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DISMANTLING WEST POINT

Favored by Allen Unless Brutal Practice of Hazing Can be Stopped.

Vote on the Army Bill and Amendments Will be Taken Tomorrow.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL ISSUED BY HOUSE

THE DEARMOND RESOLUTION TO INQUIRE INTO CHAFFEE'S PROTEST AGAINST LOOTING IN CHINA LAID ON TABLE—ARE AMERICANS GUILTY OF LOOTING?

Washington, Jan. 16.—The senate again discussed the bill to increase the efficiency of the army today, and just before adjournment by unanimous consent agreed to proceed with the vote on the bill and pending amendments to 4 o'clock Friday.

In his speech in opposition to the bill today Mr. Allen took occasion to deprecate West Point academy as a school of military training and denounced the hazing practiced at that institution in vigorous terms. He declared, speaking for himself, that he would either stop the brutality practiced there or dismantle the academy. He asserted that some of the hazers ought to be killed.

Mr. Teller said that the conditions in the Philippines had not improved since their relinquishment by Spain. He was in favor of retaining the islands, but he declared that no consideration justified the United States in holding them by force. After a brief executive session the senate adjourned.

At the opening of the senate Mr. Gallinger reported the pension appropriation bill and it went to the calendar. Mr. Carter asked a final vote on the army reorganization bill and all amendments then pending to be taken at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

Mr. Allen said for the time being he would object, although subsequently he might withdraw. This objection, it is said, is only temporary, as an understanding has been reached that such agreement will be made. Opposition senators say a vote will be taken at that time.

In executive session Senator Foraker took Senator Pettigrew to task for insinuating that the appointment of Judge Harlan's son as attorney general for Porto Rico and the promotion of Judge Kenna's son in the army was in the nature of a bribe to influence the decision of the supreme court. Foraker said the charge was hardly worth a reply.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL PASSED
Washington, Jan. 16.—Before proceeding with the river and harbor bill today Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported back the DeArmond resolution calling upon the war department for all information relative to the alleged action of General Chaffee in protesting against looting in China, with recommendation that it lay on the table.

Accompanying the report Mr. Hull submitted a letter of the secretary of war, explaining the difficulty in obtaining the required information and pointing out that it could not be procured until after the expiration of the present congress.

Mr. DeArmond of Missouri, the author of the resolution, said he had been moved to introduce it by a paragraph in the newspapers, which was very creditable to General Chaffee, in which it was stated that he had rebuked or protested against the conduct of an officer of a foreign government in regard to looting in China.

The paragraph indicated that neither the American commander nor the American soldiers were responsible for the barbarity and dishonesty. He desired only to procure official confirmation of the reports, but the reasons given by the secretary of war were entirely satisfactory to him.

The resolution was then laid on the table.

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table and the house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the river and harbor bill. The river and harbor bill passed the house today practically as reported by the river and harbor committee.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Booz Hazing Case.
West Point, N. Y., Jan. 16.—When the congressional committee met at the military academy today, and before any witnesses were called Congressman Wanger of Pennsylvania addressed the committee.

He referred to the published reports of the hazing incident at the close of the afternoon session yesterday. Mr. Wanger said that in at least two newspapers army officers were charged with taking part in this hazing. He desired, however, to express his firm belief that no expression of disapprobation was made by any army officer present at the time.

He was pleased to hear that Colonel Hein, acting superintendent of the academy, had instituted a thorough inquiry regarding the matter. Mr. Wanger said that since the committee had been treated with the utmost courtesy by all the officers, he would be sorry should any erroneous impression become prevalent throughout the country.

General Dick and all the committee members concurred with the views of the Pennsylvania representative, and the matter was dropped.

Cadet Mahaffey of Texas, who was a classmate of former Cadet Booz was called and sworn.

Judge Smith examined the witness and after perusing Mahaffey's testimony he said the evidence given by the witness this morning was in no way different from the military court's records.

TO PROHIBIT COLORING OF OLEOMARGARINE

Mr. Grout Favors a Law to This Effect.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The senate committee on agriculture yesterday concluded its hearings on the oleomargarine bill by giving Congressman Wadsworth, author of the substitute for the Grout bill, an opportunity to present the merits of his measure and Mr. Grout a chance to reply.

Mr. Wadsworth had with him packages illustrating the way in which oleomargarine would be presented to the trade under his bill and he claimed that the requirement for imprinting the word "oleomargarine" in large letters in the oleomargarine roll and not only upon the wrapper but upon the boxes enclosing the package would insure the public against fraud. He said the oleomargarine industry was perfectly legitimate so long as purchasers knew what they were getting.

Replying Mr. Grout conceded that Mr. Wadsworth's device would protect persons who purchased through retail dealers, but that not more than a third of the oleomargarine was sold to persons who did not know its true character. The other two-thirds, he said, went to hotel, restaurant and boarding house proprietors who knew what they were getting, but palmed it off on their unsuspecting table guests. It was against such practice that he protested. He urged that the only protection was in the enactment of a law to prohibit the coloring of oleomargarine.

REQUISITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOV. DURBIN

Asking For Extradition of Ex-Governor Taylor From Indiana.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 16.—The question whether a requisition will be presented to Governor Durbin of Indiana at once asking for extradition of ex-Governor W. S. Taylor and other Kentuckians now in that state, accused of complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, is being agitated now that Governor Mount is out of office. It is generally believed that Governor Durbin would not honor a requisition.

It is the general opinion that no steps will be taken till a decision is rendered in the Howard and Powers cases now pending in the court of appeals. The voluntary return of Taylor and Finley to the state in the event Howard and Powers are granted new trials by the court of appeals is hinted at by some of their friends, but such a course on their part is not generally expected.

TILLMAN RE-ELECTED.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—The general assembly of South Carolina re-elected Hon. B. R. Tillman United States senator to succeed himself.

FREE DEMONSTRATION OF ARMOUR'S CANNED MEATS, MINCE MEATS, SOUPS, ETC., AT OSTRANDER'S, BEGINNING THURSDAY MORNING.

On Friday morning, January 18, 1901, I will have a sale of trimmed toques and turbans at greatly reduced prices. Also French felts at 50 cents.

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EXCITEMENT IS INCREASING HOURLY

There is no Indication That the Flow of Oil is Diminishing.

TEXAS TOWN CROWDED WITH PEOPLE — DOCTORS BECOME TRIAL ESTATE DEALERS — CITY PROPERTY INCREASING IN VALUE.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 16.—The excitement here over the mammoth oil well increases with each approaching hour. There has been no indication that the flow of oil from the geyser is diminishing, nor is there any change in the character of the fluid. Captain Lucas, upon whose land the well is located, is busily making preparations for an attempt to stop the immense flow and it will be made tomorrow. All of the machine shops have been at work on machinery for the effort and the result is awaited with lively interest.

The activity in real estate transactions has subsided somewhat. The town continues to fill up and the streets suggest a great holiday event.

Physicians are becoming real estate men. The lumber industry is forgotten in the wild rush for oil lands. The business of the district court, in the middle of the session, has been continued, and the court is idle. Thousands of people frequent the streets until late at night and everything is oil. The Standard Oil company has scores of representatives here. City property without oil prospects has increased five fold in value. A lot near the business center, which could have been bought last week for \$5000, now is unobtainable at \$20,000.

10,000 FRESH TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Horses Are Also Being Dispatched at the Rate of About 8,000 a Month.

LORD ROBERTS AGAIN EMPHASIZES UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND UTTERS ANOTHER PROTEST AGAINST FETTERING.

London, Jan. 16.—Lord Roberts has further emphasized the unsatisfactory condition in South Africa in a letter to the mayor of Portsmouth, postponing the presentation of a sword of honor from that city. He says:

"It is most distasteful to me to be honored and feted and called upon to rejoice while so many are in bitter grief, and before we can properly return thanks that the cloud is being rolled away which has for more than a year darkened the homes and crushed the hearts of so many in our country." There is a good deal of uncertainty as to the exact intentions of the government in regard to the questions of reinforcements for South Africa. The announcement made so positively by the Post that the enrollment of the Baden-Powell's police force had been abandoned is officially contradicted. Probably the Post was led into error by the confusion of official plans, as it is now stated that in addition to the constabulary the war office intends to dispatch to the Cape 5000 men to

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strengthen the Imperial Yeomanry, which, as a fighting body, has seriously weakened.

It is expected that without counting the police recruits a few weeks time will see more than 10,000 fresh British troops in the field.

The question of mounts is also being dealt with, and horses are now, it is understood, being sent to South Africa at the rate of about 8000 a month.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.
London, Jan. 17.—While the actual position in South Africa continues almost completely hidden from the public, two or three telegrams published this morning reveal important developments pending in the Transvaal. A dispatch from Pretoria reveals that Kitchener is making a big concentration of troops there, and other correspondents report Boers gathering strongly in the Bethel and Elands districts. All reports agree in stating that Kitchener's efforts to secure peace have fallen flat.

EMBEZZLED \$12,000 FROM A NEW YORK BANK

And Old Employee in Jail Charged With Stealing This Amount.

New York, Jan. 16.—J. Prevost Mason, third teller in the Continental National bank of this city, is in jail charged with embezzlement. The specific charge is stealing \$3000 by means of false entries.

The peculations foot up \$12,000 in all, according to the Fidelity and Casualty company, which is on Mason's bond.

Mason is 48, and lived with his wife and daughter, aged 22 years. He has practically been in charge since Sunday. He had been with the bank 27 years and received a salary of \$1800 a year.

KRUGER CONSIDERING A VISIT TO AMERICA

Will Come if McKinley Will Give Him Official Reception.

London, Jan. 16.—Mr. Kruger is undecided whether to visit America. He will do so if assured that President McKinley will receive him officially as president of the Transvaal. The friends of Mr. Kruger do not desire the old man, in his present state of health, to undertake any arduous and fruitless journey in cold weather. Mr. Kruger has declared he is willing to make the trip if he could be satisfied that his visit would tangibly help the Boers. He tells his friends that he has reason to hope for the czar's moral support.

