

ARMY BILL IN CONGRESS

Will Come Up for Consideration Today---Reported by Hull's Committee.

Two Sections Added---Root's Proposed Measure Covering Generals Shafter and Lee---Ship Subsidy Bill in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The session of the House today was brief. The real work will begin tomorrow, when the House will consider the army reorganization bill which Hull, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, reported today.

He asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill tomorrow, but Sulzer objected, so Hull introduced a resolution for a special order for the consideration of the bill tomorrow, with the provision for a vote at the end of six hours' general debate.

THE ROOT BILL.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The bill, reported by the House Military Committee today, is the Root bill amended. Two sections were added to the bill today, the first of which is meant to cover the case of General Shafter, and the last of General Fitzhugh Lee and

LANDS IN OLD MARION

PROPERTY VALUES ON THIS YEAR'S ASSESSMENT ROLL

Show a Considerable Decrease from Those of Last Year—A Further Decline Made by the Court.

The work of preparing the Marion county assessment roll is well under way, and nearly completed. The roll, as it left the assessors' hands showed a valuation considerably less than last year's books. The roll for 1899, showed total taxable property valued at \$7,927,287; while that of 1900 shows a valuation of \$7,733,018, a decrease of \$194,269. The county court has decided to reduce the valuations of the real property about 10 per cent and this is now being done. The property thus to be reduced aggregates about \$639,480; taking 10 per cent from this amount, makes an additional reduction of \$63,948, or a total decrease over last year of \$803,428.

Following is the summary as prepared by Assessor J. W. Hohart, showing the valuations on the roll as appearing when the books were transferred to the county clerk's office:

171,942 acres (liable land).....	\$2,624,957
330,470 acres non-liable.....	1,306,689
Impro on deeded lands.....	645,044
Town lots.....	941,380
Impro on town lots.....	876,744
Impro on undeeded lands.....	13,000
112.15 miles of R. R. bed.....	259,865
180.00 miles telegraph.....	9,477
12.4 miles of street railway.....	8,000
Rolling stock.....	51,969
Machinery.....	518,478
Farming implements etc.....	198,418
Money.....	99,100
Notes and accounts.....	338,028
880 shares of stock.....	33,747
Household furniture etc.....	251,284
6,908 horses and mules.....	186,743
10,878 cattle.....	150,965
23,456 sheep.....	47,514
5,989 goats.....	11,949
5,981 swine.....	11,225
6 dogs.....	320
Gross valuation.....	\$8,356,535
Exemptions.....	623,517
Total taxable property.....	\$7,733,018

KANSAS MURDER CASE.

Ante-Mortem Statement of the Victim of a Jealous Woman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—A special to the Times from Eldorado, Kan., says: Mrs. Castle's dying statement was made public tonight. It tells how Jessie Morrison killed her in the morning of the day of the assault, and how they discussed Mrs. Morrison's relations with Castle. Miss Morrison had a letter, and asked if Mrs. Castle had written it. Mrs. Castle said no. The statement goes on:

"Jessie at first denied all that I told her, but finding that it was of no use she then confessed it all, and then she said: 'Well, you may read this letter.' As she said this she arose from the lounge, and passing in front of me and to my right, looking out of the door, she asked me if there was any one about the house. I saw her enter her left hand when she arose from the lounge.

"The next thing I know, Jessie Morrison struck me across the throat with a razor which she had in her right hand. I do not know where she took the razor from. I tried to defend myself the best I could from the blows. I cut my fingers in trying to get the razor from her. I also screamed all I could. She was on top of me. She got off of me and cut herself in the throat and arms. I saw her do it. I do not know how many times Jessie cut me or struck me with the razor, but a great number of times."

FATAL EXPLOSION.

The Use of Chemicals at an Initiation Fraught with Disaster.

BEVERLY, Mass., Dec. 4.—An explosion of chemicals, the use of which was for spectacular effect in the initiation rites in the Improved Order of Red Men, cost the life of Past Sachem Ira T. Crockett, of Lynn, and severely

injured to build the canal hinges almost entirely on the time required for the construction of this dam. The commission says, eight years would probably be a reasonable estimate for the building. At least two years will be consumed in preparatory work, and the opening of a harbor at Greytown, so that if the work on the dam should be commenced immediately thereafter, the time required for completing the entire work will be about ten years.

DRIVEN ASHORE.

BEVERLY, Mass., Dec. 4.—Four schooners were driven ashore in a gale tonight, and their ultimate fate is uncertain.

