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BRYAN IN CONFERENCE WITH HOGG

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—The presence of Bryan has caused this city to be the mecca for state democratic politicians and many visitors today. None have been successful in seeing him. Ex-Governor Hogg is the only favored one. Bryan also refused all requests to deliver speeches during his stay in the state. The single exception to this rule is an address which he promised to deliver before the Jefferson club of San Antonio next month.

WHERE TO GET FLOWERS. Strangers in town who want flowers for Christmas can have them cut fresh at the Idlewild Company's greenhouses. Roses, carnations and other favorites in bountiful supply, a fine display. Take the Charlotte street car on the square and visit the greenhouse if you can, if not, send in your orders early.

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HAGUE TREATY SENT TO SENATE

The President Submits a Copy of the Universal Peace Convention.

Immediate Action Asked for on the Treaty.

Adjournment of Congress Until After the Holidays.

Resolution of Hoar on Policy in Acquired Territory.

BROOKE'S CUBAN PROCLAMATION READ IN THE SENATE—A SMALL REVOLT AGAINST LEADER PAYNE IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President McKinley submitted to the senate today a copy of the convention for a pacific settlement of international disputes, and a copy of the declaration to prohibit it for a term of five years the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons, or by other new methods of a similar nature, both signed at The Hague in July last by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and other countries. The president invites the attention of the senate to the importance of immediate action on the arbitration treaty.

In an accompanying letter Secretary Hay says that the treaty is signed by the representatives of over a score of nations and adds that the American representatives, in signing the treaty, made a declaration that nothing contained therein should be construed as a departure by the United States from its traditional policy of non-interference in European affairs, nor the relinquishment of its traditional attitude towards purely American questions.

The session of the senate today was somewhat lengthier than on several preceding days. The chief features were the reading of Brooke's proclamation, which was issued at Havana yesterday, by the clerk at the request of Senator Hale, and a resolution presented by Hoar declaratory of the policy of the United States toward recent acquisitions of territory.

Hale at the conclusion of the reading of Brooke's proclamation said Brooke was to be congratulated on accomplishing so vast a work. Hoar's resolution, after referring to the custom followed by the United States in times past at important periods of their history, and briefly referring to the results of the war, declared the most pressing obligation that confronted us was the solving of the race problem on our own soil, by making the negro secure in his home and vote; to bring the Indian to civilization; to make the ballot box pure; to secure the wage earner a sufficient remuneration to ensure his support in a life of comfort and leisure in old age; to expand over the continent and islands of the sea as fast as we can bring equality and self-government with an example of freedom, which he maintained they would be glad to follow, but never to force freedom at the bayonet's point or cannon mouth, and to abstain from interfering with freedom or the just rights of other nations. The resolution was temporarily tabled.

Senator Hawley wanted the resolution presented by Senator Pettigrew early in the day, calling on the secretary of war for a copy of the testimony taken by the commission investigating the conduct of the war, referred to the committee on military affairs, but Pettigrew opposed this. On motion of Senator Cockrell it was amended so as to read, "if not incompatible with public interests," and as so amended it was adopted. The senate then went into an executive session and subsequently adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 20.—There was a little revolt against Leader Payne by some of the republicans today and efforts to demonstrate his leadership detained the house for an hour after the time when it would otherwise have adjourned. Under the impression that the session today would be brief, many republicans had gone home, Payne having expressed an opinion that nothing would be done. To carry out the implied agreement with these members Payne, after the reading of the journal, moved to adjourn.

Ex-Speaker Grow desired to reply to some observations that Gaines made yesterday in criticism of Grow's speech on the financial bill, and when Payne declined to yield to him, a number of republicans joined with the democrats in voting against adjournment and defeated him. Twice Payne demanded the votes by roll call, occupying an hour or more without result. He then gave up the fight, and permitted Grow and Mr. Gaines each to speak for five minutes, after which there was a unanimous support of his motion and the house adjourned until January 3.

CONGRESS REPRESENTATION ACCORDING TO VOTE CAST

A Bill Directed at States Having Disfranchising Laws.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A bill introduced in the house today by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, has for its ultimate object the reduction of the representation of southern states in congress. It directs the director of the census to compile the registration laws of southern states, so far as they affect the qualification of voters. He is also directed to prepare a tabulated statement, showing the votes cast in 1896, the number of white and colored male citizens of each state over 21 years, together with the number of illiterates. The information must be in readiness for submission to congress in 1900. The bill was referred to the committee on census.

PRITCHARD'S RESOLUTION ON THE AMENDMENT

Deals With a Question That Affects the People of the United States.

Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 20.

The democratic press of North Carolina seems to be wrought up to a high pitch over the step taken by Senator Pritchard to secure a little application of the constitution of the United States to the locality in which these powers operate. These papers fear that the resolution introduced by the senator will not be considered germane to something or somebody and that something unprecedented will be done. It may be of passing interest to the nervous journalists that Senators Stewart, Beveridge and other leading men of the senate are of the opinion that the resolution is altogether in order and they will support it on the floor of the senate. A few days ago when the proposed Payne resolution, looking to the restriction of the southern representation in national conventions was sent to the quiet recesses of a pigeon hole through the influence of influential opponents that the southern elections were a matter for congressional attention. Men of national reputation everywhere are glad that the subject is receiving attention from such a high and proper source.

