

THE SEIZURE OF AMERICAN FLOUR.

Senate Adopted the Resolution of Inquiry Offered by Mr. Hale of Maine.

THE GOLD STANDARD BILL.

A Final Vote on the Measure to Be Taken February 15th—The Philippine Question Discussed—House Proceeds—Gage's Report.

WASHINGTON, January 17.—Without difficulty and within five minutes an agreement was reached in the Senate to-day to take a final vote on the pending bill fixing gold as the standard of value in the United States.

Senator Jones, Democrat, Arkansas, named February 15th, and his proposition was accepted by Senator Aldrich, in the intervening time the measure will be discussed.

When the Hoar resolution, amended by Senator Lodge, calling for general information regarding the conduct of the insurrection in the Philippines was taken up, Senator Pettigrew, South Dakota, spoke in favor of its passage.

Mr. Williams, Democrat, Mississippi, replied to Mr. Cannon in an eloquent speech, in which he affirmed the purity of every American citizen to the flag and charged Mr. Cannon with shrewdly issuing a challenge that he knew would not be accepted.

Senator Hale, Maine, called up his resolution of inquiry of the Secretary of State information relating to the seizure and detention of American flour by the British authorities in Delaware Bay.

Senator Davis, of the Foreign Relations Committee, moved it be referred to his committee, saying it was premature, in view of the present diplomatic necessity of advancing the question.

Senator Hale replied that the resolution was limited to one of inquiry; that the country was entitled to know the situation and that he deemed it perfectly clear that flour was not contraband goods.

The discussion of the question as to whether flour products were ever contraband of war was precipitated by a question of Senator Lodge.

Senator Hawley, Connecticut, believed the resolution as introduced was a thinly worded threat of war.

What steps have been taken in requesting the restoration of property taken and detained as aforesaid. It was then determined that when the Senate adjourned to day it be until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Senator Pettigrew's resolution, calling for information from the Secretary of War as to the fiscal operations in Cuba, introduced yesterday, was passed without debate.

The Financial Bill. At 2 o'clock the Financial bill was laid before the Senate. It was finally agreed to vote on it February 15th; that two days intervening should be devoted to ten minutes' debate on amendments to the bill; and that the measure should be considered on each legislative day, after 2 o'clock P. M.

Senator Teller, Silver Republican, of Colorado, then addressed the Senate on the Financial bill. Senator Teller contended that the history of the American people showed that they were favorable to bimetallism and that until within very recent years the two parties had contended with each other in their advocacy of the cause.

The House had another inning to-day over the sale of the New York custom house by Secretary Gage. Mr. Sulzer, of New York, the author of the resolution for an investigation of the sale, introduced a resolution.

