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REPUBLICANS WILL NOT HOLD CAUCUS

Friends of Corbett Secured Only Thirty-One Signers.

REQUIRE FIFTEEN MORE

McBride Claims Twenty Faithful Friends—Hermann Claims Ten Votes—Many Democrats Will Vote for Republicans.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—It has practically been settled that there will be no caucus of the Republican members of the legislature to select a candidate for United States senator. During the past week a caucus call has been circulated by friends of ex-Senator H. W. Corbett but tonight they claim only thirty-one signatures, which is fifteen short of a majority of the legislature.

It is understood that two Democrats will vote for Corbett and on the first ballot next Tuesday the opposition concede that he will receive from thirty to thirty-five votes. Senator George W. McBride claims to have twenty votes that will stand by him until the end of the session. Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, will, his friends claim, have ten votes on the first ballot.

POSITIONS FOR POPULISTS.

One Made Game Warden and Another Superintendent of Idaho Soldiers' Home.

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 19.—T. W. Bartley, of Latah county, has been appointed game warden to succeed Charles H. Asbeck. Mr. Bartley is a Populist.

It is also announced that a Populist will be made superintendent of the soldiers' home to succeed Captain Wm. Ainslee. The man to be named is Captain James Gunn, an ex-congressman.

These two appointments, it is understood, will constitute the portion of state patronage to be given to the Populists.

REDUCED PASSENGER RATES.

One Way Fare From Chicago to California Only \$30.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Radical reductions in passenger rates between Chicago and California points will go into effect over the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific next month. The one way rate from Chicago to any point in California during February, March and April will be \$30.

DALY'S ESTATE.

By Those Most Familiar With It It Is Estimated at \$20,000,000.

BUTTE, Jan. 19.—The Marcus Daly estate is estimated at \$20,000,000 by those most familiar with it, though others have placed it as high as fifty to one hundred millions. The former figure is the one named by Mr. Daly himself as designating his wealth.

INDIAN BILL.

Finished by Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The senate committee on Indian affairs concluded its consideration of the Indian appropriation bill today. Among the amendments which will be offered is one restoring the Lemhi Idaho agency.

CRISIS IN EUROPE.

Wave of Commercial Depression Sweeping Over Germany and Russia.

LONDON, England, Jan. 19.—Whatever the faults of the British

their own weakness is not included among them. Depreciation of British enterprises and British commercial and laboring methods has become a hobby with speakers and newspapers, wherefore reports of the wave of commercial depression sweeping over Germany and Russia fall on welcoming ears here.

One Berlin correspondent paints the situation somberly. He says that German mortgage banks are in a bad way, also electrical industries and the iron trade, and he adds that the slack wool spinning industry has almost been ruined. He described the cities as full of unemployed people and says that in view of this calamity the magistrates are arranging charitable and public works for their employment.

The Industrial World of Odessa says: "It is no ordinary, temporary, fleeting or passing financial and industrial crisis which Russia faces. Her staple industries for some time have steadily languished. Money is daily becoming scarcer. No year in forty has opened under blacker auspices. The country is within a measurable distance all around of economical collapse."

British newspapers point out the opportunities for comparing the ability of the free trade and protective systems to tide over the depression.

TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA.

Emphatic Protests of American Government Defied and Bloodshed Threatened.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Jan. 19.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion, Lieutenant-Commander Sargent commanding, has just arrived here on her way to Guayana, Venezuela, the nearest port to the scene of trouble between the rival asphalt companies. She recently left La Guayra (the port of Curacao) and brings the latest news of the Venezuelan troubles. The situation is described as being serious. It is said that the emphatic protests of the government at Washington have been defied and bloodshed at the lake of the Bermuda Asphalt Company was feared. The most hopeful of the foreigners in Venezuela go so far as to say that if the Washington authorities do not take steps to protect American citizens now, all foreigners may as well leave the country.

GENERAL CLAPP NOMINATED.

U. S. Senator From Minnesota to Succeed Late Senator Davis.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—The Republican members of the legislature at their caucus this afternoon unanimously nominated General M. E. Clapp, of St. Paul, for United States senator to succeed Senator Davis, deceased.

Clapp is 49 years of age. He was the attorney-general of Minnesota from 1890 to 1896. He enjoys a large law practice. He is an orator of ability and is familiarly known as the "black eagle of Minnesota."

MARCUS DALY'S WILL.

Mrs. Daly Made Sole Executor Without Bonds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The will of the late Marcus Daly, filed for probate at Anaconda, Mont., makes Mrs. Daly sole executor of the estate without bonds, makes her the guardian of the minor children and gives her one-third of the estate, the remaining two-thirds to be divided equally between Mrs. Daly's three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Brown of Baltimore, and Misses May and Harriet Daly, and his son, Marcus.

PRESIDENT IMPROVING.

As Are Also Secretary Root and Admiral Dewey.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The president is reported to be steadily regaining the ground lost during his recent illness and is slowly assuming the full measure of his official functions. Secretary Root is stated to be improving and so also is Admiral Dewey.

