

THE CENSORS

Cause a Savage Attack on Mr. McKinley

PETTIGREW ON THE PHILIPPINES

He Charges That Information for the American People Was Withheld by General Otis' Orders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A spirited and at times sensational debate was precipitated in the senate today, on the Philippine question, the basis for the speech making being the resolution of inquiry, offered several days ago by Pettigrew, of South Dakota, to which substitutes were proposed.

Pettigrew attacked the administration's policy in the Philippines, and also made some startling charges against those who are supporting the administration. He declared that a systematic effort was being made to prevent accurate information from reaching the people of the United States, and that it was a political scheme to further the candidacy of McKinley for re-nomination and re-election. The debate was terminated by the resumption of the consideration of the currency bill at 2 o'clock.

In substantiation of his charge, that dispatches from the Philippines were censored in the interest of the administration, Pettigrew quoted from a letter, written by Robert M. Collins, the Associated Press representative at Manila. In this letter Collins related the substance of an interview upon the subject of censoring dispatches, which he had with General Otis. Pettigrew read the statements of Collins in which he had said, it was evidently the desire of the officials to prevent certain information from reaching the people of the United States. When he (Collins) had filed a dispatch containing information which he thought was proper to send to the United States, he had been informed by the censor that that might hurt the administration. Subsequently, when he had decided to send the story relating to the use of silver in the Philippines, the censor had told him that his instructions were to allow nothing to pass which would be helpful to William Jennings Bryan in the United States.

Stewart, of Nevada, made an elaborate speech on the question of national finances. Before adjournment, the senate, after a prolonged debate, passed a bill conferring additional powers upon the director of the census.

The Roberts investigating committee held a protracted executive session today, in the hope of reaching a conclusion, but so many legal questions were discussed that the final result was not reached. Another meeting will be held tomorrow morning. A member of the committee is authority for the statement that the delay is due mainly to a desire for unanimity, and to avoid if possible two reports. The members are practically agreed on the facts involved. The differences relate to the manner of excluding Roberts.

A BIG CLAIM.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of the war department, has denied the application of the Manila Railway Company, Limited, for the payment, by the United States, of interest on the capital invested in the railway, owned and operated by the said company pursuant to the guarantee of the interest by the Spanish government. The company, which is a corporation organized under the

laws of Great Britain, obtained a concession from the Spanish government, for a railway from Manila to Dagupan, about 130 miles. The Spanish government guaranteed the return of 8 per cent per annum upon the capital invested in the railroad. The claimants represent that the amount invested is \$5,535,700. The Spanish government, up to the time of the Spanish-American war, fulfilled its obligations.

The railroad company contends that the United States, by assuming sovereignty over the Philippines, became bound to respond to the obligations of the Spanish government, and should pay to it the accrued interest aggregating \$237,068.

THE LAWTON FUND.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Adjutant-General Corbin has received altogether \$72,990 for the Lawton fund.

STILL ANOTHER WAR

JAPAN MAY ATTACK RUSSIA EARLY IN THE SPRING.

The Little Brown Men Do Not Shrink From This Undertaking—Preparations Under Way.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—Advices from the Orient say, there is abundant evidence in the Japanese press of the probability that the Japan is drifting into a war with Russia. The Japanese apparently do not shrink from the dangers of such a conflict, their government having recently given an order in England for 100,000 suits of warm winter clothing for the Japanese soldiers, in preparation for the campaign, in Russia. The Kobe Chronicle asserts that a Japanese cruiser, with a large force of soldiers on board, recently sailed from a Japanese port under sealed orders, and that three transports have been chartered to carry troops to Korea.

Christmas eve a storm of great severity swept over the Japanese coast, causing the loss of many lives, much property and shipping. Out of forty junks that were passing between Kobe and Osaka, in tow, all but five were lost. Of the 194 men on board these vessels, all but twenty-five were drowned. The loss of life is estimated at from 400 to 500.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dewey will be made available for duty at sea.

One hundred and sixteen tons of high explosives are soon to be taken to Manila by the steamship India.

John Jacob Astor is raising his rents in New York, which will cause lifetime tenants to vacate their homes. Ground rents will be raised from \$350 a year to \$750.

Lieut-Commander E. E. Greene, in Admiral Schley's fleet, committed suicide at Montevideo on Wednesday evening. The cause is unknown.

Mrs. Samantha C. Thayer, widow of the late ex-Governor W. W. Thayer, died on Wednesday morning at her home near Woodstock, Portland. Her illness has extended since the death of her husband, last October, the shock being too great for her to survive. Deceased was 65 years old, and came to Oregon with her husband in 1852. The couple were married in New York in 1852 and spent some time in Lewiston, Idaho, before coming to Portland. One son, Claud Thayer, survives her, he is a well-known banker and prominent attorney at Tillamook.

