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AND STILL VICTORIA OF ENGLAND LIVES.

Lies in a State of Coma at Osborne House.

THRONGS IN LONDON AWAIT NEWS

Wales at Osborne and York in London, as Two in Direct Succession Cannot Be in the Same Place at the Same Time.

Cowes, Jan. 21.—All night lights shone from the windows of Osborne house. At 10 o'clock the queen sank into a state of coma and it was thought the end had come. The members of the family gathered in an adjoining room, where they remained all night, prepared to answer the final call at an instant's notice. The persons present in the queen's chamber were her two faithful waiting women and her physicians. When she had begun to sink there was the greatest alarm lest she should expire before the Prince of Wales arrived. The Prince and Kaiser William left London at 8 this morning, arriving at Portsmouth at 10 o'clock. The formalities were waived, no salutes being fired in their honor for fear the reverberation would disturb the queen. They were driven, upon their arrival here, immediately to Osborne house, while the populace maintained a solemn quiet. When the physicians learned that the prince could not come until morning, stimulants were freely used. Oxygen was administered several times and the queen was aroused sufficiently to sip some champagne and later was able to take a little nourishment the first time in 48 hours. The queen's objection to the presence of other physicians than Drs. Reid and Powell were quietly disregarded and Dr. Thomas Barlow, the brain specialist, was summoned and consulted with Drs. Reid and Powell this morning. Cowes is filled with a deep gloom. Few people are at work, the crowds remaining in front of the bulletin boards. A verbal message from the palace at 3:15 this afternoon says there is a slight improvement in the queen's condition.

Bulletin From Queen's Physicians.

Cowes, Jan. 21.—At 11 o'clock this morning the queen's physicians issued the following bulletin: "The queen has rallied slightly since midnight. Her majesty has taken more food and has had some refreshing sleep. There is no further loss of strength. The symptoms that give rise to the most anxiety are those which point to local obstruction of the brain circulation."

Kaiser and Prince Arrive.

Kaiser William and the Prince of Wales arrived here at 10:35 o'clock this morning. At 1 today both were taken to the queen's bedside. At that hour she was barely alive.

Prince and Princess Take a Walk

Cowes, Jan. 21.—An official bulletin issued at 5 o'clock this evening says: "The slight improvements of this morning have been maintained."

At 4 o'clock the Prince and Princess of Wales left Osborne house for a long walk in the east part of Cowes. The fact that they left the palace gives rise to a hope that the queen's condition has improved.

Throngs Wait For News.

London, Jan. 21.—Great throngs gathered at Bingham Place and Manaion Place all day awaiting news of the queen's illness. They silently and gloomily await the ominous word. The business of the city goes on in desultory fashion, people being too perturbed for serious work. On the stock market consols fell a quarter of one per cent and American stocks suffered a general decline of one quarter of one per cent.

The Exchange Telegraph company's correspondent at Paris writes, he is informed on good authority that former President Kruger of the Transvaal has sent a message of sympathy to the queen.

The arrangements for the departure of King Leopold from Ostend have been countermanded it is said.

The Duke of York remains at London for the constitutional reason that two persons of direct succession are forbidden to be at the same place at the same time." The queen's last resting place will be the grounds of Frogmore house, within sight of Windsor castle where the prince consort lies buried.

Lord Salisbury arrived this morning, en route for Osborne. Home Secretary Ritbie, wohse duty it is to issue the certificate of the death of a sovereign, departed today for Osborne.

Favorable Symptoms.

Cowes, Jan. 21.—At 8 o'clock this evening private information is to the effect that more favorable symptoms in the queen's favor are developing.

Preparing For Death.

London, Jan. 21.—Lord Salisbury returned to Hatfield from Osborne tonight. The train is kept in readiness at Victoria station to take the members of the ministry to Portsmouth, where they will probably be needed tonight, according to a statement of Balfour. At 10 o'clock tonight no further alarming reports have been received from the queen.

LEGISLATURE REASSEMBLES.

