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TO SECURE NAVY RECRUITS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The increasing necessity for securing enlisted men and the trouble of securing capable men has been so severely felt by the navy department that orders have been issued to the recruiting branch to enroll a large number of landsmen, who will be turned over to the training schools for instruction preparatory to being assigned active duty. So successful has been the department in training landsmen that Secretary Long will shortly send to Congress a bill providing for two 3,000-ton vessels for training seamen. The secretary will call attention to the obsolete type of ships now employed on training service.

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GENERAL LAW-TON KILLED

Shot Dead Before San Mateo While His Troops Were Attacking the City.

Sharp Shooters Marked Him for Their Prey.

The City Captured After He Had Fallen.

Was About to be Commissioned Brigadier-General.

THE NOMINATION WILL BE SENT INTO THE SENATE NOTWITHSTANDING HIS DEATH—HE WAS A UNIVERSAL FAVORITE IN THE ARMY.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops and was shot in the breast and died immediately.

OTIS REPORTS LAWTON'S DEATH Washington, Dec. 19.—Otis confirms the reported death of General Lawton in a despatch received by the war department tonight. Otis says Lawton was engaged in driving insurgents from the San Mateo section of the country yesterday morning, when he was instantly killed. He adds: "His death is a great loss to us and his country."

HOW THE BRAVE OFFICER DIED. Manila, Dec. 19.—General Lawton started on Monday night to direct an attack on San Mateo in the Amriquina valley, where the insurgents were in considerable force. The rebel force was said to be under the command of General Gerónimo. Lawton's force consisted of two battalions of infantry and the eleventh cavalry. Lawton and staff accompanied by a small escort started in advance of the main force. Tuesday morning the attack on San Mateo began. The fight lasted till noon. Only a few of the troops were wounded but the bullets fell thickly about Lawton and his staff. Sharpshooters apparently marked him as the commanding officer. The ground near him was continually cut with bullets. He was walking down the firing line, apparently holding their shooting in contempt, when he threw up his hands and gasped: "I am shot here." He fell over and was dead before the surgeon could reach him. The shot went through his breast. The troops captured the city soon after the death of General Lawton. His body on a stretcher was taken into the city and will be sent to Manila tomorrow. The rebels dispersed.

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON. When the first report came of Lawton's death, which was received while the cabinet was in session today, the president and his colleagues were greatly shocked, and the meeting adjourned soon afterward. In the absence of any news from Otis in regard to the event it was hoped the report would prove untrue, but Otis' official confirmation tonight dispelled this hope. Lawton was a universal favorite in the army. Officers now in Washington who served under him say he was the idol of the soldiers over there. "There is always good fighting when old Lawton is around," was one of the expressions heard among his men.

Expressions of sorrow were general throughout the war department and the executive departments when the report of his death was received. Yesterday the president directed that a formal nomination to the senate and a commission of Lawton as brigadier-general in the regular army be prepared. It will be sent to the senate despite the announcement of Lawton's death.

Lawton was wholly dependent on his pay and leaves little property.

DYNAMITE FOR PHILIPPINES.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—The arrival in this harbor of the schooner Emma C. Middleton, having on board eighty-five tons of dynamite consigned to the United States government, has given rise to much speculation concerning

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the destination of the deadly explosive. The strictest secrecy among army and naval officers is observed. From a semi-official source it is learned that the dynamite is to be placed aboard the transport Sumner for transportation to the Philippines, where it will be used by the army in its operations against the insurgents.

The Sumner, which is being fitted out here, will sail within two weeks, it is stated, going first to New York, where she will take one of the volunteer regiments.

CHARGES AGAINST GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA

Made by Committee of State University Alumni Association.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 19.—The alumni association of the university of Alabama, in session at Tuscaloosa today, received the report of the committee appointed by the association to investigate the recent sale to the Sloss Scofield Coal and Iron company of the coal lands belonging to the institution. The report charges the governor of Alabama with having influenced the board of governors of the institution to authorize him to sell the land at less than its value, and of then having sold to a corporation of which he is a large stockholder. It also charges that the meeting of the trustees which authorized the deal was irregularly called. A majority of the association demanded of the board of trustees to take steps to recover the land. A minority report was presented, justifying the governor.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR COLUMBIA IRON WORKS

Big Baltimore Concern Fails With \$400,000 of Debts.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—A sensation in financial circles today was the appointment of a receiver for the Columbia Iron Works and Dry Dock company, of which ex-Mayor Malster is president. The fact that Malster is also at the head of the Atlantic Trust company caused considerable anxiety among those interested in that corporation and all sorts of rumors were current in regard to the liability of that concern. The obligations of the Columbia Iron Works were placed, at \$400,000. The company alleges that money due from the government for work in course of construction will enable it to pay its debts.

