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PARTISAN COMMITTEES NAMED FOR COEBEL

Out of Eleven Members Nine are Dem-

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.-The first partisan feeling yet shown since the meeting of the legislature was reflected Boers were trying to loot the wrecked in the selection today of the committee train, but were compelled to retire by to hear the Goebel-Taylor gubernatorial contest. It is composed of nine democrats, one populist and one republican. The committee appointed to hear the lieutenant governorship contest has only two republican members against nine democrats. The committees were selected by drawing and the republican leader, Haswell, charges crookedness. The committees to hear contested seats in the house and senate were organized.

LYNCHING THREATENED.

A Company of State Guards Ordered to Lumberton. Special to the Gazettte.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Governor Russell ordered a company of the state guard to Lumberton tonight on account of threats made to lynch Reuben Ross, colored, convicted of rape. The governor had postponed the execution until tomorrow for the purpose of examining letters and petitions of a large number of most prominent white men who say they do not believe the negro is guilty. Ross was sentenced to hang on December 7.

A MURDERER HANGED.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 4.-Bud Harris was hanged here today in jail. His neck was broken. Harris, from the second story gallery of the jail, addressed a multitude of several thousand. He said the Lord had forgiven him and he attributed his bad life to evil companions. Harris murdered another negro named Irwin, at a dance near Rome on Christmas, 1897.

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A Glance Oper the Field in South Africa.

British Troops Set Fire to a Runa way Train.

The Boer Practically Surrounded a Rensberg.

BRITISH ARTILLERY DO EFFEC TIVE WORK THERE-GATACRE'S FIGHT AT THE CYPHERGAT-FRENCH RECEIVES REINFORCE MENTS JOUBERT PREACHES.

London, Jan. 4.-Events in South Africa do not appear to have advanced. General French's and General Gatacre's operations have succeeded in keeping the Boers in check, if nothing, more, but the latter are yet too strong and on "the expiring century witnessing a grew impatient an indignantly asked the fighting promises to last for some life struggle of the people.' time. Molteno for the present seems to have been cleared of the Boens, but Six horsemen made a dash from Lady- It would be interestting to know just the British, on the other hand, have smith a few nights ago, and though what Senator Butler will have to say evacuated Dordrecht.

Critics in summing up the probabilities of Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men with 66 guns, including six Howitzer's, against Joubert's 20,000 men and 60 guns, but whose position of mobility Post labors daily to prepare the public for heavy losses. He says today: 'Once Buller sets out his object will be to win a decisive battle. His aim will be to inflict the greatest possible loss on the enemy, and if he can crush or meeting was held here today for the sist upon asserting your individual cripple the Boer army, it will be necessary for that purpose that he does not dress to McKinley praying for inter- trary course? . . spare his own forces."

Metheun continues inactive excep for constant reconnoissances. GERMAN INDIGNATION AT SEIZ

Berlin, Jan. 4.-The report of the practical seizure of the German steamer General by the British, at Aden has produced an explosion of popular anger of an intensity which it would be difficult exaggerate.

The excitement caused by the emperor's telegrams to Kruger a few years ago, is quite eclipsed by the present state of feeling. The anti-English sentiment is now overflowing in such passionate fury, that it threatens to cause the government serious embarrassment. The ministers stand between the obvious necessity of maintaining official coolness and reserve, and the violent attacks of the press and public, who are charging them

with timidity. RUNAWAY TRAIN BURNED.

Cape Town, Jan. 4 .- A despatch to the Times from Rensberg, filed yesterday, says that on Tuesday night the British set fire to the runaway train, which had been wrecked by the British artillery, when it was seen that the train, which was loaded with provisions, would otherwise fall into the hands of the Boers. The New South Wales troops, who were detached to set the trucks on fire, worked under a Many Leave a Hall Because of heavy shell and rifle fire. A party of the British artillery. Shrapnel shells burst over the enemy, doing considera-

Many riderless horses were seen running about after the fire began. The Boers sought shelter at Plowman's siding, but a well directed shelling compelled them to abandon this place. The enemy took a field gun at a gallop through the pass opposite the British right. The British immediately shell ed the gun but the enemy made no re-

The despatch adds: "The Boers are OPEN DOOR IN CHINA practically surrounded, and if there were more British troops here, we could cut their line off communica-

FIGHTING AT RENSBERG. London, Jan. 4.-A despatch from

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Rensberg this morning says a heavy artillery duel recommenced at day

