thereby are given the right of appeal to the head of the department making the contract, and thence to the Court of Claims.

Besides providing that the act shall not apply to contracts for transportation by land or water, an amendment specifically exempts contracts for the transmission of intelligence from the operation of the act. No penalties are to be imposed for violations of the law due to emergencies caused by fire, famine, flood, danger to life or property, or to other extraordinary event or condition.

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DEFEND THEIR FENCES.

Nebraska Cattlemen Appeal to President Against Mosby's Crusade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senators Dietrich and Millard, of Nebraska, called upon the President today, accompanied by a delegation of prominent cattle-raisers of their state to discuss with him the alleged encroachment upon Government land by the big cattle interests not only of Nebraska but of other Western states. They entered a vigorous protest against the actions and words of Colonel John S. Mosby, who has been investigating the matter as an agent of the Interior Department.

The men are here now to appear before the Interior Department and their members of Congress with a view of protecting their interests. The subject is being carefully considered by the President and the Interior Department. The President has let it be known that he will permit no improper or illegal encroachment on Government lands, and the Interior Department is acting along that line.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION STAMPS.

Postoffice Department Preparing for Special Issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Postoffice Department is just about to take up the subject of the special issue of stamps to be designed for the St. Louis Exposition. Even so early it is understood that George H. Daniels, that enterprising publicity expert of the New York Central, is to have on one stamp a picture of his 24-hour flyer. Last time it was the Empire State Express which served as a model for rapid railway transit, and Mr. Daniels again claims the distinction of furnishing the speediest model.

FAVORS ARMY STAFF BILL.

But House Committee Would Continue Inspector-General's Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House military affairs committee today authorized a favorable report on the bill drafted by the War Department creating a general staff corps in the Army, but raised two important amendments, one of which eliminates the provision in the bill for the discontinuance of the Inspector-General's Department, thus leaving it as a bureau of the War Department. The other amendment prevents the giving a Brigadier-General who may be detailed to the staff the rank and pay of a Lieutenant or Major-General, as contended in the bill.

WILL PUSH FRENCH TREATY.

Cullom Determined to Force Vote in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Cullom says that he is determined that the Senate shall vote the French reciprocity treaty up or down. He knows pretty certainly that it will not be up. His colleagues would rather let it slumber and have him take the odium of its lapse, but he believes in distributing the blame.

Agree on Strike Commission Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The conferees of the Senate and House on the Anthracite Strike Commission bill have reached an agreement. The report will be made to the Senate on Saturday. It is understood most of the Senate amendments were retained.

To Help St. Louis Exposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A joint resolution was introduced in the House today by Representative Tawney, chairman of the House committee on industrial arts and expositions, providing that the alien contract labor law shall not operate to prevent foreign exhibitors at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, at St. Louis, from bringing into the United States under contract such employes, natives of foreign countries, as they may deem necessary for specified purposes, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Inquiry Into Fitzgerald Killing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The foreign affairs committee of the House gave consideration today to the resolution introduced by William A. Smith, of Michigan, calling upon the State Department for information concerning the circumstances of the shooting of William Fitzgerald, an American citizen, in Guatemala, together with such reports and correspondence as may be on record in the department. In the absence of Mr. Smith, action on the resolution was deferred until he could be heard.

Representative Blackburn Married.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Edmond Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, and Miss Louise Levaun Parker, daughter of Colonel Myron M. Parker, of this city, were married at the bride's home in this city today.

Revenue Cutter for Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate committee on commerce today took favorable action on Senator Perkins' bill for a revenue cutter for the Hawaiian Islands.

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