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IN THE SUPREME COURT.
Disposition of Cases Interesting to Asheville During the Week.
Lawyers T. H. Cobb, F. A. Sondley and Judge Charles A. Moore have returned from the supreme court at Raleigh and George H. Smathers and J. M. Gidger, Jr., are expected today. The court is overworked and a number of cases from the Eleventh and Twelfth districts were continued on this account. Court will be discontinued today at 2 o'clock and the criminal cases will come up at the next term, and those from the Twelfth district will fall in April.
The cases of McCarty vs. the Scottish Union and vs. the Imperial Insurance companies were argued this week by J. H. Merrimon by brief for the plaintiff, and F. A. Sondley and T. H. Cobb orally and by brief for the defendants. The two cases of Smathers vs. commissioners were also argued by George H. Smathers for the plaintiff and J. M. Gidger, Jr., for the defendants.
The case is the effort on behalf of the receiver of the Western Carolina bank, George H. Smathers, to collect from the commissioners of Haywood county \$1,000. The bank had \$15,000 worth of Haywood county bonds at the time of its failure and the commissioners of Madison county attempted to repudiate the bonds and this is the suit to collect. Decision was given by the receiver in the lower court.
In the case of the Battery Park bank vs. the Western Carolina bank a certiorari was ordered on account of defective record. The cases of G. W. Williamson et al vs. West Asheville & Salisbury Springs railroad and the German Looking Glass Plate company and other creditors vs. Asheville Furniture and Lumber company were continued.

Standard and Excelsior Diaries for 1900 at Bainbridge's, 47 Patton Ave.
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TERRIBLE NEWS FOR ENGLAND

Buller's Army Repulsed With Fearful Slaughter in Attempting to Relieve Ladysmith.

Artillery Advanced Blindly Into Trap Set by Boers.

Their Guns Captured or Destroyed and the Batteries Have Heavy Losses.

Buller Forced to Retreat With the Remnant of His Army to His Former Camp at Chieveley.

London, Saturday, Dec. 15.—News of a disastrous reverse to Buller's entire army has filled the cup of British bitterness to overflowing. The attack which Englishmen have been impatiently awaiting, even demanding, for the relief of Ladysmith was delivered yesterday morning. Not only it failed completely but the British army was driven back to its original position, after heavy slaughter and the loss of a large portion of the artillery. The terrible story is clearly but briefly told in Buller's despatch.

The appalling news, so utterly unexpected, did not reach London until midnight, and the general public is still in ignorance of it at the present writing. There is no need to say it will startle and arouse England as nothing has done in recent times.

From now on the country will go to war as if the life of the empire depended on the issue, as it truly does. She will pour guns into South Africa without number, but the first thing she will do is to call a halt. There will be no further attempt to invade the Boer republic until a great army is massed in Africa and more than a month must elapse before this can be done.

After midnight the war office authorized a statement that arrangements will be made for the early despatch of six and seventh army divisions and for replacing the losses of artillery.

BULLER'S DESPATCH.

London, Dec. 15.—General Buller reports to the war office, under date of Chieveley camp, December 15, that he moved in full strength from the camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 5th, with the intention of forcing the passage of one of the two fordable places in the Tugula river. A brigade under General Hart was sent to force the passage of the place selected,

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that already has proved their pluck and bear themselves as true men in adversity."

The Post's military expert, while admitting that the matter is very serious because of its effect on the situation in Cape Colony, nevertheless regards it rather as a repulse than as a defeat. Ladysmith is not directly endangered.

The Daily News describes the intelligence as the saddest that has reached England since the Indian mutiny. It says it will make a serious call upon the equanimity of the people throughout the empire. Buller, it declares, was not routed, but was seriously crippled.

The Standard says: "We cannot doubt it will aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations in Africa. That it will dampen the spirits of the British people, or after their determination to bring the war to a successful issue, we utterly decline to allow."

The Standard's military critic says: "What occurred is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and British troops marching blindly to the very muzzles of their rifles."

