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GOEBEL'S EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Frankfort, Jan. 18.—Evidence before the contest committee for the governorship closed tonight on the Goebel side. The examination of the witnesses for Governor Taylor begins tomorrow. It is announced tonight that the failure to bring out certain points as to the tissue ballots will curtail the number of witnesses expected by the republicans.

CHOYNSKI AND McCORMICK MEET IN RING TONIGHT

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 18.—Tomorrow night at the Milwaukee Athletic club Joe Choynski, who last week fought Kid McCoy the most vicious fight ever seen in New York and was knocked out in the third round, and Jack McCormick, of Philadelphia, who has a record of knocking out Kid McCoy, will meet in a six-round contest. Choynski is matched to fight McCoy again, as many claimed McCoy's victory over him was foul.

GEN. ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—The birthday of General Robert E. Lee, who was born in Virginia in 1807, will be generally celebrated throughout the southern states tomorrow. Meetings will be held and confederate veterans' associations will do honor to the memory of their great chieftain.

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POPULISTS OPPOSE THE AMENDMENT

The State Executive Committee Declares in Pronounced Terms Against the Un-constitutional Measure.

Proposed Degradation of Un-educated White Men Denounced.

Election Law Open to Fraud and Corruption.

All Honest Men Who Love Liberty May Well View it With Alarm.

SENATOR BUTLER ADDRESSES COMMITTEE.

Gazette Bureau, Yarrowburgh House, Raleigh, Jan. 19. The populist state executive committee met here last night at 8 o'clock and adjourned at 12:30 this (Friday) morning. There was a very large attendance of the committee. Among the prominent populists were Senator Marion Butler, Hon. J. J. Jenkins and J. F. Click. The state convention was called to meet in Raleigh, Wednesday, April 18. A general conference of the party was called to meet on the evening before the convention. The committee endorsed Senator Butler's open letter to Hon. George Wilcox, and directed Chairman Thompson to have 50,000 copies of the letter printed and distributed over the state.

Senator Butler was invited to address the committee and spoke for over half an hour. He denounced the Simmons election law and the constitutional amendment, and took the position that if the anti-amendment forces would join hands that they would sweep the state in spite of the infamous election law that the "Simmons-Daniels gang" have placed upon the statute books and that if they will they can rid the state of Simmonism and the red shirt issue.

The committee recommended that the county conventions called to select delegates to the various conventions defer the nomination of county and legislative tickets until after the state convention. The meeting was very harmonious. The following address was given out by the committee:

"The executive committee of the people's party of North Carolina, while holding to the principles heretofore declared in convention, feel that it would be derelict in its duty if it should fail to give a note of warning to the people on the new issues raised by the action of the legislature. The election law enacted by that body is intensely partisan and so open to fraud and corruption that all honest men who love liberty may well view it with alarm. The proposed constitutional amendment, even if the courts should sustain it, would degrade the poor, uneducated white men who become of age after 1908 below the educated negro. It would even degrade him below the uneducated free negro who should become of age prior to 1908.

"But no unbiased man who has education sufficient to pass his examination before the election boards for registration who will take the trouble to read for himself can doubt that the fifth section of the proposed amendment, known as the "grandfather" clause, is in direct violation of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

"No lawyer whose pride of reputation as a jurist and who has not been humbled by his ambition for political preferment has ever said, or can ever say, that this fifth or 'grandfather' clause will stand the test in the courts.

"We warn the white people that this amendment will disfranchise approximately as many white men as it will negroes in this state, and leave the negro still a factor in politics with as much power as he now has.

"We warn the uneducated white men, both old and young, that this amendment will deprive them of the right to vote and degrade them politically below the educated negro.

"This has always been a white man's government, and always will be. There are two white voters to one colored voter, hence the state is in no danger of negro supremacy. And since our present supreme court has decided that the legislature may pass such laws for each county as may be necessary for its proper government no eastern county need fear negro rule.

"The real question presented in the amendment is, whether or not all the white citizens shall participate in elections, or whether the uneducated whites shall be forced to stand aside on the day of election along with the uneducated negroes like convicted criminals, while the educated negro walks up to the polls and votes.

"This amendment if adopted would end popular government in this state. It would turn the offices over to a select few, who would not feel bound to respect the rights of the common people who would not be able to enforce respect at the ballot box. It would build up a ruling class which, in time, would become more haughty and tyrannical than the Czar of the Russians.

"Since the issues in the coming state election are about all party considerations, they should be considered from the honest plane of patriotism and self-protection. It therefore behooves all political parties as well as individuals to lay aside all partisan feelings and join the masses together for the purpose of defeating the most dangerous proposition ever made to the people of North Carolina."