TO FIX DATE OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Committee Called to Meet at Washington on February 22.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A call has been issued by Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, for a meeting of the committee on February 22, for the purpose of selecting a city and fixing the date for the national convention.

THE CONFLICT AT FT. RINGGOLD

Grand Jury Says That No Troops Were Punished.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 19.—The governor today received a copy of the report of the investigations made by a grand jury into the recent conflict of United States troops and citizens at Rio Grande City. It declares that the negro troops made the attack without provocation. The report continues: "The commanding officer admits ordering out a gatling gun. He knows it was fired upon the town but was unable to fix the responsibility. If this is the discipline of the United States arms, God help us and all others thus at the mercy of the such irresponsibility. It is a sad commentary upon the United States army that negro troops can assault a town with or without cause, yet it was confessedly done, by the statement of army officers, and no one was disciplined or punished."

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JUDGE H. C. EWART'S NAME SENT TO THE SENATE

Notes From the National Capital of Special Interest in North Carolina. Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 19.

The president sent in Hamilton G. Ewart's name to the senate today for the federal court judgeship. Senator Pritchard left for home to spend the holidays.

Ten thousand fish have been sent to North Carolina for distribution by the fish commission. Most of the fish are rainbow trout and will be placed in the small streams.

A letter received here states that seven hundred gallons of illicit whiskey have been captured in Ash, Allegheny and Wilkes county by C. F. Blalock, deputy collector.

"National Responsibility for Lynching" was the subject of an address delivered before a crowded house at the lyceum of the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon by Edward Everett Brown, of Boston. Brown has prepared a bill to be introduced in the present congress making lynching punishable by national authority, and he has brought with him to Washington a long petition urging congress to pass the anti-lynching bill at once.

In speaking on the measure he said that speaking for justice and fair play was never made to the American people in vain, and that he was not one of those who believed that the conscience of the people of this country is dead to the great crime of mob violence.

"The president of the United States," said he, "has declared that lynching must stop, and the leading lawyers and several congressmen from Massachusetts have put themselves on record as favoring a national anti-lynching law. Even at the south there is a growing sentiment that lynching does not lessen the crime for which the perpetrator pays the penalty of death by burning at the stake." He would shield no criminal from just punishment but he wanted the punishment done by a "due process of law and according to the law of the land." He declared it to be the intention of the workers for the passage of the bill to put every public man on record with respect to the subject of lynching.

Congressman Linney expects to deliver an address in the house soon and in the course of his remarks will touch upon the political situation in North Carolina. It is safe to predict that the remarks will be clear and caustic.

With reference to the speech made by Judge Linney on the financial bill the Post says:

"Colonel Nicholas Nichols Cox, of Tennessee, made an edifying contribution to the debate Thursday evening, when Judge Linney, of North Carolina, one of the most interesting orators in the house, was speaking. When Judge Linney was discussing the topic of wages, Colonel Cox rose in his seat with his eye fixed on the North Carolinian, and he read an extract from a speech of the latter's delivered in the Fifty-fifth congress. 'Has the gentleman shed his toes nails since he made that speech,' quoth Colonel Cox triumphantly.'"

The Hon. John N. Atwater, representative of the Raleigh district, made his maiden effort by participation in the discussion of the financial bill. The Post of Raleigh made this the occasion for throwing at the newly-elected congressman a huge bouquet from which all golden rods and Maricobas had been carefully eliminated. The truth about the matter is that the speech of Brother Atwater was as dry as the language of James Lane Allen, as the gourd of Confucius. Hearty is very largely the brains of the democratic state contingent.

Justice Harlan has delivered the opinion of the supreme court in the case of A. W. Cummines and others vs. the board of education of Richmond county, Ga. It was a case instituted by colored citizens against alleged discrimination against them by the board. The court affirmed the decision of the supreme court of the state

of Georgia, which was against the colored petitioners.

Senator Butler has reintroduced his postal savings bank bill, on which a favorable committee report has been secured, and his Pacific cable bill. It is believed the latter bill will soon become a law, as the president recommended such a cable, and as it is endorsed by the navy department. The bill provides a government cable to Manila among other places.

The executive committee of the committee of one hundred, which has under charge the raising of a fund with which to purchase a home for Admiral Schley in Washington, met recently. Reports were submitted from the various sub-committees showing good progress of the movement. It was decided that contributions to the fund should be sent to Mr. George W. Evans, the disbursing clerk of the department of the interior.