Further details of the fighting between Gatacre and the Boers at Cyphergat today show that 3000 Boers, with artillery, attacked the British odtpost They Appear to be Good-Program of between Cyphergat and Molteno. Gen. field artillery, moved out in front of Storkstroem and found the Boers strongly posted at Coperbrige, whence they were quickly dislodged, the Boers fleeing in the direction of Stormberg. The Boers used British guns captured December 10 and shot well, but the British kept under cover and there were no casualties on their side. The departure of the Seventh division of the British army for South Africa

SKIRMISH NEAR BELMONT. Orange River, Jan. 3.-There was a small skirmish near Belmont this morning. The British fired a few shells but the Boers did not respond. A fetachment of about 40 Boers attempted to rush Klokfontein this morning, but were beaten back by mounted infantry. Possibly the force consisted of fugitives from Sunnyside. Reinforcements

of infantry and artillery have been

commenced this morning.

dispatched to French from DeAar. SULUS TO FIGHT BOERS. London, Jan. 4 .- A despatch to the Central News from Dunbar says that the government of Natal, in response to repeated petitions made by the Suhis for permission to fight against the Beers, has given its consent to the arming of a part of the Sulus. They are to act only in the event of being attacked by the Boers.

GEN. JOUBERT PREACHES. Hoofb Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 4 .-General Joubert preached in camp Sunday. Rev. Mr. Moiring, who has just arrived from America, addressed the burghers this afternoon, dwelling Last year Senator Gallinger and others

Hoofb Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 2 .the party included Col. Rhodes a brother of Cecil Rhodes and Dr. Jame- following during an executive session:

TO SEND KRUGER TO ST. HELENA North Carolina has in his possession a Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 4.-The Diggers News of Pretoria prints a rumor will, at least, count as an overbalance to the effect that Longwood, Napoleon's to the numerical superiority of the residence on the island of St. Helena is signed after the airng last winter of British. The critic of the Morning being renovated for the reception of the charges made against Judge Ewart Kruger after the war. The report has a petition has been signed by a macreated a bitter feeling in Boer official

> PETITION FOR MED TAT! IN. purpose of organizing a National ad- judgment and upon pursuing an arbivention in South Africa. The address will be circulated in the chief towns for

NO REQUEST TO END BOER WAR.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- The state department explained today that no request that the United States use its good offices to bring about the ending of the South African war has been made by the Transvaal government. A great many suggestions of the character have come from unofficial bodies, but the department has taken no action regarding these, further than acknowledge their receipt.

ON TRIAL FOR RECRUITING

nan S. Peverill, on the charge of havprogress in South Africa began here today. He had inserted an advertisement in the local papers here asking "single young men wishing to see service with the British in South Africa", to communicate with him. He was arrested by United States Deputy Marshall Robert Burns.

BOER SYMPATHY MEETING.

Speaker's Slur at McKinley.

New Haven, Jan. 4 .- At a Boer sympathy meeting attended by two thousand this evening, and presided over by Alexander Troup, a member of the National democratic committee, one-third of the audience left the hall because of a number of sallies at McKinley and 'English administration" made in the address by the principal speaker. The meeting cheered heartily all reference to the conduct of the South African re-

IS NOW ASSURED

Itally Says She Will Respect Her Con-

cessions There.

ambassador today waited on Secretary Hay, and gave him assurance, on the part of his government, that if Italy became possessed of any part of China she would respect all concessions secured by the United States, by treaty arrangements with China. Italy's assurance is contingent on the unity of all the other nations, in granting the promises requested. The receipt of Italy's reply gives the assurances of the maintenance of the open door in

POPULIST COMMITTEE MEETING

didacy for president seems to be the defective eyes. chief topic. This evening the conference, to which Bryan was invited, oc-curred behind closed doors. Senato-Butler, of North Carolina, failed to anpear. The meeting is expected to result in a proclamation to the popu- 45 Patton Ave .-- Blair's Furniture Store **** to make Bryan their candida'e.

JUDGE EWART'S PROSPECTS OF CONFIRMATION.

Work For Congress.

Gazette Bureau, Washington, Jan. 3. Judge Ewart is here, much encouraged with the outlook for the confirmation of his appointment. The first formal move of the present session in the matter will be made Monday at the meeting of the judiciary committee.