ANTI-AMENDMENT POINTERS

Hon. John W. Atwater, who represents the Raleigh district in congress, is in the city today and when your correspondent called upon him he talked quite freely upon the political situation in the state. Mr. Atwater admitted to your correspondent that there was some doubt as to the adoption of the constitutional amendment next August, and from his conversation I could plainly see that the only hope he has for the adoption of the amendment is in the Simmons-Goebel election law. When asked if he would be a candidate for re-nomination he said all the "leaders" insist on his making the fight again. The "old" gentleman told your correspondent that his course in the late campaign undoubtedly elected Thomas, in the third, Kitchin in the fifth, and Klutz in the seventh.

Mr. J. F. Click, a prominent populist from Catawba county, who is in the city attending the meeting of the populist executive committee, said this morning that there are 300 voters in his county who voted the democratic ticket at the last election that will vote against the constitutional amendment.

Hon. J. J. Jenkins, populist candidate for congress in the fourth district in 1898, says that ten per cent of the democrats in Catawba county will vote against the amendment.

WOOD HAS INSPECTED DISTRICT OF PINAR DEL RIO

Plantation in Excellent Condition—Residents Pleased With Visit.

Havana, Jan. 18.—General Wood returned today from an inspection of the institutions of Pinar del Rio. The residents were highly pleased with his visit. General Wood has congratulated General Lee on the condition of that province. He found the plantations in excellent condition, and all who so desired were at work.

General Wood has ordered that all employees of the custom house who give evidence concerning the custom frauds shall not be prosecuted. Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear to save the men arrested for the recent frauds, now awaiting trial.

Mrs. F. R. Darby says: "Camphorine is not only good for chapped hands but for burns and inflamed surfaces also. My husband would have been badly burned the other day had I not used Camphorine quickly and freely."

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BULLER'S ARMY FACE THE BOERS

He Sends News of the Successful Crossing of the Tugela River.

Forces Advancing Toward Ladysmith.

A Great Battle May Now be in Progress.

Latest Telegrams Say Boers are Busily Entrenching.

WOUNDED TROOPS REPORTED TO BE ARRIVING AT DURBAN—BOERS RETREATED BEFORE WARREN AS HE CROSSED THE TUGELA—A BRITISH PATROL AMBUSHED AND OVERCAME.

London, Jan. 18.—In a despatch from Spearman's camp, dated January 18, Buller informs the war office that one battery of field artillery, a howitzer and General Lyttleton's brigade crossed the Tugela river at Potgieter's drift. He adds that the enemy's position is being bombarded five miles higher up. General Warren's troops crossed the river on a pontoon bridge eighty-five yards long.

General Buller expresses the hope that he will have advanced this evening five miles from the river to his right front. The enemy is busily entrenching.

AWAITING NEWS OF A GREAT BATTLE.

London, Jan. 19.—The country has received with extreme satisfaction the news of Buller's successful crossing of the Tugela river, and awaits with eager anticipation the result of his further operations, which it is recognized will not fail to involve a struggle at least as severe as any that has yet taken place. So far as known at the time of cabling the expected battle has not begun, though the British howitzers and naval guns have been searching the Boer trenches with hydite shells, which according to one correspondent have been especially effective.

A telegram from Durban reports a number of wounded troops arriving at the field hospital at Mool river from the front, but Durban readily invents reports of this kind and nothing contained in the despatches from Spearman's farm indicates that anything more than long range firing is in progress. Neither is there any mention of the Boers responding to the British artillery.

THE CROSSING OF THE RIVER.

While Warren's forces were crossing the Tugela river the Boers occupied a thickly wooded plantation a mile north of the river and sent several volleys into the advancing guard. The British replied and the artillery opened on the neighboring kopje. As the British pushed across the river the Boers found the position uncomfortable and retired to the hills. Immediately after a pontoon bridge was completed and the whole British force crossed.

PATROL AMBUSHED.

Rensberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 17 (Delayed).—A patrol composed of sixteen men of the New South Wales Lancers and the South Australians was ambushed yesterday by the Boers and overwhelmed after a severe fight. Six of the detachment escaped and have arrived in camp. This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight and found one dead and one wounded. A number of dead Boer horses were also found, showing that the Australians made a gallant fight before surrendering.

It appears that when the Australians encountered the first body of Boers and found their retreat cut off they galloped for a nearby kopje, hoping to



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beat off the Boers, but on arriving found another force of burghers concealed there.

CANADIANS SAIL.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 18.—The transports Laurentian and Montezuma, carrying another contingent to South Africa, sailed from Halifax today and the Pomeranian will sail on the 20th. The western squadrons go by the last steamer.

PORTO RICANS ASK FOR AID FROM CONGRESS

Say it is Absolutely Necessary Something be Done Immediately.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Root devoted considerable attention today to the question of the proposed legislation for Porto Rico. General Davis accompanied the delegation of Porto Ricans who visited the war department and participated in the conference. Members of the delegation explained to Secretary Root that it was absolutely necessary that something be done immediately for the island, and declared that unless something was done the island would be ruined within a year. They placed but little importance on the proposition to extend the time for foreclosure of mortgages in the island. The time for foreclosure expires tomorrow, and it is not likely the time will be extended.