RELIEVED BY DEATH.

Former West Point Cadet Succumbs to Injuries Received in Hazing.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Oscar L. Booz, a former cadet at West Point Military Academy, who has been lying at the point of death at his home in Bristol, Pa., suffering from injuries which his parents claim were the result of hazing at the academy over two years ago, died today in great agony. The cause of death was throat consumption.

It is alleged by the young man's father that tobacco sauce was poured down his son's throat while the cadets were hazing him. The father also claims that red pepper was thrown in his eyes, hot grease poured on his bare feet, a tooth knocked out and that other diabolical acts were indulged in. Shortly after this the father says that Oscar, because of his physical condition, was compelled to resign his cadetship. The young man grew steadily worse, but would never divulge the names of the cadets who ill-treated him. His parents told him that it was his duty to tell, but his only answer was: "I want here expecting, to take whatever medicine should be given, and it would not be right to complain against the other boys."

PRESBYTERIES DIAGREE.

The Question of a Revision of Faith of Presbyterians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A committee of clergymen and laymen, appointed by the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian church to make a recommendation to the next General Assembly, which meets in May, on the question of whether there shall be a revision of the confession of faith, assembled here tonight and will continue in session until their work is completed. Dr. Roberts laid before the committee the tabulation, showing the vote of Presbyteries on the question submitted by the General Assembly's committee on revision. It made the following showing:

"For revision of the confession of faith, 44 Presbyteries; for an explanatory statement, 10; for a supplemental statement of doctrine, 47; for revision and supplemental statement, 14; for a substitute creed, 15; forty-five Presbyteries voted to dismiss the whole subject, while forty-three other bodies in this and foreign lands made no response.

ENGLAND IS THREATENED.

A FRENCH SENATOR POINTS OUT THE GREAT DANGER.

With Which Great Britain May Be Invaded—France Able to Do the Work.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—General Mercier caused a deep sensation in the Senate today, during the debate on the naval bill, by pointing out the ease with which England could be invaded. He demanded that the Government introduce into the plans for mobilization of the army, the navy methods for rapid embarkation and disembarkation of an expeditionary corps. President M. Fallieres intervened, declaring that such proposals were out of order. In the course of an extraordinary speech General Mercier said:

"In view of the possibility of war with Great Britain the use of the army is not sufficiently taken into account. The times are not the same as they were 100 years ago. Steam, the navy, the telegraph and the railroad have rendered the problem of the invasion of England much easier of solution. Moreover, England herself, is no longer the same. The Transvaal has shown that the British army, although brave, is not equal to the task which England expected it to perform. France, therefore, is numerically England's equal at certain points, and is even her superior in instruments of destruction."

HIGH-PRICED TACKS.

One of the results of the scarcity of supplies here this spring was a "tack famine," the price of that very useful household article jumping to \$8 per pound, says the writer of a Cape Nome letter.

Some idea of what the Noms have considered as luxuries previous to the arrival of the spring shipping may be gathered from the following list of prizes offered in a guessing contest on the time of the arrival of the first vessel:

The New Eldorado, \$25 worth of end poker chips.
Hotel City of Chicago, \$25 worth of tabs at the bar.
The Grotto, one barrel of beer, \$60.
Tiedney & Co., one stack of red chips.
The Elk, half a dozen bottles of champagne, \$45.
Piper's bakery, one dozen mince pies, \$6.
Cabinet saloon, fifty packages of cigarettes, \$25.
The Anvil, ten dance hall tickets, including refreshments, \$20.
Cabinet Barber Shop, one month's shaving, \$5.
Maylon Snyder & Co., \$5 worth of shoe shines.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams*

FEAR THE PLAGUE.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 4.—The state of Louisiana established a quarantine station here today, to guard against a possible introduction of the bubonic plague into that state, from the far East, by the way of the Pacific coast.

Twice a Week Statesman \$1 a year.

FATAL WRECK IN CALIFORNIA

Freight Train Collides with Cars Filled with Workmen.

NINE MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

Many More Seriously Injured—The Men Asleep in Their Bunks When the Accident Occurred.

SUISUN, Cal., Dec. 4.—During a very heavy fog this morning a freight train, westbound, collided with a work train of five cars and an engine, going east, in a deep cut about 600 yards beyond Vanden station, causing the death of nine workmen, and injuries of more or less severe character, to about twenty others. The victims of the disaster were asleep in their bunks in one of the cars of the work train when the trains came together.