Considering the past history of, this case, which is probably the most remarkable in the history of the Senate, it mlay be surmised that Senator Butler will then ask the committee for a week in which to decide what steps he will take, a request which will probably be granted. Then by the middle of the month all will be in readiness for a vote and the nature of the opposition of Senator Butler will be mlade manifest. Conditions are different from those which obtained last year. The peace treaty, the Sampson-Schley controversy and other important matters consumed much time in the executive sessions which were held during the short session after the holidays and comparatively little time could be devoted to judicial contests. This year, however, the session will be a long one. The committee is more favorable. The vote will be demanded and one or two Senators will hardly make lengthy filibustering arguments in the face of Senatorial and public sentiment. A vote can be prevented only so long as some senator holds the floor and insists that he has something further to say. why they could not be allowed to have

pursued they escaped. It is believed for himself when some senator submits a few remarks something like the

"I understand that the Senator from petition signed in behalf of Judge Ewart by practically every lawyer in the Western district. These petitions were jority of the Senators asking for confirmation. This petition includes the name of your colleague and yet in view Brussels, Jan. 4 .- A largely attended of this indisputable fact, will you in-

> sudge Ewart will probably remain there several weeks, or until a vote is taken on confirmation. He may go to Asheville during the month and cit with Judge Paul for a few days during the special term of the Federal court. Congressman Linney, who has set-

tled down to business after a most oleasant holiday season, during which time he took occasion to place his friend, the Charlotte Observer, in a dark, deep nole. Judge Linney is burning the midnight oil over the question as to whether he should introduce a bill having for its object the delegation from Louisiana on the ground that their election was accomplished by unfair means. He has been urged to this Rochester, Jan. 4 .- The trial of Nor- step by Representative Crumpacker and others. He realizes that it is uning violated the laws of the United just to the country at large to have a States by enlisting men for service in dozen or more of members in the House the British army in the war now in who come from districts where the election is a transparent farce.

The real work of the session has been begun, though it is the understanding that little will be accomplished this week. The republican legislative program has been determined on and contemplates early action on the currency bill which was passed by the House. There is said to be no desire on the part of the opponents of this bill in the Senate to unnecessarily delay it, and it is also said that it will not be pressed so a rapidly to its passage as to occasion inconvenience to Senators who wish to discuss it. The majority leaders believe that a vote will be reached about February 1.

The legislative program of the republicans dalls for territorial forms of government for Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska, and provides for the passage of the Hanna-Payne Ship Subsidy bill; ratification of the various treaties which have theen laid before the senate.

Among other measures which will stand out prominently in the first session of the Fifty-sixth congress, but which, it is said, have not been included in the majority program, are the propositions to create an executive de. plartment of commerce; construct a



A MOTHER IS VERY PARTICULAR

about her boy a health-about the way Lincoln, Jan. 4.—The National , opu-list committee is in session here this evening. The question of Bryan's can-evening. The question of Bryan's can-he adache he complains of is the result of

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transoceanic cable; provide for the re-organization of the army, and the contransoceanic cable; provide for the re-organization of the army, and the con-duct of affairs in the Phillippine Islands. SENATE BEGINS

After the passage of the appropria-tion bills, it is likely that the first matter of national interest will be the report of the special committee empowered by the house to investigate the charge of polygamy made against Representative-elect Roberts. It is thought that this will be reached on Monday,

January 15. The Isthmian committee appointed to succeed the Nicaragua canal commission and to consider the relative merits of three proposed routes between the Atlantic and the Pacific, will not present its report until late next summer. and a number of the friends of the Isthmian canal will probably decide to delay final action until this commission shall have been heard from.

The army reorganization bill may also hold over until next session, though its prospect for passage is considered better than that of the camal bill.

The present congress will be called upon to provide for the re-appointment of representatives, which, of course, will be based on the returns of the present census. Tis matter will come up at this session, but the Crumpacker bill which is intended to reduce the representation of those states which restrict suffrage, will probably be brought to the front this winter.

Clyde, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Buchanan, formerly of Mitchell county, was badly burned recently by getting too near a stove. The little fellow will recover, but his injuries are causing much suffering.

W. A. H.

MILITARY PROMOTION FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Pettigrew Uses Dilatory Tactics in Mc Arthur's Case.

Washington, Jan. 4.—In an executiv session of the senate today, Pettigrew started in use dilatory tactics in antagonizing the confirmation of the Colonel important military nominations. The promotions of Colonel Young, and Lieutenant Colonels MacArthur and Ludlow to be brigadier generals in the regular army, he especially raised his opposition to, although he did not carry it to the point of insisting that the cases go over, as he might have done under the rules. All of the nominations were favorably reported by the committee this morning, and Hawley urged that the confirmation follow immediately. Pettigrew took the case of Mac-Arthur, who, although a major-general of volunters, was only lieutenant-colonel in the regular army. He asked if this was not a rather rapid promotion and a discrimination against other men higher in rank than he, in the regular establishment, who had not been permitted by the administration to show the stuff they were made of. Hawley defended MacArthur's promotion. Hale and Proctor also spoke of his distinguished service. Pettigrew soon saw he was on the wrong side of the question, and without further objection he permitted the senate to act, so that the President might be notified that his action was approved.

