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YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Pettigrew's Wild Remarks in Discussing Army Reorganization Bill.

Discussion of the Bill Consumed the Greater Part of Yesterday's Session.

WAR REVENUE BILL TAXES STOCK DEALS

Washington, Jan. 31.—The senate today resumed consideration of the conference report upon the army reorganization bill and Mr. Pettigrew addressed the senate upon it. He said he had voted against the bill and would have been glad if it could have been defeated.

Mr. Pettigrew referred again to the fact that the senate had refused to adopt his resolution making inquiry for the facts concerning the situation in the Philippines. He asserted his belief that the full records would show that the battle on February 4 was ordered from Washington, and he charged that only such facts were given the public as suited the purpose of the party in power. He also charged that notwithstanding the instructions to the Paris commission had been sent to the senate in secret the president had quoted copiously from them in his letter of acceptance, omitting such portions as did not suit his purpose.

"And yet," he said, "the senate refuses to make the document public." He also made that Gen. McArthur's report had been suppressed for partisan purposes and that the report of the Taft commission was copied up on orders from Washington to fit the emergency. He asserted that the Philippines are not enemies of the United States, and he hoped they would be successful in their contest for liberty. "I hope the day will never come,"

he said, "when I shall cease to sympathize for a people struggling for liberty no matter where they are."

Mr. Pettigrew took special exception to the provision in the bill authorizing the enlistment of Filipinos.

Mr. Pettigrew introduced and had read a long letter from Thomas Maccardo, a military governor of one of the Philippine provinces in which it was charged that severe torments upon the Filipinos by the American troops had been inflicted than the Spaniards had ever been guilty of.

"Robbery, pillage, violation and murder," the letter said, "are the first proofs of protection we received when the American soldiers enter a Filipino community."

The letter writer characterizes Gen. Otis as "the blind instrument of the ambitious McKinley."

Mr. Pettigrew said he would not cite this letter if the charges made in it were not confirmed by letters from American soldiers themselves. He believed these barbarities were practiced by the Maccabees, of whom it was now intended to enlist 10,000.

The senate committee on finance reported a new provision in the war revenue bill, levying a tax on stock deals and also grain and provision transactions. It provides for a tax of 2 cents on each \$100 covered in stock transactions, and 1 cent on each \$100 in grain and provisions.

By a vote of 33 to 25 the senate today agreed to the conference report on the army reorganization bill, but the vote was reached only after a protracted debate which necessitated the temporary displacement of the ship subsidy bill.

The latter measure was taken up near the close of the session and after several amendments to the bill had been adopted Rawlins spoke against it. Then a short executive session was held and the senate adjourned.

The house passed the fortification appropriation bill today and made considerable progress with the postoffice appropriation bill.

In the debate on the fortification bill Lanham (Texas) took occasion to deliver a speech on the future of the democratic party. He advocated healing of factional differences but stated that those who had deserted in the past would not be selected for leaders. He attributed the election of Cleveland and those who acted with him. The speech was accepted by some as a declaration by Lanham of his intention to enter the contest for leadership in the house.

GENERAL DE WET ORDERS PEACE ENVOY SHOT

Two More of Boer Peace Commissioners Severely Flogged.

Cape Town, Jan. 31.—The Boer attack on the Boksberg mines resulted in damages amounting to \$300,000 pounds.

The commissioner at Kroonstad reports that Andries Wessels, one of the peace envoys was shot at Kipfontein, January 28, by orders of General De Wet.

Lord Kitchener reported from Pretoria January 13 that three of the Boer peace commissioners were taken as prisoners to DeWet's Lager near Lindley, January 10, and that one who was a subject, was flogged and then shot. The other two Burgheers were flogged by DeWet's orders.

The identity of Andries Wessels, reported to have been shot by DeWet, cannot be definitely established. Lord Roberts on July 4 last reported that General Methuen had captured General DeWet's scouts two other prisoners and, according to his cable, Andries Wessels, head of the Aankander fund. It is possible he is the man who was killed.

DESIRES TO ENTER THE BRITISH NAVY

Prince Charles, of Denmark Prefers England to His Own Country.