The resolution deals with a question that affects the people of the United States, and therefore Senator Pritchard will press the matter to a vote at the earliest possible moment. "If the leaders of the democratic party," said Senator Pritchard to me yesterday, "are sincere in their professions with regard to the colored man I cannot understand why it is they do not propose to abrogate the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments of the constitution of the United States. If these amendments were out of the way the democrats could then deprive the colored man of his vote without coming in conflict with the constitution, and the fact that they do not propose to abrogate these provisions is clear proof to my mind that they propose to disfranchise the poor illiterate white people as well as the colored people of North Carolina."

There is a "nigger in the woodpile" in the fuss and feather being stirred up over this resolution matter. Democrats know it will mean an exposure

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HAS GERMANY SEIZED SAMOA?

If She Has Raised Her Flag at Apia She Has Committed an Affront to the United States and England.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Considerable astonishment was created in official circles today by the despatch published in the newspapers that the German flag had been raised over the Apia court house December 13, as an official notification of the annexation of the Samoan islands to Germany, and that the Mataafans were driving the supporters of Maitiia out of their villages. As the United States have not surrendered possession of Upolo, on which Apia is situated, to Germany, and cannot do so until the partition treaty is ratified by the senate, such proceedings by Germany constitute an affront to the United States and England, whose interest in Samoa still remains intact.

In the absence of official confirmation the officials refuse to discuss the matter, but it was learned that if the report proves true, a protest will be made to Germany.

UNITED STATES BIDS FOR CHATHAM ISLAND

To Secure One of the Galapagos Group From Ecuador.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Negotiations for the transfer to the United States of Chatham island, one of the Galapagos group, have been opened between this government and Ecuador. There is every reason to believe that the transfer will be effected by a treaty arrangement. The negotiations are the outcome of a story that England was attempting to secure Galapagos.

LIEUT. BRUMBY'S FUKERAL.

Crowds Viewed the Body at the Capitol in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—The funeral of Lieutenant Brumby was held this afternoon, the interment being at Oakland cemetery. The body lay in state at the capitol from 10 until 2 o'clock, when it was transferred to St. Philip's cathedral. An immense concourse viewed the remains and attended the services.

At the close of the ceremonies the body was conveyed to the cemetery. A salute was fired over the grave of the lieutenant. Among the floral offerings was a wreath from Mrs. Dewey.

AIDED THE FILIPINO JUNTA

Documents Compromising Certain Anti-Expansionists.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Despatches from the Philippines intimate that documents compromising prominent anti-expansionists in this country were captured with Aguinaldo's luggage the other day, but no details are given. General Otis has forwarded the documents by mail and it will be at least a month before they can arrive here. It is questionable whether the president will allow the facts to be given out then, for the war department had long plenty of evidence that conspicuous persons in this country had been in communication with the Filipino junta at Hong Kong and their agents in London and Paris.

While Agoncillo was in Washington he was acting under the advice of at least two members of the United States senate, and was in communication with several members of the house of representatives. It was also discovered that he was receiving contributions of money from rich Filipino sympathizers, and the members of the Cuban junta reported to the war department that Agoncillo had approached them with a proposition to stir up an insurrection against the United States in Cuba similar to that in Luzon, and he had assured them that he could secure plenty of funds for that purpose from persons in this country who were aiding him.

It was no mystery where he got his money and not only the officials of the war department, but several newspaper men also knew who wrote the petitions to the president and to congress and the communications to the public that appeared over his name. But no action was taken by the officials of the government, although it was plain treason, and if it had occurred in any other country there would have been arrests and trial in court. The facts, however, are all filed away in the bureau of military intelligence, for the president thought it best not to make them public. It is supposed that the captured documents compromise the same persons, and the officials of the war department do not believe they are any worse than they have on file.

CAPT. CARTER'S SECRETARY.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Michael A. Connelly, one of the alleged conspirators in the famous Carter-Gaynor case, arrived from Havana today under arrest. He was released on bail. Connelly was Captain Carter's private secretary and very intimate with him.

TELEPHONE COMPANY FAILS.

Chattanooga, Dec. 20.—Pursuant to an application by A. G. Torian, Evansville, Ind., United States District Judge Clark today appointed E. S. Roads permanent receiver of the Morristown Telephone company, Morristown, Tenn.

A nice piece of Furniture is nice for X-mas Present. Have you been to Mrs. L. A. Johnsons?—43 Patton ave.

CUBA'S NEW GOVERNOR ARRIVES AT HAVANA

A Flattering Welcome Extended to General Wood.