REAR END COLLISION.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Spokane says: A light engine on the Great Northern crashed into the rear end of a special freight at Chiwaukum, near Leavenworth, this morning. Conductor Siskafoos, who was riding in the caboose, was instantly killed, and brakemen Forger and Drah severely injured.

COAL MINERS RIOT.

LATROBE, Pa., Dec. 4.—A riot occurred here today, at the works of the Rescuer Coal & Coke Company. Three deputy sheriffs were injured, and as a result the borough prison is full of strikers. The men are striking against the adoption by the company of the Connellsville scale. Further trouble is expected.

THIEVES PARDONED.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—Tonight Governor Piquette pardoned both General White and General Marsh, upon the payment of \$5000 fine each. White and Marsh were convicted of fraud in connection with the National Guard supplies. They were both appointees of Governor Piquette, holding responsible positions in the National Guard of Michigan.

KLONDIKE GOLD.

British Tax Gatherer Reports Increased Receipts of Gold.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—Major Wood, commanding the Canada Mounted Police in the Yukon territory, who collects the royalties on gold, reports the collections this year on the Klondike output as amounting to nearly \$900,000 about \$100,000 more than was received last year. Ten per cent of the gold mined is supposed to be paid to the Government.

THE MORAL WAVE.

New York's Demi-Monde Forced Out of Their District.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Scores of women, driven from their rooms in the district known as the "red light" district, left the neighborhood today. The exodus was the result of a move of the authorities against the landlords, who owned tenements in which the women lived, and who in turn served the women with dispossession notices.

THE PEKIN MINISTERS.

PEKIN, Dec. 4.—As was expected the meeting of the foreign envoys today did not result in any definite conclusion, owing to the fact that not any foreign Governments have notified their representatives as to the form of preliminary note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. Mr. Conger, the United States Minister, said after the meeting:

"Apparently it is the desire of all to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. I believe the next meeting will be the last, but will not be called until every Minister has received definite instructions covering every point. Personally, I am satisfied with the results of the proceedings today."

WOULD NOT SERVE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 4.—Governor Lind, who is a Democrat, has informally offered the appointment of United States Senator at interim to succeed Senator Davis to C. A. Smith, a wealthy Swedish-American lumberman of this city, and a Republican. Smith, however, declined the proffer. The Governor's appointee would serve only until the Legislature, which meets next month, elected a successor.

THE "STAR 5 STAR"—Shoes give satisfaction. The New York Racket has a full line and sell them cheap, quality considered. d3w2t.

The Crown Princess of Sweden was before her marriage Princess Victoria of Baden, the granddaughter of William I, and the only child of the late Emperor Frederick's sister. The Crown Princess is, unfortunately, delicate, and is always compelled to winter in a warm climate. She is, however, very popular in Sweden, and her three sons, aged respectively 18, 16 and 11, are being educated strictly with a view to their future position and duties.

HERD IS A DOG WITH A WOODEN LEG.

So far as known, the only dog to possess an artificial leg is the thoroughbred fox terrier Nat, the pride of the Merritt family, of Milton Hills, just outside of Boston, and Nat really hasn't got his cork leg yet. For a month past Nat has been stumping about on a temporary artificial leg whittled out of a piece of soft pine. But in a few days this courageous little animal is to be taken to Lowell,

Mass., where the Amherst factory for making artificial feet and legs, for the government is situated. There a cast of his unimpaired left fore foot, the mate of the lost one, will be made. From the cast an artificial cork leg will be made.

Dr. John E. O'Connell, the veterinarian of the Bowdoin Kennels, Dorchester, who directed the amputation of Nat's leg, thinks the cork leg will cost in the neighborhood of fifty dollars but that is a bagatelle to his owners. Much will depend upon the success of the first attempt at casting a live dog's leg. Several attempts may be necessary before a perfect model is secured.

Nat, who is not quite a year old, came to grief on last Fourth of July, when he tried to spring from a perch in the rear of the Merritt mansion, in Blue Hill avenue, Milton Hills, an aristocratic suburb of Boston, and fell fourteen feet. When the little animal was picked up it was apparent he was suffering great pain. Two local veterinarians were promptly summoned.

Upon examination it was found that Nat had fractured his right fore leg at the third index. For two days all sorts of treatment was tried in vain. Then the doctors said Nat's case was hopeless and recommended that he be shot.