No Important Business, and the Senatorial Situation Still More Uncertain.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Speaker Reeder immediately upon the reassembling of the legislature this afternoon announced the house committees. The chairman of each committee is, of agriculture, Nichols; assessment, Vincent; banking, Butt; capitol, Hartman; cities, Thomson, of Multnomah; claims, Emmett; commerce, Lamson; corporations Colvig; counties, McGreer; education, Stewart; elections, Harris; engrossing, Geer; enrolling, Barrett; federal, Hume; game, Roberts; dairy, Eddy; health, Keene; horticulture, Briggs; Indian, Kirk; internal, McQueen; irrigation, Miller; judiciary, Dresser; industries, Hemenway; manufacturers, McCraken; medicine, Heitkamper; military, Poorman; mining, Cattanch; penal, Kruse; printing, Carter; lands, Black; library, Pearce; railways, Story; roads, Mattoon; rules, Thomson, of Umatilla; salaries and mileage, Talbert; salaries state, Merrill; statistics, Holm; ways, Smith, of Marion.

Both houses reconvened at 2 o'clock. There was nothing of importance done. The senatorial situation is darker than ever.

Caucus Call a Failure.

It has practically been settled that there will be no caucus of republican members of the legislature to select a candidate for United States senator. During the past week a caucus call was circulated by the friends of ex-senator H. W. Corbett, but there are only 31 signers to it which is 16 short of a majority of the legislature.

It is understood that two democrats will vote for Corbett on the first ballot tomorrow the opposition concede that he will receive from 30 to 35 votes. Senator George W. McBride claims to have 20 votes that will stand by him until the end of the session. Binger Hermann, commissioner general of the land office, will, his friends claim, have 10 votes on the first ballot. Senator Mitchell is a possibility.

Plague in Hong Kong.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Dr. Francis Clark's report on the epidemic of plague in Hong Kong during the current year has been made public. The total number of cases reported was 1802. Since then but two have occurred. Of the total all but twenty-eight were among the Chinese. The case mortality was 95.5 per cent. In 1894 there were 2485 deaths from plague; in 1896 there were 1078; in 1898 there were 1175; in 1899 there were 1428. The mortality percentage for the present year is the highest since that of the great plague year.

Constitution For Cuba.

Havana, Jan. 21.—The new Cuban constitution was read in public session of convention today. It provides for universal suffrage, the division of the island into six states, with legislature and governors. The president is to be elected every four years. The whole document resembles the constitution of the United States. The discussion will probably last a month.

Professor Gray is Dead.

Newton, Mass., Jan. 21.—Professor Elisha Gray, the inventor of the telephone, died suddenly at Newtownville, at midnight. He was walking in Walnut street at 10 o'clock last evening when he became ill and fell on the sidewalk. Heart trouble was the cause. He invented many telegraph and telephone appliances.

FIRE IN WALLA WALLA.

THE STENCIL BUILDING, ONE OF THE FINEST THERE, BURNED.

Joe Merchant's Stock of Goods Among the Property That Burned.

Walla Walla, Jan. 21.—A fire early this morning gutted the Stencil building, one of the finest business blocks in this city, occasioning a loss to the building of fully $10,000. Joe Merchant's stock of goods on the ground floor suffered a loss of $12,000, on which there is an insurance of $12,000. The two upper stories were used as a lodging house and the occupants therein barely escaped and then only in the scantiest attire. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and soon had the flames under control.

HE PRAYED FOR VICTORIA.

Blind Chaplain of the United States Senate Made Eloquent Appeal

Washington, Jan. 21.—When the session of the senate opened this morning the blind chaplain appealed in his prayers for the recovery of Victoria. He said in part: "The whole world is bowed in sorrow. She is beloved because of her piety, womanly virtue, and admirable life. She is a great sovereign because of her constant impartiality and love of justice."

Senator Chandler, defeated for reelection, was warmly greeted when he appeared.

In the house, Loud reported the postoffice appropriation bill.

The senate confirmed the nomination of James F. Harlan, son of Justice Harlan, as attorney general of Porto Rico.

THE UNITED MINE WORKERS.

They Assemble in National Convention at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—The national convention of United Mine Workers of America were called to order in Tomlinson hall at 10 o'clock this morning. It is probable that no material advance in wages will be demanded, but the future affairs of the anthracite field are to be settled. The absorption of all branches of mine labor are to be considered. The engineers will probably be granted the right to preserve their order, but they with the blacksmiths and firemen will be compelled to unite with the miners in making annual agreements with the bituminous operators. The morning session was devoted to routine work.

YOUNG GIRL DIED OF POISON.