The operation on Mr. Kruger's eyes, at Utrecht next week, although slight in itself, will necessitate absolute quiet for some time.

ENGLAND THREATENED WITH INDUSTRIAL WAR

Lord Rosebery Sees Danger Ahead From American Competition.

London, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the Wolverhampton chamber of commerce today Lord Rosebery in a speech referred to the industrial and commercial competition by which England was confronted. He declared the future was dark and gloomy. The war he feared was a great trade war. He said it was from the United States and Germany was the country that had most to fear. America with her resources was the most formidable of all competitors. He expressed it as his opinion that if England wished to avoid defeat she would have to educate her commercial men. Their training as it was too insular and insufficient.

DEADLOCK IN THE DELWARE LEGISLATURE

Two New United States Senators to be Elected By That Body.

Dover, Del., Jan. 16.—The general assembly met in joint session at noon today and voted for two United States senators—one for the full term beginning March 4, the other for an unexpired term of four years. The vote was practically the same as yesterday's, the republicans divided on both propositions. The ballot for the long term was as follows: Kenney, democrat, 23; Addicks, republican, 16; Dupont, republican, 8; scattering, 4.

The short term: Seabury, democrat, 22; Addicks, republican, 16; Richards, republican, 9; scattering, republicans and democrats, 4; absent, one regular republican. Necessary to choice, 27.

CORMACK RE-ELECTED FROM TENNESSEE

Legislature Imposes Death Penalty For Burglary.

Nashville, Jan. 16.—The legislature in joint convention elected E. W. Cormack United States senator for the term beginning March 4, 1901, and James H. Hays state treasurer.

A bill was introduced in the senate to impose the death penalty for burglary on an occupied house.

FREE DEMONSTRATION OF ARMOUR'S CANNED MEATS, MINCE MEATS, SOUPS, ETC., AT OSTRANDER'S, BEGINNING THURSDAY MORNING.

WAR WITH VENEZUELA?

American War Ship Ordered to Nearest Port to Threatened Asphalt Beds.

Venezuela's Seizure of the Orinoco Boats and an Attempt to Secure Arms.

BATTLESHIPS THAT CAN BE READILY SENT

SCORPION DIRECTED TO AVOID BLOODSHED AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY BY BOMBARDMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

Washington, Jan. 16.—It is now believed to have been the purpose of the Venezuelan government in seizing the steamers of the Orinoco Shipping company was to use them in operations against the New York and Bermudez company, which has refused to vacate the asphalt concessions.

Information reached the state department today that Venezuela was attempting to secure arms of the asphalt company under pretense of using them against the revolutionists. The action of Venezuela is in direct defiance of the United States, and hostilities between the two countries may result.

After consultation this afternoon between officials of the state and navy departments orders were telegraphed to the commander of the Scorpion at Laguayra, to proceed to Guacoco the nearest port to the asphalt beds.

In response to inquiries the state department was informed by the navy authorities that a strong squadron could be concentrated in Venezuelan waters on short notice, and the Keary and Massachusetts, now at Mobile, may be ordered to the scene whenever the state department desires.

Instructions to the commander of the Scorpion are to avoid bloodshed and destruction of property by bombardment as far as possible. From this inference officials expect a clash. It was admitted that marines and blue jackets might be landed at Guacoco to protect the interests of the asphalt company.

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINE VIRUS

Producers Ask Congress to Discontinue It.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Efforts are being made by the producers of vaccine virus to have the agricultural committees of congress omit from the forthcoming agricultural appropriation bill further provision for vaccine made and distributed by the government on the ground that the government distribution is no longer necessary and is an interference with private enterprise.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO CHINA HAS BEEN RECALLED

President Desires Him to Advise on Eastern Question.

New York, Jan. 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Mr. W. W. Rockhill, special commissioner of the United States to China, has been recalled. Mr. Rockhill's withdrawal is due to the desire of the administration to have him in Washington, where he will be able to advise the president and Secretary Hay on the eastern problem. He will leave Pekin for the United States as soon as navigation opens.

ALVORD RECEIVES SENTENCE.

Is Given Thirteen Years For Embezzling \$690,000.

New York, Jan. 16.—Cornelius L. Alvord, jr., the defaulting note teller of the First National bank, was today sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. The amount of Alvord's defalcation was \$690,000.

EX-GOV. MOUNT DEAD.

Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—Ex-Governor Mount died suddenly this evening in his apartments at the Denison hotel, of heart disease.

Just after returning from a walk he complained to his wife of his heart troubling him and physicians were summoned. Before they arrived Mr. Mount died.

FREE TRADE IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Jan. 16.—The Philippines commission has passed an act giving domestic products of the U.S. an equal footing with all Philippine goods and providing for the issuance of licenses to importers and others of such goods.

LUCKY STRIKE.
The discovery of a large strike of well-known diamonds that Lucky Strike is a great success.