MORGAN WILL SPEAK ON PRITCHARD'S RESOLUTION

His Aim Will be to Defend Democratic Methods.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Senator Morgan will speak next Monday on Senator Pritchard's resolution reciting that the

proposed amendment to the constitution in North Carolina restricting suffrage, is against the spirit of the constitution of the United States as ameded. Morgan's speech will be in defense of the methods in vogue in certain Southern States, and his speech will be intended, not only for the benefit of the democrats of North Carolina but of Alabama as well,

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FINANCE DEBATE

Aldrich Explains the Provisions of His Substitute Bill.

To Declare Gold the Monetary Standard.

A Bill to Provide a Government For Hawaii.

Sulzer's Resolution Modified and Adopted.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED CLARING THAT THE PHILIP. PINES ARE TERRITORY BE-LONGING TO UNITED STATES-BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY.

Washington, Jan. 4.-Discussion in the senate on the financial measure. drafted by the republican majority of the committee on finance began today at 2 o'clock. Mr. Aldrich (rep., R. I.), chairman of the finance committee, has charge of the measure, and declares his purpose to press it to passage as as possible. The finance committee has made several changes in the phraseology of the bill. One of these was in the second section, relating to the sale of bonds for the maintenance of the gold reserve, and is as follows: The gold coin received from the sale of said bonds shall be covered into the general fund of the treasury and exchanged for notes which have been redeemed in the manner herein before provided, and the amount of gold coin and notes in the reserve fund shall at no time exceed the maximum sum of \$150,000,002. Another change applies to the provision concerning the issuance of notes by banks so as to provide explicitly for the application of this provision to banks "upon which an amount of cir-culating notes has been issued less than the par value of the bonds." A provision is also added for the repeal of the present daw limiting the issuices of bank notes to less than the par value of bonds deposited. The minority, headed by Vest, will strongly oppose the bill, but it is expected that it will pass by a majority of 16. Many republicans will make short speeches. Senator Teller, for the free silver republicans said that he did not anticipate a long debate, as the democrats would be anxious to have Congress adjourn by June 1, so as to enable them to attend conventions and participate in the campaign. He said the silver republicans would not adopt obstructive tactics. A canvas indicates that this is the way the senators will vote:--For the bill-Senators Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Beveridge, Burrows, Caffrey, Carter, Clark, of Wyoming; Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Depew, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley. Hoar, Kean, Kyle, Lindsay, Lodge, Mc-Bride, McComas, McCumber, McMillan, Mason, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, of Connecticut; Platt, of New York: Pritchard, Proctor, Quarles, Ross Scott, Sewell Shoup, Simon, Spooner, Thurston, Warren, Wellington and Wetmore. Total, 51. Against the bill-Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Butler, Candler, Chilton, Clark, of Montana; Clay, Crockrell, Culberson, Daniel, Harris, Heitfield, Jones, of Arkansas; Jones, of Nevada; Kenney, McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory Martin, Mooney, Morgan, Pettigrew, Pettus, Rawlins, Stewart, Sullivan, Taliaferro, Teller, Tillman, Turley, Turner, Vest and Walcott. Total

THE DEBATE OPENED.

Washington, Jan. 4.-In the opening of the debate on the substitute bill for the house currency bill at 2 o'clock Aldrich explained at much length its provisions, going over the bill section by section. He said the general purpose of the bill was to declare anew that gold is the monetary standard of the United States to lighten in every possible way the burdens imposed on the taxpayers by existing public obligations and to strengthen public credit. Cullom introduced a bill providing a government for Hawaii which was placed on the calendar.

Beveridge presented a resolution declaring that the Philippines belonged to the United States and it was the intention of the United States to retain them and maintain such a government control as the situation demanded, Pettigrew offered a resolution calling on the secretary of the navy for a copy of Dewey's report of April 13, 1898, saying he could take Manila cf any time. Both resolutions went over. Hear made a personal explanation saying he has been requested to oppose the seating of Quay on account of charges against him. He said if he was to deny on such grounds, the right of a governor to appoint a senator he would also have to deny the right of a legislature to elect.

The Senate adjourned until Monday. IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- The house after a brief session today adjourned until Monday. Sulzer's resolution of yesterday calling on Secretary Gage for infor-mation regarding the dealings of the

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