Administered by a Young Man, Who Also Took a Dose Himself.

New York, Jan. 21.—Clarence Davis was found this morning beside the body of Maggie Travis, aged 19, a chambermaid at St. Luke's home, at Thoybold's hotel, in Harlem. The girl died of poison, administered by Davis for immoral purposes, and finding that it had killed her, he swallowed a dose which produced only insanity which may be only temporary.

Arizona Legislature.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 21.—The 21st session of the Arizona legislature began at noon today. Eugene S. Ives, formerly one of the six state senators from New York city, was elected president of the council.

Cleveland is Selected.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—The Grand Army executive committee this afternoon selected Cleveland as the next annual encampment.

Considering the Army Bill.

Washington, Jan. 18.—As soon as the senate convened this afternoon consideration of the army reorganization bill was resumed. Nearly every senator was in his seat. A vote on the measure will be taken at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

No More Permits to Correspondents.

London, Jan. 18—The war office positively declines to issue further permits for newspaper correspondents in South Africa.

The Bosschcitter Trial

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 18.—The closing arguments in the Bosschietter murder trial were made this morning. The verdict is not expected before sometime tonight.

Fire at Henry, Ill

Henry, Ills., Jan. 21.—Fire early this morning destroyed the business section of the town, causing a loss of $100,000.

GREAT INTEREST IN THE QUEEN'S ILLNESS.

There is Growing Belief That Her End is Near.

RELATIVES SUMMONED TO OSBORNE

Emperor William Has Already Gone—The Prince of Wales is Now at the Bedside of His Mother.

Cowes, Jan. 19.—The queen is preceptably worse since morning.

An Early Report.

Cowes, Jan. 19.—The queen passed a good night and is slightly better early this morning.

Delayed News.

Manchester, Jan. 19.—The Post says the queen had a slight of stroke paralysis during Christmas week.

There is Grave Anxiety.

Osborne, Jan. 19.—At noon today the following bulletin was issued: "The queen is suffering from great physical prostration, accompanied by symptoms which cause grave anxiety."

All Her Children Summoned.

London, Jan. 19.—All of the queen's children will be with her tonght, except the Duke of Connaught, who is at Berlin, and the Dowager Empress Frederick. The Duke of Cambridge left Paris this morning for her bedside.

Prince of Wales Changes Plans.

London, Jan. 19.—The Prince of Wales who expected to go to Sandringham today, changed his plans and will leave at 1:40 o'clock for Osborne. The departure of the royal train was delayed to allow Princess Louise to travel with the Prince to Osborne. The princess was suddenly summoned from Kensington palace to go to the queen's sick room.

Rumors Queen is Dead.

London, Jan. 19.—The rumor was current this afternoon that the queen was dead. Lord Salisbury was seen personally concerning the rumor and stated he had not heard the rumor and placed no credence in it.

Deep public agitation is manifested in the queen's condition on all sides. All extra papers are eagerly bought. Special prayers for the queen's recovery will be offered in all churches in England tomorrow.

Believed Queen is Dying.

Portsmouth, Jan. 19.—An official, with a grave message, met the Prince of Wales on his arrival here. There is little attempt to disguise the belief that the queen is dying.

Emperor William Enroute.

London, Jan. 19.—The Exchange Telegraph company learns from an official source that Emperor William of Germany is accompanying the Duke of Connaught to Osborne to be at the bedside of his grandmother.

Reports From Physicians.

London, Jan. 19.—At 4:20 o'clock this afternoon a telephone message from Buckingham palace said they had had Osborne house on the telephone five minutes previously and at that time the first bulletin issued by the physicians still fairly represented the condition of the queen.

Queen is Sinking.

Birmingham, Jan. 19.—The Argus has news from Osborne that the queen is sinking rapidly. The end is near.

In a Comatose State.

London, Jan. 19.—It is stated that the queen lies practically in a comatose condition and cannot move in bed without assistance.

Stopped Court Festivities.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Emperor William has countermanded all court festivities owing to the illness of the queen of England.

The Prince Sails For Cowes.

Portsmouth, Jan. 19.—The Prince of Wales sailed for Cowes on the royal yacht Albert at 3:50 o'clock today. Sir Arthur Bigge, the queen's private secretary, telephoned at 5 o'clock this afternoon that the queen's condition is unchanged. No more bulletins will be issued until tomorrow.