The delegation which visited Secretary Root said it was not extension that was needed so much as increased circulation of money and restoration of confidence. Members of the delegation declared that the only hope for speedy relief of the situation was the passage by congress of legislation providing for free trade between the islands.

RELIGIOUS QUESTION IN THE PHILIPPINES

Trouble Seems Probable Over the Issue. More Ports to Open.

Manila (Thursday), Jan. 18.—The religious question is overshadowing the insurrection. The opening of the provinces has forced the issue concerning the friars and church ownership. Several months ago General Otis was assured by prominent Filipinos that if he would shut his eyes to the difficulty would be speedily ended, meaning that the friars would be expelled or murdered. General Otis condemned the proposition and warned the proposers against any violence. While the necessity of meeting the religious issue is recognized, an effort is being made to conciliate the people until the insurrection is completely suppressed.

An expedition under Major Kobbe sailed today for the purpose of opening a number of ports and establishing civil governments in them. Merchants are taking the fullest advantage of the opening of these ports. No news has been received from a number of hemp plantations for a year.

NO INVITATION TO BRYAN.

Maryland Legislature Disposes of a Resolution.

Annapolis, Jan. 18.—Delegate Willis surprised the Maryland house of delegates this morning with a resolution inviting Bryan to address that body on the occasion of his visit to Baltimore Saturday. Speaker Wilkinson referred the resolution to the committee on federal relations, and as the legislature adjourned this afternoon until Monday there is no probability of a report being made until Bryan has left the state.

DOWAGER DUCHESS ILL.

Dresden, Jan. 18.—It is reported that the mother of the German empress, the Dowager Duchess Frederic of Schleswig-Holstein, is dangerously ill and is not expected to live through the night.

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AGAIN THE PHILIPPINES

The Islands Were the Absorbing Topic Before the Senate Yesterday.

Wellington Wants Ultimate Filipino Independence.

Alludes to Admiral Schley as the Hero of Santiago.

House Considers Amendment of Act for Taking of Censuses.

SECTION KILLED AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF REPORTS BY PRIVATE PARTIES IF GOVERNMENT OFFICE IS UNABLE TO DO IT IN PRESCRIBED TIME.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Philippine question was again one of the chief topics in the senate today, Senator Wellington making a strong plea for the adoption of his resolution, declaring it the purpose of the United States, ultimately, to grant the Filipinos their independence. He predicted that the Philippine question was destined to become the greatest issue before the American people.

He said he was unalterably opposed to depriving the Filipinos of their country by force of arms. "Imperial destiny," he declared had wrecked many republics. He asserted that England's loss of the American colonies was one of the greatest blessings that ever befell her.

He referred to the battle of Santiago, and declared that Schley was the hero of that contest, and would remain so in the hearts of the Americans despite the efforts to rob him of the glory, which was justly his.

Again referring to the Philippines, he declared he still had faith enough in the American people to believe that they would not deprive the Filipinos of self-government.

It was the duty of congress, he said, to definitely declare the intentions of the United States in regard to the Philippines. For himself, he declared, he is not ready to sacrifice the well being of the Americans for the "glittering bauble of Filipino sovereignty."

OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution of inquiry, by Allen, in regard to the attitude of the United States in the matter of recognizing the accredited representative of the Transvaal, and asking whether the recognition had been refused, on the protest of another government went over with no objection.

A resolution by Ross calling for the administration of affairs in Porto Rico and the Philippines for the general welfare and the best interests of the people of the United States also went over. The senate resumed the consideration of a bill to ex the standard of values, Teller speaking thereon.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Today's session of the house was devoted entirely to the consideration of the senate bill amending the act providing for the taking of the twelfth and subsequent censuses. It authorized the appointment of additional clerical force and other minor additions to the power and authority of the director.

The house committee on census adopted a new section authorizing the director, if there were any probability that the reports could not be published by the government printing office within the period prescribed by law, to contract for their printing and binding by private parties. Against this proposition Russell, of Connecticut, and Heatwole, of Minnesota, members of the committee on census, organized an opposition that buried the advocates of the change under an overwhelming majority, and the section was rejected. The bill was passed and a conference with the senate was asked on the minor amendments made by the house.

ISTHMIAN CANAL BILL REPORTED TO THE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Morgan in his report on the Nicaragua canal bill, which was favorably reported to the senate today says: "We have reached a point in the discussion of a ship canal through the isthmus of Darien, where such a canal is viewed as a national necessity."

As a provision for the naval and military defence of the country the report argues that the canal is indispensable and the closer its location is made to the Gulf of Mexico the more efficient it will be in its protection to Atlantic-Pacific coasts. The report discusses the various surveys.

"We owe it to ourselves and the whole world," the report says in conclusion "that whatever canal we build and control shall be open and free and neutral to all nations as its corresponding gateway, the Suez canal. The bill herewith reported lays broad and deep on the foundations of our national policy and purpose to open a canal through Nicaragua."