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ENLISTMENTS AT NEW YORK

If McKinley Doesn't Attend to This Man's Case He should be Impeached.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charles D. Pierce, consul in this city from the Orange Free State said last night that applicants for enlistment in the Free army were still visiting his office in a steady stream.

"I cannot do anything for them," said he, "because I have no authority to take such a course. I refer them to our consul at The Hague and tell them they will have to pay their own expenses which would amount to about \$100 in getting to South Africa. The majority of the applicants are American soldiers who fought in the Spanish-American war."

Asked what he thought about the way things were going on in South Africa, Mr. Pierce, said: "The British can send 1,500,000 troops down there instead of 100,000 if they want to," he said, "and still they won't get the upper hand for a year or two. It is not the side with the most troops that is going to win, but the side that shows straightness."

CUBAN MATTERS

General Wilson Demits a Very Absurd Rumor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana, says: "General J. H. Wilson, commanding the department of Matanzas and Santa Clara, will not ask to be relieved because of Wood's appointment. He says:

"I have no intention of asking to be relieved. I enlisted, so to speak, as long as my services might be needed and I have received no intimation that they are no longer needed. It would be childish because General Wood has been appointed to succeed General Brooke for me to resign. That was a matter for the president to judge of. I shall continue at my post until by the consolidation of departments or otherwise my services are no longer needed."

While General Wilson makes it plain that he will not ask to be relieved when such a request might be interpreted as due to personal pique, he looks forward to the military departments in Cuba as being abolished or consolidated before many months and the number of commanders being reduced. General Wilson adheres to the recommendation made in his report that the Cuban senate be followed by the constitutional convention.

General Wood's reception tomorrow promises to be a gratifying demonstration. American military and civil officials will go down to the bay to meet him. The Cuban factions have succeeded in harmonizing their differences so far as for all to join in the reception. The manner of General Wood's taking control will be governed by his own wishes.

General Brooke has completed arrangements for leaving Saturday via Florida. He will be given a banquet by the leading Cubans on Thursday night. It is suggested here that the difficulty regarding the assignment of General Chaffee may be settled by sending him to the Philippines to succeed General Lawson.

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DENONCED HIS JUDGE Prisoner on Trial Before French Senate Makes a Scathing Defense-Case

PARIS, Dec. 20.—In the senate, sitting as a high court of justice today, M. de Roulede, president of the league of patriots, who though ill, was present, virulently denounced the senators and law officers for being subservient to government orders. M. de Roulede added:

"I wish to be re-elected. I will say what I think of these scoundrels. This assemblage is infamous and dishonors France and the republic."

During the increasing dim, M. de Roulede continued: "I include in my denunciations both the senate and president of the republic."

M. de Roulede was one of the prisoners on trial for conspiracy against the government, was shortly after sentenced to serve two years imprisonment on a charge of holding the senators composing the high court of justice.

FROM GOLD TO SILVER

Suit Against Amworth Bank For Conversion of a Deposit.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Some time ago Henry Gallet, a saloon keeper, deposited in the safe-deposit vault of the Amworth National bank, a package which he claimed contained \$2500 in 20 dollar gold pieces. When he opened the package he found it contained only silver dollars. Gallet has now brought suit against the bank to recover \$2,575.

NO POLITIC DISCUSSED

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—The longest convention of the American Federation of Labor ever held ended this afternoon. During the nine days that the delegates were in session declarations were adopted concerning a great variety of questions of more or less public interest, but for the first time in many years no proposition was made or action taken upon any question of other political issues.

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The Irish in America took a decided stand on the war question at the very start," said Mr. Keating "and they have made their position so plain that there is no questioning their attitude. They look upon the people of the Transvaal as a race struggling for the sort of liberty for which the Irish race has been fighting and working for so many years."

"Evidently the Boers have men enough and good men enough and ammunition enough. What they might use is aid for the wounded. We do not want to come into conflict with the laws of the country, and it is not desired that there should be a conflict with the federal authorities. And so it has been deemed best that aid be furnished under the banner of the Red Cross. Neither England or the United States can refuse to pass this emblem beyond the lines, and undoubtedly the Irish American sentiment will spend itself in this way."

The Best Eyes Are those given the best care throughout all periods of one's life.

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