BULLER IS SICK.

New York, Jan. 11.—A special to the World from London says: The London newspapers, without making any direct charge, make announcements that General Buller is not in good health. It is known here that the war office receives little if any information from him directly, while Lady Buller gets a message every day from her husband briefly announcing his condition. Gatacre is also said to be on the verge of a collapse.

ARE SCARCE

Rifle Cartridges in the English Army Are Low

THE TROOPS WILL BE SUPPLIED

With Dum-Dum Bullets—The Press Complains Bitterly of the Actions of the Censors.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(Friday, 4 a. m.)—The Lee-Metford cartridges are running short in the British magazines, and according to a semi-official report, the war office proposes to fall back temporarily upon the 1,000,000 "mark IV" expanding bullets, most of which are already in storage in South Africa. The war office, however, has issued strict orders to volunteers, that fifty rounds of "mark IV" given them must be used in practice at home, nothing being taken to South Africa. After the public announcement that no such bullet would be used in this war, its employment, the Daily Chronicle hints, would be a serious breach of faith, especially as the British commanders have complained that the Boers occasionally use such projectiles.

The newspapers were reconciled during the early days of the war to the able censorship, taking it for granted that the full narratives sent by mail would supply all deficiencies. For some weeks, however, even the mail correspondence that has arrived in London, has shown signs of habitual scissoring by the censor. Pages are renumbered without chronological or logical connection, leaving the happenings described quite unintelligible in many cases. Editors, acting possibly in concert, are laying these facts before the public, and insisting that they be permitted to know and print the facts.

HEAVY LOSSES.

London, Jan. 11.—The Daily Mail says:

"We learn that in the attack on Ladysmith last Saturday, January 6th, the British losses were fourteen officers killed, thirty-four wounded and over 800 non-commissioned officers and men killed and wounded. The Boer losses we hear are estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000."

PARLIAMENT TO MEET.

London, Jan. 11.—Queen Victoria has proclaimed a meeting of parliament for January 30th.

AMERICAN FLOUR.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The answer of the British government, to Mr. Choate's representation respecting the seizure of American flour and other goods on the three vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria, has been received. It amounts to a partial answer, very satisfactory as far as it goes, disposing of the character of some of the goods seized, but not finally deciding broadly whether or not foodstuffs are to be regarded as contraband.

In brief Mr. Choate reports, that the answer is highly satisfactory, that it is in broad and liberal terms.

The position assumed by the British government is that foodstuffs in transit to a hostile destination can be regarded as contraband of war only when they are supplies for the enemy's forces. The British government does not claim that any of the American goods on German bark Maria, and the British bark Mashona, were contraband of war. The British government is investigating the facts in connection with the goods seized on the third vessel, the Beatrice.

An official statement was given out by the state department, which says:

"The British government virtually concedes the American contention, that the goods were not subject to seizure, and practically disavows the seizure, it not being claimed that there is any evidence of a hostile destination."

TROOPS SAIL.

Southampton, Jan. 11.—The Cunard liner Umbria, chartered as a transport by the British government, sailed this afternoon with 2200 soldiers bound for South Africa.

NO SYMPATHY.

Columbus, O., Jan. 11.—The house of representatives today, by a strict party vote, indefinitely postponed the resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain, the republicans voted in the affirmative.

ANOTHER SEIZURE.

London, Jan. 12.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Monday, says:

"H. M. S. Fearless seized the bark Maria L, which arrived at Elizabeth, Saturday, from Argentine, with sugar."

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE

EIGHTEEN DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED IN HONOLULU.

From the Dread Disease—Everything Possible Being Done to Prevent a Further Spread.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The steamer Moana arrived today from Australia, via Samoa and Honolulu.

When the Moana arrived off Honolulu a quarantine officer went out to her in a tug. He reported that there had been three deaths in Honolulu from what was supposed to be the bubonic plague, making eighteen deaths in all. Every precaution was being taken. Houses, in which anybody had died, were burned down; sewers were being disinfected and everything being done that ingenuity could suggest, to stop the spread of the disease.

IN A HARD FIGHT.

Thirty-ninth Regiment Wins a Big Victory in Luzon.

Manila, Jan. 11.—Colonel Bullard, with the Thirty-ninth infantry, moving in three columns from Calamba, with two guns, attacked ten companies of insurgents strongly entrenched on the Santa Tomas road. The enemy resisted stubbornly, making three stands. Twenty-four of the rebels were killed, and sixty prisoners were taken. The Filipinos retreated, carrying their wounded toward Lake Taal. One American was killed, and two officers slightly wounded.

A STOCKADE.