WIND STORM IN NEW YORK.

It Lasted Only Fifteen Minnutes But Did Great Damage.

New York, Jan. 19.—At noon today a unique storm swept down on the city, caused a building at 125 East Twenty-third street to collapse, and in fifteen minutes passed away. The clouds resembled those of a thunder storm, but snow in great quantities filled the air, so pedestrians couldn't see ten feet ahead of them. The high wind which came with the storm prostrated the wires, and did other damage.

A Man Killed.

New York, Jan. 19.—During the heighth of the gale an old building on Twenty-third street, which was being remodeled, was swayed by the wind and caused a heavy derrick on the third floor to crash to the ground. Edward William Nelson was killed and James Murray dangerously hurt by it.

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Senator Pettigrew to Make a Six Hour Speech Against the Ship-Subidy Bill.

Washington, Jan. 19.—In the senate next week the legislature, executive, the judicial, military academy and Indian appropriation bills will take up most of its time. Senator Pettigrew expects to use his six-hour speech in furnishing ammunition against the subsidy bill.

In the house, the District of Columbia appropriation bill will be considered Monday and Tuesday and the latter part of the week will be given to the naval appropriation bill.

THE BOSSCHIETTER CASE.

The Jury Brought in a Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

New York, Jan. 19.—The jury in the Jennie Bosschietter murder case at Paterson, N. J., last night returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. This means life imprisonment for Campbell, Death and McAlister. George Keer, the fourth man implicated in the crime, will be tried later.

Catholic Mission Burned.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 19.—The Catholic Mission of the Sacred Heart, in Potawama county, Oklahoma, was burned last night rendering homeless about four hundred people. No lives were lost. The mission was established by Jesuit Fathers in 1876 and contained a library of twenty thousand volumes.

Indians Running Wild.

St. Louis, Jan. 19.—A special to the Republic from Eufala, I. T., says: Deputy Marshal Gratan Johnson has brought news that the disaffected Creek Indians, known as the "Snake band" are up in arms and are raiding the country with Winchester in hand, whipping and maltreating the peaceful Indians.

Good Discipline in Army.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Replying to a department query General MacArthur telegraphs the army in the Philippines is under splendid discipline, there is little drunkenness and that the houses of prostitution are not licensed, protected or encouraged.

Burglars Rob a Bank.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 19.—A gang of burglars battered down the doors of Sandella & Co.'s bank, in New Baltimore, this morning, secured $3500 in cash and escaped on a handcar. This is the tenth big burglary in the state in the last two weeks.

Marine Accidents.

London, Jan. 19.—A fog caused the Belgian mail boat Clementine to run aground near Dover this morning. In the river Mersey the White Star steamer Cymric collided with the Carib Prince and both were badly damaged.

Dynamite Saved a Town.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 19.—The town of Phoenix was damaged by fire to the extent of $35,000 last night and only the liberal use of dynamite saved the town from total destruction.

Alger Suffers a Relapse.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A special to the Record from Detroit, Mich., says: Gen. Alger has suffered a relapse and is again confined to his bed a very sick man. One week ago last Monday he left his office not feeling well and before the end of the day cold had set in with marked symptoms of the grip. He was forced to take to his bed.

President at Work Again.

Washington, Jan. 19.—President McKinley is much improved this morning and signed several bills and other documents.

Asphalt Troubles Settled.

New York, Jan. 19.—It is stated officially that the asphalt company has settled its difficulties with the Venezuelan government.

Lieutenant Morrison Killed

Manila, Jan. 19.—Lieut. John Morrison, of Iowa, was killed yesterday, near Penaranda, while scouting.

The Corporation Wound Up.

London, Jan. 19.—A court order was issued today winding up the London and Globe financial corporation.

Ex-Prime Minister Dead.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The Duc de Broglie, once prime minister, statesman and author is dead in this city.

Race War Threatened.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 18.—A rush to buy pistols and all kinds of small fire arms has been on in Leavenworth since Saturday. Both whites and blacks have purchased weapons, not a few among them being women. It developes that two negroes negotiated with one gunsmith for two dozen Winchester rifles. This gave rise to the story that the negroes were arming, preparatory to a race war.