The Daily Graphic says: "It is difficult at the moment to measure the possible consequences of the reverse. It is not easy to see how Buller can again advance until he has been reinforced, and meanwhile the situation at Ladysmith is most perilous."

NATIONAL CONVENTION PHILADELPHIA JUNE 19

Republican Committee Decide for Quaker City.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The republican national committee after hearing arguments by representatives of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis this afternoon decided that the next republican national convention will be held in Philadelphia. June 19 was fixed upon as the date, Philadelphia won on the second ballot, receiving 25 votes to 24 for Chicago.

HERNANDEZ DEFEATED.

In a Battle Between Venezuelan Government Troops and the Rebels.
Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 15.—A battle between the government forces and rebels under General Hernandez has taken place near Nirgua. The rebels were defeated and seven hundred captured. Hernandez escaped.

PEARSON-CRAWFORD CONTEST IN CONGRESS

Likely Soon to be Decided—Philippine Resolutions.
Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 14.
It is almost certain that the next few weeks will see the end of the ninth district election contest. It is said that Mr. Pearson realizes that his congressional standing is somewhat precarious and that he will not be surprised if given an opportunity to pull up anchor at an early date. In his case is devoted to an attempt to substantiate the assertion that Mr. Pearson's alleged defeat was due to the fact that there was great dissatisfaction in the republican ranks, the imputed dissatisfaction having been occasioned by the manner in which the patronage was distributed. The brief to be submitted by Mr. Pearson is said to take all the wind out of the sails of the Crabtree steersman by showing that Mr. Pearson ran ahead of his ticket, and furthermore, that the situation of Mr. Crawford in this respect is just the reverse, he having run behind some of the nominees on his ticket. That fraud was practiced in several communities by the opponents of Mr. Pearson is clearly proven.

LONDON PRESS VIEWS.

London, Dec. 16.—The Morning Post commenting on the disaster to Buller's army, says: "We venture to say that the disaster is possibly to the man in the street, for on Buller's victory he has pinned his faith. The British people must accept the reverse with the calm

The industrial commission has begun the consideration of its preliminary report to congress. The first report to be made will be on the subject of trusts and industrial combinations. The commission has not yet decided on any question in relation to this matter.

The data in the hands of the commission will be gone over carefully, but several weeks all the testimony on the subject of trusts will not be before it. It is not likely that the report of congress will be made much before March first.

The two joint resolutions introduced in the house of representatives by Williams of Mississippi, which are the result of consultation among a number of democratic leaders in the house, are understood to be expressive of their general position on the independence of the Philippines and the withdrawal of our land and sea forces, provided the independent government agrees to refund the \$20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, to give us a suitable naval and coaling stations, and grant in perpetuity free access to their ports. Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years, during which the foreign affairs of the island are to be under American control. The other resolution recites the constitutional provision against slavery and involuntary servitude asks for information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the Sultan of Java and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sulu people.

majority on the committee now has been increased so that now two new members will be placed on it by the democratic committee on committees in place of Senators Gorman of Maryland and Faulkner of West Virginia. The republican members of the committee now are Senators McMillan, Gallinger, Hansbrough, Proctor, Fritchard, Baker, Stewart and Wellington. Senator Fritchard will also serve on the committee of privileges and elections, civil service and retrenchment and revision of laws.

The pension supervisors for North Carolina have been confirmed. They are: First district, Wheeler Martin, Williamston; second district, Augustus M. Moore, Greenville; third district, David J. Lewis, Whiteville; fourth district, Joseph J. Jenkins, Pittsboro; fifth district, John T. E. Hoover, Hillsboro; sixth district, Walter B. Steele, High Point; seventh district, Gustavus A. Bingham, Salisbury; eighth district, Osmond F. Pool, Taylorsville; ninth district, John A. Hendricks, W. A. H.