New York, Jan. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Brussels says: A private letter from Pretoria says that in order to accommodate the prisoners of war, who are crowding into Pretoria, an immense inclosure has been constructed to the north of the town in three long streets named Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking streets.

MANITOBA'S NEW CABINET.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 10.—Premier MacDonald announced the new cabinet today. He takes the attorney-generalship and the other portfolios were distributed as follows: Treasurer and minister of agriculture, J. C. Davidson; secretary and minister of public works, Dr. McFadden. Without portfolios, James Johnstone and Colin H. Campbell.

THE P. O. SITE.

Title Has Been Approved by the Attorney General—Salem's New Public Building.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—(Special).—The United States attorney general has approved the title to the site selected for the new public building at Salem, Oregon.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Milwaukee, Jan. 10.—Henry C. Payne, national republican committeeman of Wisconsin, today received a letter from Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of war, in which Root states he will not be a candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States.

HIS NEW HOME.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—Phil D. Armour, the Chicago millionaire packer, is at Pasadena, and has announced that he will make his future home there.

FOUR REAR-ADMIRALS.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Navy—To be rear admirals: Henry L. Howison, Albert Kautz, George R. Remony, Norman H. Farquhar.

John Bull's naval pension list contains 5,920 names.

REPORTS OF GREAT LOSSES

Are Expected from Ladysmith--Lords Roberts and Kitchene at Cape Town

An Enormous Army in the Field Awaiting an Opportunity to Strike--British Newspapers Criticize the Government--Some Startling Rumors.

A RUMOR.

London, Jan. 10.—The incredible rumor comes from Cape Town that the Boers have withdrawn from Magersfontein. Probably this is an embellishment of the native reports, that General Cronje is sending reinforcements to Colesburg.

ROBERTS LANDS.

London, Jan. 10.—General Lord Roberts, the new commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief-of-staff, General Lord Kitchener, have arrived at Cape Town.

JAP VOLUNTEERS.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 10.—So contagious is the enthusiasm hereabouts for enlistment with the British forces in South Africa, that the Japanese Consul Shimizu, have made a formal tender of the services of a Japanese corps to the British government.

AN EXPANSIONIST.

Bryan Favors It, but Objects to Taking in Filipinos.

Minneapolis, Jan. 10.—In an interview W. J. Bryan today said:

"I am a firm believer in the enlargement and extension of the limits of the republic. I do not mean an extension by the addition of contiguous territory, nor to limit myself to that. Whenever there is a people, intelligent enough to form a part of this republic, it is my belief that they should be taken in. The Filipinos are not such people."

A MONSTER STEAMER.

German Liner Launched Yesterday in Presence of the Emperor.

Stettin, Jan. 10.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, was successfully launched at the Yachthafen dockyard today, in the presence of Emperor William and many notable people. The Deutschland is a twin screw, 16,000 ton vessel, with engines of 35,000 horse-power and guaranteed to have a speed of 23 knots. In magnitude the Deutschland is only surpassed by the Oceanic.

DIED IN PORTLAND.

Mrs. Price, Mother of Mrs. John H. Mitchell, Has Passed Away.

Portland, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Margaret L. Price, aged 85, died here today. She came to Oregon in 1846. She was the mother of Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, wife of ex-Senator Mitchell.

If You Need CLOTHING or SHOES

Don't wait till next fall to buy them. Wholesale prices are advancing in every line of merchandise. You'll save money by buying your supplies for the coming year, before we are compelled to pay higher prices for our goods. We can fit you out in almost any line.

Shoes, clothing, hosiery, underwear, hats, shirts, duck coats, slickers, and all kinds of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods.

Special Reductions on Mackintoshes

That all wool tricot box coat at \$2.25 is a hummer. Men's long rubber boots, all sizes and all grades, reduced to close out. This does not apply to any other line of rubbers.

New York Racket

YOU WILL NOTICE

Some of Our Specials.

A line of those famous Jamestown roads a green and black plaid and a novelty worth \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard. A very up-to-date line of French goods worth \$1.08 and \$1.25. Sale price.

A very select line of stripes checks and mixtures all fine imported novelties worth \$1.00 a yard. Sale price.

Here is a line of ladies' cloths worth 39c and 78c. Sale price.

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
J. S. Meyers & Sons

Nothing very old to show you. We have done this every year in the past so you may feel sure we have be FRESH AND NEW.

This is done merely to remind you that we are turning our stock up-side-down in order to clean up each department so in the Spring everything will be FRESH AND NEW.

We have done this every year in the past so you may feel sure we have NOTHING VERY OLD TO SHOW YOU.

That this ad. is up-side-down but it will not be necessary to stand on your head to read it, just turn the paper up-side-down.

President suspenders worth 50c our price 39c.