Gunboat Will Not Go.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Orders to the gunboat Scorpion to proceed from Caracas to Guanoco, Venezuela, are countermanded. The state department declined to give the cause of the sudden reversal of judgment, but it is believed it is caused either by the threatening conditions at Caracas or fresh news which makes the situation in the asphalt field less alarming.

The Boers Lost Heavily.

London, Jan. 18—Lord Kitchener reports a force of 800 Boers routed west of Ventersburg. The British had a few casualties. He also sends reports concerning the fight between General Colville and a thousand Boers near Standerton. The British casualties were one killed and five wounded. The Boers seemed to have lost heavily.

English Cabinet in Session.

London, Jan. 18.—The cabinet met this afternoon to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the amendments thereto. The meeting is strictly secret and no information is given out. According to the opinion of several high authorities, however, the cabinet will accept the amendments with certain minor safeguards to British interests.

Censorship Established.

New York, Jan. 18.—It is learned today that Venezuela has established a censorship over all the dispatches to and from the United States. The censorship it is believed, is the result of the trouble that has arisen over the attempt of Venezuela to abrogate its concessions to the asphalt trust.

Waiting on Great Britian.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A caucus of republican senators this morning decided the senate should not proceed with consideration of the Isthmian canal bill until after Great Britain shall have opportunity to pass upon the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

General Alger is Ill.

Detroit, Jan. 1.—General Alger, who is confined to his home in this city with the grip, is critically ill this morning.

James Wolcott Beaten.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 18.—Kud Carter got a decision over Joe Wolcott tonight in the twelfth round on a foul.

Boers Were Repulsed.

London, Jan. 21.—Lord Kitchener reports that the Boers attacked Pelvetia in the eastern part of the Transvaal, and were repulsed. A small band of Boers are reported within sight of the sea, near Cape Town.

WANTS A STENOGRAPHER.

The Attorney General Desires a Better Paid Assistant.

At the request of Attorney-General Blackburn, Representative Dresser, of Clackamas county, introduced a bill in the legislature for the purpose of appropriating $1800 for the employment of a stenographer in the attorney-general's office. This is an increase of $600 over the appropriation made for the same purpose in 1899, and $1800 more than was ever appropriated prior to 1899. The appropriation now asked is $75 per month. Before the accession of Attorney-General Blackburn, the incumbents of that office paid for their clerical aid out their salaries of $3000 per year. During the last two years the state has paid $50 per month for a stenographer in that office, and it is not known that the attorney general has had any difficulty in securing a satisfactory assistant at that price.

Ed Parker, of Astoria, had a tussle with a footpad the other night at Astoria, and threw him off the street into the water 12 feet below. The thug succeeded in making a landing.

THE LEGISLATIVE SOLONS ARE IN PORTLAND.

Corbett Men Are Certain of Forty-Six Signatures.

CAUCUS PROMISED MONDAY NIGHT

Treatment of the Minority in the Legislature in Regard to Choosing Clerks is Causing Considerable Comment.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Portland is "alive" with members of the legislature here having a good time because of adjournment of that body from Thursday to Monday at 2 o'clock.

The Corbett men are confident that they will obtain 46 signatures, a majoiry of the legislature, to a call for a caucus on the senatorship next Monday night. Senator McBride's followers are equally as confident that the caucus will not contain a majority of the legislature.

The Minority Have No Rights.

Salem, Jan. 18.—A large number of the solons went to Portland last night. A few of them went to their homes and fewer still remained in Salem. The chief topic wherever men meet here is the method adopted for choosing clerks in the senate. In that branch of the legislature the ruling faction of the republican party gave the minority no representation in the distribution of clerks. The action of the senate is very severely criticised not only by the minority republicans but also by the members of the opposition party. However, the severest criticism for the action comes from Mr. Corbett's supporters.

Senate Bill No. 29.

Senate bill No. 29, by Sweek, authorizes the city of Portland to convey to a board of trustees to be appointed by the Native Sons of Oregon, the Oregon Pioneer Association, the Indian war veterans, the Oregon Historical Society, the Native Daughters of Oregon, and the Portland Public library, the tract known as park block 7, in Portland. These societies propose to erect a building on this block.

THE TROUBLE AT CORBIN.

It Arose Over Father's Refusal to Allow a Young Man to Court His Daughter.