TRANSVAAL YIELDS TO OUR REQUEST

Consul MacRum May Send Reports Regarding British Prisoners.
Washington, Dec. 15.—After a delay that has severely tested the patience of the government, the Transvaal authorities have granted the request of Consul MacRum for a withdrawal of its ruling forbidding MacRum to send lists of British prisoners and weekly statement of the condition of the sick and wounded to the foreign office in London through the state department of the United States. In a telegram to the secretary of war was today MacRum said he had been informed by the Transvaal government that full reports would be given when applied for.

PROPOSED GREAT MILITARY APPROPRIATION IN FRANCE

Chamber of Deputies Asked to Vote \$100,000 for Defense.
Paris, Dec. 15.—M. Lockroy, president of the budget committee, introduced a bill today providing for an appropriation of five hundred million francs for the purpose of placing France on a secure footing against foreign naval aggression. The money will be used in strengthening his navy and home defenses and for fortifying and coaling stations. It is believed the government will support the bill.

REQUEST BY FILIPINOS.

Who Regard the Insurgent Government as Entirely Ended.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The secretary of war has received a despatch from Otis saying that he has been informed by prominent Filipinos that they regard the insurgent government as entirely ended and suggest as a means of restoring peace to the island that all who remain in arms be treated as bandits. The despatch was considered at the cabinet meeting today and resulted in some discussion as to the best way to suppress brigandage.

BIG FAILURE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The firm of John P. Squire & Sons, the largest packing establishment in New England, has failed. The liabilities are \$3,000,000; assets, \$5,000,000. Cause, tightness of money.

EX REPRESENTATIVE SHELL DEAD

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 15.—Ex-Congressman Shell died suddenly at his home in Laurens today of heart failure.

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CLOSE OF DEBATE ON FINANCE BILL

Marked by a Tilt Over Democratic Factional Fight in Kentucky.

A Representative of Goebel Essays to Defend Him.

Robinson's Discreditable Speech at the Night Session.

Another Democrat Favors the Gold Standard Measure.

BAILEY CLOSURE THE GENERAL DEBATE IN OPPOSITION TO THE BILL—LARGE NUMBERS OF SPEAKERS MANAGED TO BE HEARD ON BOTH SIDES.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The factional fight among the Kentucky democrats was transferred to the floor of the house today, injecting itself into the midst of the debate on the financial bill. Yesterday Berry had said apropos the suggestion that Kentucky might become a republican state, that Taylor would never have come in with 4,000 votes of election had it not been for the democrats, who believed in fairness and honesty in politics. To the indignation thus conveyed, Wheeler, of the first district of Kentucky and a special representative of Goebel today took exceptions. He eulogized Goebel as one of the best sons of Kentucky and the worst slandered man he had ever known. An interchange of compliments followed. Berry and Wheeler assured each other that they would not return to congress, and later in the day Boreman, a republican representative from Kentucky, informed the house that they were not the only democratic congressmen in danger of losing their seats in 1900.

SENSATIONAL NIGHT SESSION

Washington, Dec. 15.—Although Bailey formally closed the general debate on the financial bill opposition to the measure this afternoon, there were a series of anti-climaxes at the night session. Robinson paid his respects to Cushman, of Washington, who had made fun in a speech on Wednesday of Bryan. "When Christ met J. Russell," said Robinson, "He rode an ass, surrounded by the common people of that time and place. Nothing was said about what became of the ass, but judging from the voice alone I should say that he might be a remote ancestor of the gentleman from Washington." (Laughter.)

THE FIRST THING CHRIST DID ON THE OCCASION AFTER REACHING THE TEMPLE,

continued Robinson, "was to clean it of the usurers and money changers, who had defiled the temple of God. In his humble way the democratic party is trying to do this work of Christ, to clean the temple of liberty of the money changers."

The bill was advocated by Salloway, Bingham, Weymouth, Minor and Mudd of Maryland.

Clayton announced his intention of voting for the bill. Referring to Rucker's statement that he could not see how there could be such a thing as a gold democrat, Clayton said where he came from there were many of that class.

At 10:20 the house adjourned.

The Southern railroad has issued an order, applicable to South Carolina divisions, forbidding any employe smoking cigarettes. It will soon be extended to all the divisions.

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