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—The accession of the daughter of the king of Denmark to the position of queen of England will affect the future of Prince Charles of Denmark, who, like his wife, prefers to reside in England.

Prince Charles has long desired to enter the British navy. His grandfather, the king of Denmark, has consented, but his father, the crown prince, objected. It is now understood, however, that the latter has approved of this step.

EARL OF DUNRAVEN'S DAUGHTER DEAD

London, Jan. 31.—Lady Rachel Charles Fitzgerald, eldest daughter of the Earl of Dunraven, died this morning at Adare Manor, the earl's seat in County Limerick, Ireland. She gave birth to a son January 20 and was supposed to be going well.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AS A MEDIATOR

Report That He is Willing to Act as Peace Maker Between England and the Boers. Daily News Advises Conciliation.

London, Jan. 31.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says it is rumored that Emperor William is willing to mediate between England and the Boers.

London, Feb. 1.—The Daily News this morning publishes the first article indicating its changed attitude in regard to the South African war. Under

the caption "Golden Opportunity" it recalls the queen's peace-loving disposition and contends that now over her grave is an auspicious occasion to seek common grounds for conciliation. Reviewing the situation it says, "We have occupied the chief towns for many months, but as for governing the country we have not advanced."

WOULD GOMEZ BE BOUND BY CUBA'S CONSTITUTION?

Havana, Jan. 31.—The constitutional convention further discussed the constitution today. Section second, dealing with the presidency, was discussed for hours. Senor Samgrul made a long speech against Gomez, declaring that he would resign if he were permitted to become a candidate for the presidency. The vote resulted in a tie.

The supporters of Gomez then entered the convention room and sent for Senor Gerier, who is a supporter of

Gomez, but the anti-Gomez delegates absented themselves and the meeting broke up for want of a quorum. The majority of the delegates are against Gomez, but fear to oppose him. Some say that this is due to the fact that the people want Gomez but others say it is due to fear of Gomez himself, who is regarded by many as a lawless man of strong passions. Old Cubans say he would not be bound by any constitution. Others say that he sold himself to the Americans.

SEAMEN RESCUED.

German Steamer Brings to Port Captain and Sailors.

New York, Jan. 31.—The German steamer Barcelona, which arrived today from Hamburg via Halifax, brought in to port the captain and fourteen seamen of the Russian bark Cuba, which was abandoned at sea January 13 in a distressed and waterlogged condition.

HAS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

British Ambassador at Berlin Suddenly Departs For England.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The British ambassador here, Sir Frank Lascelles, has suddenly gone to England in obedience to a telegraphic order. It is believed the ambassador's departure has political significance.

GREAT FIRE IN NEW YORK CAUSED BY DUST EXPLOSIONS

Cigar Box Factory Employees Injured and Nearly a Block of Buildings Burned.

New York, Jan. 31.—By an explosion this afternoon in the tower of Wicke & Co.'s cigar box factory, thirty-first street and First avenue, the tower was completely wrecked and the factory shaken as though by an earthquake. All the windows were shattered. Two employees were seriously injured and about twenty others more or less cut by glass. The tower was used for a

dumping place for shavings and saw dust. The sawdust combined with air formed an explosive gas and combustion followed.

A second explosion in the Wicke factory occurred tonight, in the tenement of the building. It resulted in a fire which destroyed nearly all the block between First avenue and Thirty-first street and the East River. The loss is estimated at a million and a half dollars.

WARLIKE IN VENEZUELA

Authorities Demand That Americans Surrender Their Arms.

A Clash Seems Inevitable and May Lead to International Trouble.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Our minister to Venezuela in a despatch to Secretary Hay today says that the local officials of the province of Bermudez in which the pitch lakes owned to the New York and Bermudez company are situated, had demanded the surrender of the arms and ammunition of the company, and Venezuela has informed the company it will not interfere with any action the local officials may take. The employees of the company are thus confronted with the question of fighting for the property which they hold. The situation is regarded as exceedingly serious, as an attack on the employees by the authorities of Bermudez will bring about trouble between the United States and Venezuela.