Corbin, Ky., Jan. 18.—The trouble here which resulted in the shooting of Jim Spotwell arose over Spotwell's refusal to allow his daughter to keep company witn Rolla White. After White shot Spotwell a riot followed Wednesday night in which two persons were killed, one mortally wounded, three or four others wounded and a building, in which White and his friends took refuge, wrecked by dynamite.

The dead are: Miss Susan Cox, an innocent bystander, killed by a stray bullet; Sulton Faris, killed by the explosion.

The wounded are: James Spotwell, fatally; Hadley Bradley, Tracy Cooper, and an unknown traveling salesman.

Soldiers Arrive.

Corbin, Ky., Jan. 18.—Seventy-five members of the second regiment, with gatling guns arrived here this morning. Shortly after their arrival, John, James and Bob Spotwell, the leaders of one of the forces engaged in the feud here, surrendered to the officers.

NEWS OF THE JAPANESE.

Organizing a Company to Fight the Standard Oil in Japan.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Yokohama advices state that the resignation of Viscount General Katsura, Japanese minister of war, has been accepted and General Kodam, governor general of Formosa, will be his successor.

Japanese oil companies are consolidating to establish a new company with ten million yen capital and fight the Standard Oil company in the Japanese field. The negotiations are being conducted by Asno Soichiro, president of the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha steamer line, now operating between Japan and San Francisco.

The Japanese Christians have dispatched one of their number to raise funds in Europe and America to start a daily paper of their own.

Three hundred Japanese residents in Chinnampo Corea, have sent a deputation to Tokyo and applied to the foreign office for the dispatch of troops to the Corean port for the protection of the Japanese residents, as there are signs of trouble among the natives.

A famine is reported among the people along the coast of Teshio, province of Hokkaido. Owing to the many storms, it has been impossible to import rice this winter and the people are living on potatoes and beans, of which they have a scanty supply.

MASKED MEN HUG WOMEN.

Women on the Streets Are the Victims of a Gang.

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 18.—Residents of this place are terrorized over the hugging of women by masked men on the street at night. One arrest has been made.

Within the last ten days five women have been thus embraced. The victims, young and old, have been held up by masked men in dark places and hugged hard. None has been asked for money and valuables. When the women screamed the huggers ran off.

The carrying of pistols by all women is being advocated. Few women of Bellefonte now venture out after dark without escorts.

QUEEN VICTORIA IS ILL.

She Has Been Failing For Weeks and is Growing Worse.

London, Jan. 18.—The queen's condition is becoming still more alarming, according to latest reports from her sick chamber. She now suffers from insomnia, loss of appetite and nervousness. Two specialists left last night for Osborne. The queen's physicians are alarmed, not so much at her present condition, but by the steady decline of her health, which they have been unable to check. They now regard the end as only a matter of a few months, perhaps weeks and possibly a few days.

Growing Daily Worse.

London, Jan. 18.—A Portsmouth correspondent wires: "I have further confirmation that the queen is ill. She has been failing for weeks and is growing daily worse." The queen today reached exactly the age of George the Third, the previously eldest living English sovereign, when he died. A court circular has not appeared since Tuesday. This fact leads to confirmation of the report of her majesty's illness, as the circulars are not issued until after supervised by the queen.

The Condition is Alarming.

London, Jan. 18.—It is reported that the royal physicians are in almost hourly attendance at the bedside of the queen whose condition is alarming. Her majesty's trip to France has been abandoned in consequence of her sickness. But the officials at Osborne house deny that the queen is seriously ill.

TRUE TO HIS SWEETHEART.

Even $25,000 Would Not Induce Young Gill to Give Her Up.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 18.—Love for a girl in the same company prevents Young W. S. Gill, playing a minor part in "The Village Postmaster," from enjoying $25,000 a year income.

Gill received a letter advising him of the death of an uncle, Major James Gill, of Liverpool, England, from wounds received in the Boer war.

The letter announced that young Gill was heir to £5000 a year on condition that he marry the major's ward, whom he had never seen.

Gill refused, preferring to marry the woman of his choice.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE.

Five Persons Killed and Train Blew Up From Explosives.

Lockes Mills, Maine, Jan. 18.—Two freight trains collided here this morning, resulting in the death of five persons and injuring many others and the destruction of a vast amount of property. The dead are: Peter Thompson, engineer; W. J. Oliver, brakeman; an unknown brakeman and two tramps. Several cars loaded with explosives blew up and twelve cars were burned.