It was also agreed to send letters to the chairmen of the democratic and republican state committees of all the states requesting them to recommend suitable persons to receive subscriptions to the Schley home fund.

Mr. Myron M. Parker was chosen chairman of the committee created to secure contributions in the District of Columbia. It was announced that an entertainment for the benefit of the fund would be given at the Grand opera house, and that Mr. E. B. Hay would deliver his lecture, "Beautiful Italy," at National Rifles' armory in the same behalf.

The committee at its next meeting will decide upon a design for an engraved certificate to be sent to each subscriber of \$1 or more.

Mr. Davis, a young Goldsboro lawyer is here. Mr. Davis says business is good in his section; that there is considerable money and a disposition to invest it.

It appears this early that the Ninth district congressional nomination will not go begging. Several gentlemen are on the point of placing themselves in the hands of their friends.

Major H. C. Hunt is here from Asheville. W. A. H.

THE GERMAN FLAG HOISTED AT APIA

Mataafa Declared King and Malietoans are Driven Out.

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 19.—Advices received from Apia, dated December 13, show that the German flag was formally hoisted on the court house on that date. Rose, the German representative, recently told the Mataafa chiefs, that the Samoans could have their own king. The Mataafaans declared for Mataafa and are now driving the supporters of Malietoa from their villages. There threatens to be a recurrence of former trouble over the kingship.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Philippine Question Discussed by Ex-Speaker Grow.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Little general debate was indulged in by the house today in connection with the usual resolutions to refer to the appropriate committees several subjects covered in the president's message. Ex-Speaker Grow discussed the Philippine question from a patriotic standpoint, saying it was the first duty of the government to suppress the insurrection in the Philippines, and then for congress to determine what should be done with them.

Bell followed in a speech on the money question, asserting that the existing prosperity was due to inflation of values resulting from the organization of trusts, and that the money question would never be settled until the government issued all the money circulated in the United States.

BULLER HAS NOT ADVANCED

London War Office Denies Rumor that He has Crossed Tugela River.

Volunteering Enthusiasm in England Continues.

Orders for Enlistment and Names for New Regiments.

Serious Reports of Rebellion of Cape Colony Natives.

THE VARIOUS ARMIES IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL PROBABLY MARK TIME UNTIL A NEW PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IS ARRANGED AND REINFORCEMENTS ARE MOVING FORWARD.

London, Dec. 19.—The war office definitely denies the report that General Buller is on the north side of Tugela river. The office has also issued particulars for the enrollment of volunteers. The mounted infantry will be named the Imperial Yeomanry. The term of enlistment will be for a year or not less than the duration of the war. Regarding the infantry, volunteer companies will be raised for attachment to each battalion of regulars serving in, or ordered to South Africa, with a corresponding reserve company at home. The term of enlistment will be the same as that of the yeomanry.

Volunteering enthusiasm continues everywhere. Among the prominent volunteers are the Earl of Dudley and Lord Grosvenor.

ENSORSHIP TIGHTENED.

London, Dec. 19.—With the exception of incomplete, censored accounts of the Colenso action and a few belated items from Modder river there is no news of the British forces in South Africa. This probably will be the prevailing condition for some time to come. Everything at present tends to show that the army will mark time for some weeks or until a new plan of campaign is inaugurated. Moreover, the censorship has clearly tightened during the last few days.

BOERS SHORT OF AMMUNITION.

Durban, Dec. 15 (Delayed).—Hess, proprietor of the Transval Critic, who was expelled from the Transval by the government, has arrived here. He says that the Boers are running short of ammunition for their crust guns. The government is manufacturing shells for the captured British artillery.

NATIVES IN REBELLION.

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Dec. 15 (Delayed).—In consequence of the British reverse at Stormberg the whole country to the north of this place is in a state of rebellion. The natives there and in Basutoland are losing confidence in the British.

LOOTING BY NATIVES.

Queenstown, Cape Colony, Dec. 15 (Delayed).—Natives are looting extensively in the territory in the north that has not been annexed by the Boers. This part of the colony is practically without government.

ROBERTS' FIGHTING FORCE.

Nearly 120,000 men are already under the British colors since the war began, but of these not more than 25,000 will be ready for service when General Roberts arrives a few weeks hence, as the rest are either killed, wounded or captured, or send to in the beleaguered towns of Johannesburg, Kimberley and Mafeking.

His new troops will probably not

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