The Merritt family are wealthy. They have a beautiful home, their fancy cattle graze on their rolling acres, and all sorts of luxuries surround them, but next to the two Merritt youngsters the greatest source of pride is Nat. Mr. Merritt, a prominent dry importer of Boston, is traveling in India. He valued the dog at \$200 when he gave him to Mrs. Merritt a few months ago.

"Nat must not die while Mr. Merritt is away," said Mrs. Merritt impudently, ignoring the dictum of the wise physicians, as oft-times a woman will.

After further consultation it was decided to take the dog to the Bowden Kennels and see if the veterinarians there could do anything for Nat. Dr. O'Connell, the expert who has officiated at most of the big dog shows, recently made a thorough examination of the fractured member, while Mrs. Merritt pleaded earnestly for him to hold out some prospects of hope.

Dr. O'Connell was not sanguine. He found what would correspond to a break in a boy's arm at the elbow. The fracture was a bad one. The fore leg was swollen to twice its natural size. Gangrene had set in.

"It looked hopeless," said Dr. O'Connell, in discussing the case a few days ago, "but what can a man do when a woman is in tears and children look up at him with piteous appeals? I said I'd try to amputate the fore paw, but could not at that late date guarantee a successful issue of the experiment. I was without proper assistance or any sort of temporary artificial leg for Nat, but we went to work."

"After the amputation the dog's leg was sprayed with cocaine daily for three days, while we scraped the bone and treated the skin deep around it. After the treatment Nat would lie almost comatose, though we roused him and fed him at regular intervals. When granulation set in and the wound was not too sensitive a rule wooden leg was fitted to Nat's stump. With a girl around his stomach, a collar around his leg and a harness to keep the wood in place, we turned Nat loose."

"At first he refused to move. When he found he could not get rid of the innovation he bravely put up with it and gradually learned to derive support from it. Then the Merritt family refused to be separated from its idol any longer, and Nat was taken back to Milton Hills. The skin has grown firmly around the top of the wood and the operation is hailed as a success by the veterinarians who have had a chance to examine Nat. When a real, accurately fashioned artificial leg is made and properly adjusted the dog will look around it, and he won't endure very much discomfort, I think."

The Merritt family is delighted over the result of the surgical experiment, and as for Nat—well, he "hops and goes lightly" around the confines of the spacious grounds and comfortable kennels of his owner, apparently not so much the worse off for his experience after all, while his nine-year-old boy and twelve-year-old girl companions are proud as can be over the possession of the "only dog with an artificial leg."—N. Y. Herald.

THE SEVERAL COURTS

DIVORCE SUIT COMMENCED BY A MARION COUNTY WOMAN.

A Young Man Pleads Guilty to Stealing Carrier Pigeons, Returns the Birds and Is Fined.

An action for a divorce was commenced in department No. 2 of the state circuit court yesterday by Mary A. O'Hare against her husband, Jas. O'Hare. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff and defendant in the suit intermarried at Salem, May 14, 1896. That the defendant has treated plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner at divers times and places and permitted others to do likewise, much to the injury of her health and peace of mind. A decree of the court is prayed for dissolving the marriage relation existing, for costs and disbursements, of the pending action, and for a half interest in 140 acres of land located near Sublimity, in this county, which belongs to the defendant. M. W. Hunt and F. A. Turner are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Eugene Bamford, a stepson of R. H. Price, aged about 17 years, was arrested yesterday morning upon the complaint of T. H. Blundell, who resides at Morningstar. Young Bamford was charged with stealing some carrier pigeons which were alleged to be worth about \$10. The boy pleaded guilty to the charge and as the pigeons had been returned to their owner, a fine of \$5 was imposed, but the operation of the sentence was suspended during good behavior. There were several circumstances which justified leniency on the part of the court.

A. W. Bagley, administrator of the estates of W. H. Bagley and Edith E. Bagley, deceased, presented \$19,000

accounts to the probate court yesterday, asking that the same be allowed and the estates declared closed (Abstract, January 7th, was fixed by Judge John H. Scott as the date for hearing objections to the accounts.

THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY.