Bad Train Wreck in Mexico.

City of Mexico, Jan. 18—In a bad wreck on the Mexican Central Thursday, near Constancia, five persons were killed and many injured, a number so badly that they are expected to die. This is the seventh serious wreck on the road in the last two months.

AN OREGONIAN IN TROUBLE.

ROBERT E. GLAZE HELD FOR MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO.

He is a Brother of the Late Till Glaze of Oregon, Who Met Violent Death in Oklahoma.

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 18.—Robert E. Glaze, who shot and killed his partner, William Trewella, in this city last Monday, because of some trouble in which their wives were involved, is an Oregonian. He was born near Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, where his mother and sisters still reside. Twenty years ago the Glaze family became involved in a feud with a family named Whitney and two of the Whitneys were killed, it was alleged, by Till Glaze, an elder brother of the man who shot his partner. Till Glaze afterward met a violent death in Oklahoma. Glaze is well known in this city. He was employed at the Baldwin hotel for some years as night-clerk and also as day clerk. After the Baldwin hotel was destroyed by fire Glaze went to the Hawaiian islands and ran a hotel there for some time. He came back here and entered into the partnership with Trewella, whom he killed last Monday, in the conduct of the Windsor hotel.

Glaze refuses to talk regarding the shooting, but he has said that he shot Trewella in self-defense. No pistol was found on the murdered man's person. The only cause for the shooting known is that Trewella pushed Mrs. Glaze out of his rooms in the hotel, when she came there to quarrel with Mrs. Trewella, a few hours before the shooting.

It transpires that there was one eyewitness to the shooting, John J. O'Conner, a bell boy in the hotel. The bell boy says that Glaze said to him immediately after the shooting: "If any one asks you how he was shot, you say that he shot himself." From O'Conner's evidence the murder is shown to have been a cold blooded one.

Conger Asks For Instructions.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The state department this morning received a message from Minister Conger, stating that a protocol had been signed by the Chinese representatives and returned to the foreign envoys. Conger asks for instructions which shall be sent to him by the state department today. He said a discussion as to the ways and means of executing the terms of agreement will begin soon.

The Livestock Convention.

Salt Lake, Jan. 18.—The National Livestock convention adopted a memorial to congress protesting against the enactment of the Ghrout oleomargarine bill. The following officers were elected last night: President, D. J. Springer, Colorado; first vice president, J. M. Holt, Montana; second vice president, F. J. Hagenbarth, Idaho; secretary, G. F. Martin, Colorado.

Jem Mace's Son a Preacher.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Alfred Mace, evangelist, eldest son of Jem Mace, the pugilist, is in Chicago to preach the gospel. Thirty years ago the elder Mace made a tour of America, during which he fought "Tom" Allen and "Ned" O'Baldwin.

Aguinaldo is Still Alive.

Manila, Jan. 18.—It is reported here that Aguinaldo recently visited his mother in the province of Cavite and had a narrow escape from capture in the attack made upon a Cavite town by the American forces.

No Prize Fights in California.

Sacramento, Calif, Jan. 21.—In the senate today the state law against prize fights was amended, further restricting ring contests, by providing that four round glove contests only are legal. Longer contests of prize fights are declared illegal, punishable by sentence in state prison of not less than two years.

No Steel Trust Says Carnegie.

New York, Jan. 21.—Andrew Carneige today reiterated, with great positiveness, the statement that as far as his company was concerned there is no negotiations on foot for a steel combination and that the trade war stories were simply bugaboos.

Bi-Centennial Prussian Kingdom.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Today is the actual bi-centennial of the Prussian kingdom and the celebration of the event is being carried out on an elaborate scale. The ceremony in the castle was an impressive affair.

Children Burned to Death.

Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 18.—The home of Benjamin Miller, a farmer, living near Middlebury, was burned this morning and four children who were asleep in the second story were cremated.

THE REDUCTION OF THE WAR TAX.

It Will Provide for a Fifty Per Cent Decrease.