WIRE WORKS BURNED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The W. A. Clark wire works at Elizabeth, N. J., were burned tonight. Loss \$50,000.

DUKE OF BROGLIE DEAD.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The Duke of Broglie died this evening from cancer of the tongue.

QUEEN VICTORIA IS STILL ALIVE

Condition Extremely Grave and Hope Growing Fainter.

IS SAID TO BE PARALYZED

She Lies Helpless and Almost Speechless—Her Recovery Believed to Be Impossible—Covers Filled With Correspondents.

LONDON, Jan. 20, 8:50 a. m.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Coaga says:

It is learned unofficially this morning that the queen was alive at 7:15 o'clock. Her condition is extremely grave and hopes of her recovery are growing fainter.

STATEMENT OF HER CONDITION.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Her majesty, Queen Victoria, lies tonight helpless and almost speechless in her bed in Osborne house surrounded by every comfort. For two nights she has died alone and never stirred from the apartments she has occupied at Osborne.

Humbly, for this woman ruled her court with no uncertain hand, her court officials implored her to seek medical advice. These messages she steadfastly ignored and though tonight her condition is admitted to be most serious, there are in attendance only Drs. Power and Reid. Doubtless the Prince of Wales will tomorrow secure additional medical talent.

Beyond the bulletin nothing official is obtainable, but not a soul connected in any way with Osborne house seems to believe that her majesty can survive this attack. In fact locally the announcement of her death is awaited with something approaching equanimity.

Never in the memory of her subjects has the queen been ill before, and now that at her advanced age she has been stricken it seems to those who have lived around her that it is impossible for her to recover.

The official bulletin describing the queen's ailment may be accepted as merely an evasion of facts. Information obtained by the Reuter Telegram Company to the effect that it is paralysis based upon the highest possible authority. By Monday it is likely that the truth will be announced to the nation. The extreme weakness of her majesty appears to be at present the chief cause of anxiety. Stimulants are being freely administered.

In the opinion of those best qualified to judge, the queen's present serious condition was precipitated by intense worry over the losses and hardships suffered by the British troops in South Africa. Frequently she has remarked to the court attachés that another war would kill her. In this connection the Reuter Telegram Company learns that she was most seriously ill while last at Balmoral in the autumn. No word of this was breathed to the public but it appears that she was then almost dying, though that rigorous etiquette which she imposed upon her family and attendants prevented her condition even being spoken of as dangerous.

The towns of Cowes and East Cowes are both filling up with correspondents from all parts of the world and rents have risen to fabulous prices.

GREAT PUBLIC ANXIETY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "The queen was not in her usual health when she left Windsor and she has not derived as much benefit from her residence in the balm of Osborne as was hoped. Her appetite had fallen off before she left Windsor and she has grown thin and haggard."

To family bereavements and sorrows, with the increasing burden of years, were added anxieties respecting the campaign in South Africa, over which she had been brooding. It has been evident that the war, with its heavy mortality, was causing her great distress, for otherwise she would not have summoned Lord Roberts to Osborne for a prolonged consultation so soon after seeing him on his arrival. The royal family, without a doubt, have been seriously concerned for several months, but everything has been done to spare the queen's subjects unnecessary anxiety. Her physician is constantly with her and she is surrounded with members of the royal family.

The indisposition of the queen is the leading topic in the local papers. The official announcement that her majesty's health is not satisfactory is regarded as of grave significance and public anxiety will not be diminished by the intimation that the alleged English sovereign has been advised by her doctors to transact no business for the present and to remain in doors. Some provisions for signing documents and the performance of other necessary du-

ties must obviously be made. But not even the Prince of Wales can act for the queen without authority of parliament.

Attention is drawn to the fact that today the venerable ruler of the British empire attains the age of 81 years and 240 days, or one day more than the age reached by her grandfather, George III, at his death in 1820. Thus Queen Victoria has not only reigned the longest but has lived the longest of any English monarch.

ENORMOUS NAVAL BILL.

Carries Largest Appropriation Ever Reported to the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The naval appropriation bill was reported to the house today with an elaborate statement of its provisions by Chairman Foss, of the naval committee. The bill carries \$77,016,635, the largest ever reported to the house from the committee on naval affairs. This is \$11,865,718 above the bill of last year and \$10,223,256 below the estimates submitted by the navy department.

The committee recommends that the president be authorized to have built by contract two unshathed sea-going battleships to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not exceeding \$3,850,000 each, and two unshathed armored cruisers of 15,000 tons each, cost exclusive of armor and armament not exceeding \$4,000,000 each. The maximum cost of the vessels authorized, including armor and armament, will be \$15,700,000.

The bill provides that not more than one battleship or armored cruiser shall be built in one yard or by one party and the usual provision is made that at least one and not more than two of the battleships and armored cruisers shall be built on the Pacific coast.

The Puget sound naval station receives \$274,000.

TOWN SNOWBOUND.

Weaverville, California, Unable to Communicate With Outside World for Three Weeks.

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 19.—The town of Weaverville, county seat of Trinity county, in the northern part of California, has been snowbound since latter part of December. The first news received from there this year has been brought by two men who came out on horseback enduring many hardships on the way.