If you were to set about to improve upon your method of cooking a turkey you would probably do it in this wise: You would put the turkey on the rack of your fish-kettle, or on an improvised rack in a tiny wash-bowl bought for the purpose, and you would fill the vessel up to a little above the rack with boiling water, and steam that bird for two full hours. Then you would rub it all over with the best of butter, dredge it with seasoned flour, and put it in the oven to bake for an hour or more, according to its size, basting every ten minutes—or at least every fifteen—with the water over which the steaming was done, which, of course, you would keep hot for the purpose. You know too much to begin the basting until the flour has begun to brown, or to have too much basting in the pan at once, which prevents the possibility of good gravy making, or to fail to turn the bird judiciously so that every part is equally and evenly browned; in short, to be satisfied with anything less than a "picture" turkey, ready to fall to pieces with original tenderness and rich with acquired juiciness and flavor from perfect cooking.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in the December Woman's Home Companion.

PLACED ON THE RECORDS.

Filings of Documents at the Court House Yesterday.

(From Daily Statesman, Dec. 5.)
The county recorder received yesterday a number of instruments to be placed on the permanent records of the county. There were two mortgages aggregating \$850 and three releases amounting to \$900 placed on record. The deeds recorded are as follows:

Phebe R. Medburg to Mrs. Nettie Lansing, 7 acres of land in T. 3 S. R. 3 W., d. 4.....\$ 800
Herman Hensel to D. J. Good, 30 acres of land in T. 9 S. R. 1 W. bond..... 450
A. O. Condit trustee to E. G. Riches 112 acres of land in T. 8 S. R. 2 W. d. 4..... 75
Total.....\$1325

LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED.

Several of Salem's Fraternal Societies Made Their Selections.

(From Daily Statesman, Dec. 5.)
Several of Salem's lodge organizations held their regular meetings last evening, at which time elections of officers were held, with the following result:

Eastern Star—Mrs. Wm. Cherrington, W. M.; Dr. W. T. Williamson, W. P.; Mrs. H. W. Savage, A. M.; Mrs. Cook M. Jones, conductress; Miss Lenore Kay, associate conductress; Mrs. Ida Babcock, secretary; Mrs. Squire Farrar, treasurer. The Eastern Star met in the new Masonic lodge rooms in the McCormack block last night, this being the first Masonic body to hold a session in the new home. There was a large membership present.

Knights of the Maccabees—William Squires, commander; Ed. Ellis, lieutenant; J. H. Albert, finance keeper; A. L. Moffitt, chaplain; H. E. Jorgensen, sergeant; J. O. Sutton, master-at-arms; C. W. Stump, Roy Davis, 1st and 2d master of guards; Walter Lenon, sentinel; E. P. Taylor, picket. There was a large attendance and a lively meeting, the being of good initiations, among them being Thomas Holman, an old member who had been absent from tent so long that he needed to make the acquaintance of the goat again and was given a rousing introduction.

Knights of Pythias—A. H. Williams, chancellor commander; F. W. Power, vice chancellor; Claude Townsend, prelate; Morris Wiprut, master of the work; C. B. Updegraff, keeper of records and seal (re-elected); W. T. Slater, master of finance (re-elected); Jordan Purvine, master of the exchequer; Carey F. Martin, master-at-arms; S. A. Hughes, inside guard; S. T. Richards, trustee for three years; H. T. Bruce, trustee for two years.

Misses—Polish this furniture so as you can see your face in it. Bridget, Bridget—Shure, mum, there's no need to. Ol' ve got a lookin' glass to see me face in, mum.—Pick-Me-Up.

THE LESSON OF PEACE TAUGHT BY WAR.

In short, the fearful cost of territorial acquisition in Africa and Oceania has taught physically the lessons which the Hague Conference put morally and intellectually. The world has gained, from the sufferings by the Boer war and Spanish wars, the knowledge it rejected when formulated in the abstract by the peace commissioners. War and conquest do not pay. The appreciation of the fact is more vivid than ever it was before, and out of the turmoil of the close of the nineteenth century has come a firm and stable adjustment of ideals which holds high promise for the unbroken peace and growing industry of the twentieth. Russia, long regarded as the menace to European diplomacy, under the young Czar shows marked aspirations for peace and industrial development. The German Emperor has changed the role of war lord for that of the promoter of enterprise and the foster-father of commerce. What the preachers of peace could not impress upon the nations, the precipitators of war have written in blood and fire, and the lesson is learned.—The Engineering Magazine for December.

Mrs. Flora Annie Steel has been called the "Lady Kipling of India." What she does not know about India is said to be hardly worth knowing, and Kipling himself has paid her literary work high compliments. Mrs. Steel was for many years provincial inspector of government and aided schools in the Punjab; but during the last ten years she has devoted her whole time to fiction. She is a many-sided woman and has written the best Indian copybook extant.