THE NAVAL BILL CARRIES $77,000,000

Army Bill Passes, Four Democrats Voting for It—Will Not Prohibit the Sale of Liquor in the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate finance committee today heard further arguments regarding the reduction of the tax on tobacco. It is now said the republican members of the committee already have reached an agreement on the character of the bill to be reported to the senate. It will provide for a 50 per cent reduction all along the line. The tax on telegraph messages and express packages will be reduced to one-half cent each, with a provision that the companies must pay it. The tax on tobacco will be nine cents. The tax on bank checks must be made one cent, to be paid by the person drawing the check, the banks paying the tax on certificates. Taxes on brokers will be reduced one-half. The total effect will be to reduce the revenue by about $50,000,000.

The Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The naval appropriation bill was reported to the house today. It carries $77,000,000 increase, $11,000,000 over that of last year. Of the increase, $9,000,000 is necessary for the construction of battleships and cruisers authorized by a previous act. The payroll of the navy aggregates $15,000,000. The improvements provided for at San Juan call for $40,000; at Hawaii, $17,000; at Tutuia, $225,000.

The Army Bill Passes.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Just before 9 o'clock last night the senate finally disposed of the army reorganization bill. The measure having originated in the senate, the final question was not upon its passage, but upon agreement to the house amendments. They were agreed to by a vote of 43 to 23.

While party lines were drawn upon the measure, four democrats voted for it, Senators Lindsay of Kentucky, McLaurin of South Carolina, Morgan of Alabama, and Sullivan of Mississippi. Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, who was detained at his home by illness, was paired against the bill with Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin.

Numerous amendments were made to the bill, but in the general the committee was sustained and the measure, with the exception of the elimination of the canteen clause, is not widely different from that reported to the senate.

A determined effort was made to amend the bill so as to provide against the sale of liquor in the Philippines and to prohibit the importation of any kind of intoxicants into the islands, but it was defeated.

As the bill originated in the senate it will go directed to the conference committee appointed by the two branches of congress. Senator Hawley republican of Connecticut, Proctor, republican of Vermont, and Cockrell, democrat of Missouri, were appointed conferees.

FIRE IN KAWANEE HOTEL.

One Man Perished, One Injured by Jumping and Two Are Missing.

Kewanee, Ills. Jan. 21.—The Commercial house burned this morning at 3 o'clock. Elmer Peterson was suffocated on the third floor; I. C. Giuber, of Fort Wayne, was hurt by jumping; Emma Knoch, of Fort Madison, Iowa, and an unknown man are missing.

Proebstel Wants Prayer

Senator Proebstel is anxious that the senate begin its labors under constant spiritual guidance, and early Monday he presented the usual resolution calling on the clergy of Salem to open the daily sessions with prayer. It has been remarked that the wording of the resolution was significant, inasmuch as it did not request the Salem Ministerial Association, as is usual, to make daily assignments of ministers. It is reported that that body has not always been as catholic in its selections as it might have been, and preachers of certain denominations have been excluded from opportunity to show the quality of their eloquence, and the character of their religious faith. Whether this is so or not, the sergeant-at-arms will now make the selections, and presumably he will do his duty without reference to the peculiar prejudice of sect, creed or denomination, and those senators who listen to the prayers will get a judicious variety of spiritual admonition and instruction.

An Eight Year Old Page.

The small son of Senator Cameron, a sturdy, bright-faced youth, was named by President Fulton as one of the pages; and thereby hangs a tale. Senator Cameron was a member of the legislature of 1893, and one day he was summoned home on a mysterious errand. Now, the senator is not a young man, and his friends were not exactly prepared for the news that came later that to the Cameron household had been born a fine young son—the first. When the senator returned he found his desk covered with flowers by his appreciative colleagues, and ever since his fellow-members have taken a solicitous interest in the lad's welfare. The senate page is the same youth whose advent caused such an overflowing of legislative congratulations eight years ago.

"Young Corbett" of Denver won from Joe Bernstein in the seventh round of what was to have been a 10 round bout before the Colorado Athletic association at Denver, with a left hook to Bernstein's jaw, which broke it. Bernstein threw up his hands and the referee separated the men, giving the decision to Corbett. While the honors were about even, Corbett was the aggressor in most of the rounds and his blows seemed to carry more steam than Joe's.

It is announced that the large bequest made by Samuel Lewis, the London money lender, to charitable organizations, aggregating £950,000 are reversionary, going into effect on the death of his widow. The will, however, directs the immediate payment of £500 to the Prince of Wales hospital fund and of similar matters aggregating £50,000 to various Jewish charities.