They report that provisions are very scarce in Weaverville, where eight feet of snow has fallen. John Vashay was frozen to death near the town. The stage roads are impassable and no mail has been received for nearly three weeks. Efforts will be made to take in mail and supplies by pack trains.

IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUND.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars to Be Spent on Naval Station.

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—Commandant Burwell, of the Puget sound naval station, has received authority to ask for bids and let the contracts for new improvements at the station which will cost fully \$100,000. Two brick storehouses for storing ordnance supplies and a new wharf at Bremerton will be built.

He will also construct a system of yard railways equipped with steam locomotives and a crane for moving very heavy articles from one part of the yard to another. The recruiting station at the yard will also be enlarged and will hereafter enlist landsmen for training as well as seamen for the navy.

CUP DEFENDER AMERICA.

Name Finally Chosen by the Lawson Yacht Committee.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—The Lawson yacht advisory committee have decided to name the cup defender America, in commemoration of the original America, which won the cup. The decision will be presented to Mr. Lawson for his approval. Inasmuch as Mr. Lawson is understood to favor the name, the Boston defender is as good as named.

The committee has taken a definite step in the direction of cultivating cordial relations with the New York Yacht Club by passing a resolution extending the warmest greetings of the committee to the New York club.

CUT IN PASSENGER RATES.

Panama Railroad Company Announces Great Reduction Between New York and San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—The Panama Railroad Company has chartered the steamship Argyle from the Saginaw Steel Steamship Company. The ship is under charter to the federal government at present but will be released on January 22. The vessel is of 4000 tons capacity.

The company now has three vessels and proposes to maintain a fortnightly service between this city and Panama. The Panama company has announced a heavy cut in passenger rates between San Francisco and New York via the isthmus.

CADETS AGREE TO ABOLISH HAZING

Unexpected Result of Congressional Investigation.

COMMITTEEMEN DELIGHTED

No More Hazing, Calling Out or Exercising of Fourth-Class Men at West Point Military Academy in the Future.

WEST POINT, Jan. 19.—The congressional investigation of the West Point military academy has borne fruit rather unexpectedly. Tonight when the congressmen were hurrying their inquiries to a termination the cadets of all four classes held a meeting in Grant hall and unanimously decided to abolish hazing of every form as well as the practice of "calling out" fourth-class men.

The committeemen are delighted at this action of the cadets, and General Dick in a few words said that they would all go back to the house of representatives believing that in spirit and letter the agreement would be firmly adhered to by the cadets who made it.

The decision of the cadets was embodied in the following document addressed to Colonel Mills, superintendent of the academy:

West Point, Jan. 19.—To Supt. U. S. Military Academy:

Having become cognizant of the manner in which the system of hazing as practiced at the military academy is regarded by the people of the United States, we cadets of the U. S. military academy, while maintaining that we have pursued our system from the best motive, yet realizing that the deliberate judgment of the people should in a country like ours be above all other considerations, do reaffirm our former action abolishing the practice of exercising fourth-class men and do further agree to discontinue hazing and compelling fourth-class men to eat anything against their desire and the practice of "calling out" fourth-class men by class action, and that we will not devise similar practices to replace those abandoned.

Respectfully submitted: For the first class, W. R. Bettison; for the second class, B. O. Mahaffey; for the third class, Quinn Gray; for the fourth class, Jos. A. Atkins.

Cadets Bettison, Mahaffey, Gray and Atkins were called before the committee and addressed by General Dick, who thanked them for their action in abolishing hazing at the academy and said that congress would recognize and adopt what they had done. The committee then adjourned to meet again in Washington on Monday.

NEELY GOING TO CUBA.

Legal Fight on Behalf of the Embassador Has Been Abandoned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—O. F. W. Neely, who is charged with the embezzlement of public funds in Cuba while acting as financial agent of the department of posts of that island, will be taken to Cuba next week. John D. Lindsay, counsel for Neely, who made the legal fight against the extradition of the prisoner, said last night that no further steps will be taken in Neely's behalf. The mandate of the United States supreme court was received from the attorney-general by U. S. District Attorney Burnett. The order will be entered today. After the record has been submitted to the state department extradition papers will be signed by the president.

PENSION CLAIMS DESTROYED.

Heavy Loss Incurred by Fire in a Washington Office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—More than eighty thousand pension claims in the office of Milo B. Stevens & Company, were destroyed in the fire last night. Many of the papers were to be used as evidence in attempting to secure favorable action by the pension office on claims and cannot be replaced.

In addition to the pension claims there were destroyed thousands of claims pending before the treasury department and patent office. In these the loss will fall upon the claimants.

SOLDIER SHOT HIMSELF.

Was Disappointed in Not Finding a Remittance in a Letter Which He Received.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Jan. 19.—Chas. Crockett, a stranger, shot himself with suicidal intent in his room at the Commercial Hotel and will die. He said he was a British soldier on leave of absence. He fired the shot after receiving a letter in which it is thought he expected to find a remittance. He left a letter addressed to his aunt, Mrs. Howard Thornberry, of Louisville, Ky.

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