Havana, Dec. 20.—General Wood, Cuba's new governor, took upon himself the duties of office at noon today. The welcome extended to him was flattering to him personally and gratifying to friends of the administration at Washington and the lovers of Cuba. It was shown by an overwhelming demonstration that he comes at least with the good will of those whom he must rule.

Several tugs with delegations met the steamer bringing Wood in the harbor. Wood on landing drove to the hotel Inglaterra. There was no parade. At the hotel there was a stream of callers representing every faction of Cubans. At noon Wood called at the palace, where Brooke introduced him to the cabinet.

Tomorrow Wood will take hold of the duties of his office. He had little to say in regard to his policy except that he would give the best possible government.

This afternoon Generals Wilson and Ludlow and Captain Sigbee called on Governor Wood, who subsequently returned Sigbee's visit on board the Texas.

The cabinet officers will resign and the impression prevails that the resignations will be accepted. The death of Lawton caused great sorrow here. Wood was especially grieved on learning the news.

FRAUDS DISCOVERED IN HAVANA CUSTOM HOUSE

Ten Officials, Prominent Cubans. Arrested.

Havana, Dec. 20.—Ten custom house appraisers were arrested today charged with conspiring to defraud by changing classification of imports. It is alleged that prominent merchants were implicated. The peculations, it is known, extended over a fortnight and the amount involved reaches many thousands.

The arrests caused great excitement by reason of the prominence of the accused. All were prominent officers of the Cuban army. The jail was thronged tonight with parents and friends of the accused endeavoring to see them. Special permits had to be obtained from General Ludlow, which caused great indignation.

FOSTER WILL SUCCEED SENATOR CAFFERY

His Man, Auditor Heard, Nominated for Governor.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—The Louisiana state democratic convention at Baton Rouge tonight nominated the present auditor, Heard, for governor. The nomination is a victory for Governor Foster and means the election of Foster to succeed Senator Caffery and the re-election of Senator McEnery.

SAYS MORGAN MUST RETRACT.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 20.—Governor Johnston, candidate for Senator Morgan's seat, in a card published today demands that Morgan retract the statement that he made in a speech in the senate that he (Johnston) had a large amount of stock in a monopoly that he had to leave Alabama to find a home in New Jersey. The governor denies the charge.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CALL

Washington, Dec. 20.—Chairman Hanna, of the republican national committee, has issued a call for the national convention to be held at Philadelphia June 19.

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A VERY CLOSE CENSORSHIP

News of Military Operations in South Africa Continues Scarce.

Czar Gives Private Audience to British Ambassador.

And This Followed a "Busy Exchange of Telegrams."

English Complaints of Open Door at Delagoa Bay.

ONE NEWSPAPER URGES THAT ENGLAND SHOULD ASSUME CONTROL OF THE HARBOR.

KRUPP'S WORKS IN BERLIN MANUFACTURING BRITISH AMMUNITION.

London, Dec. 20.—The silence concerning military operations in South Africa has not yet been broken. General Buller has sent a corrected list of the deaths of non-commissioned officers and privates at Colenso, placing the total at 137. Nothing has been heard from Methuen since December 17, and reports of the excellence of the Boer position and the skillful manner in which they are further strengthening it tend to increase apprehension regarding the British at Modder River. The probability of Methuen's communications being cut grows, but nothing is certainly known. Walker reported on the 19th. Nothing has been heard from Gatacre. Press reports indicate an increase in the Boer strength and activity in his neighborhood. It is many days since any news was received from Ladysmith, Kimberley or Mafeking. The reports that the Boers were unable to capture the guns that the British abandoned at Colenso do not come from a source encouraging to their truth. One correspondent at Chieveley says definitely the guns were captured.

DELAGOA BAY.

London, Dec. 20.—There are indications of considerable agitation in the press and on the part of the public against the attitude of the Portuguese government in allowing Delagoa bay to be an open door whereby the Boers are receiving ammunition and recruits. The Globe urges that England ought to assume direct control of Delagoa bay during the war.

CONFERRING WITH RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Daily News from Berlin says it is reported that a diplomatic sensation has been caused at St. Petersburg by the czar giving a private audience to the British ambassador. It is believed the audience referred to South Africa. There was a busy exchange of telegrams prior to the audience.

SHELLS FOR ENGLAND.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—According to an Es-sen newspaper Krupp's is working day and night on a British order for 25,000 shrapnel shells.

CANADIAN ARTILLERY

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The cabinet today decided that the second Canadian contingent for South Africa shall consist of artillery and mounted artillery.

London, Dec. 20.—News from Mafeking dated December 6 just received, says a desultory bombardment is continuing and sharpshooters are engaged in a smart duel mornings and evenings. The dispatch described a novel method of sending messages adopted by some of the Boers December 4th. A five-pounder shell was fired into the town, did not explode and was opened and found to contain a letter as follows: "Dear Powell, Colonel Baden-Powell! Excuse my messenger. No other means of communicating. Please tell Mrs. Baden-Powell and family all well. Don't drink all the whiskey. Leave some for us when we get in." The sender's signature was torn off.

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