The minister says the revolution is nearly ended on account of the decisive victory gained over the revolutionists at Carupana. He says another con-

lict was reported recently near La Cuchetas, in which both sides lost several hundred men. The Lancaster has arrived in La Guayra.

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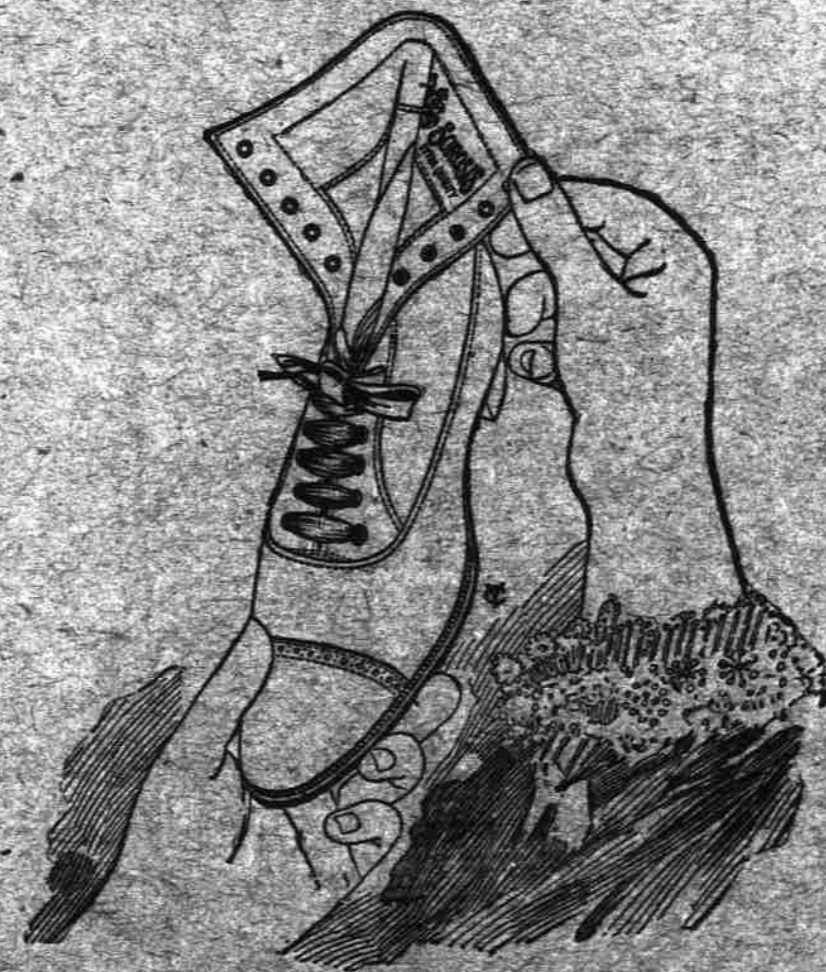
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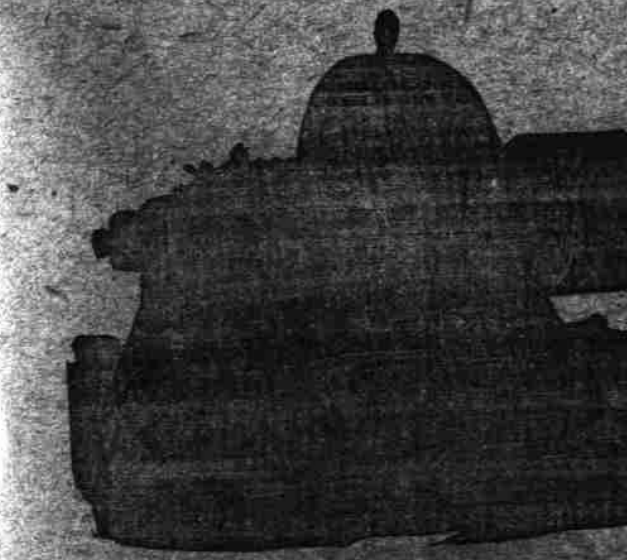
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