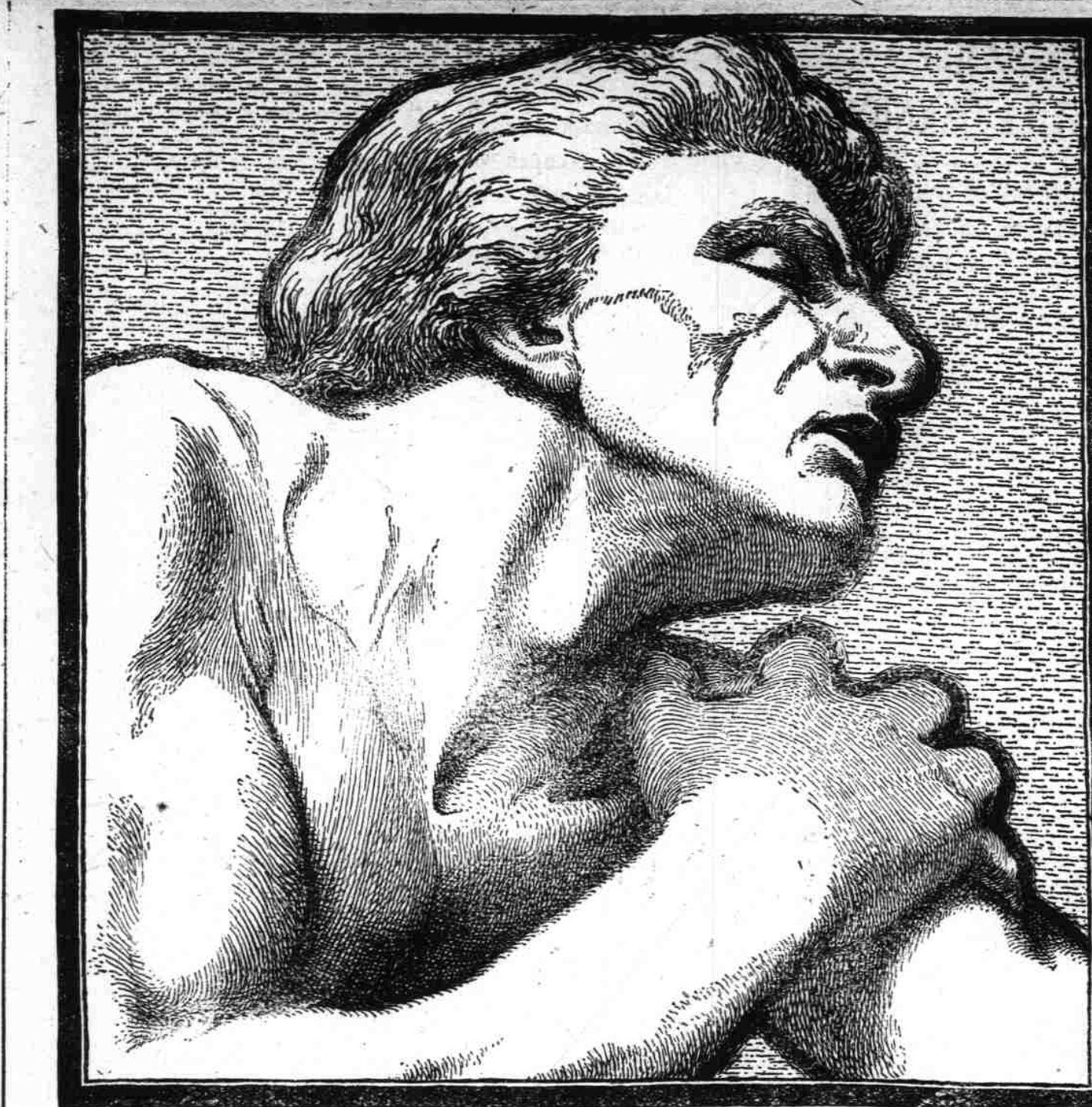
Mr. Sulzer concluded with the statement that Secretary Gage had made the purchase of the custom house in Delaware Bay, and was the mere agent of the Standard Oil trust.

Mr. Sibley, Democrat, Pennsylvania, said that while he had supported Mr. Gage, he had not supported the House and the second place on the Democratic national ticket, he could not agree with him in his attack upon the Secretary.

The House then adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

The Smallpox Situation. Eight Cases in the City of Greensboro—Many in the County—Ten Cases Developed in Rockingham.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., January 15.—Mayor Taylor, of Greensboro, N. C., to-night made the following statement in regard to the smallpox situation there:



Suffering with Rheumatism Exhausts Nerve and Strength PAIN'S Celery Compound CURES

H. R. Perry, Sr., Free Stone, Cal., writes: "I have been troubled with rheumatism for over twenty years and had tried the most skillful physicians in our State without any relief when I began taking Paine's Celery Compound. Before I had used half a bottle, I was relieved. It cured my rheumatism permanently, and I believe it will cure any case of rheumatism."

MOVEMENT OF BRITISH FORCES.

Buller's Troops Cross the Tugela River and Surprise the Boers.

LONDON, January 18, 4.30 A. M.—General Buller's complete surprise of the Boers on Potgieter's drift hills tends greatly to restore confidence in his tactics. It is shown his forces are concentrated. In Cape Colony Methuen has made a demonstration in force, shelling the Boer works. Gatca is skirmishing around Molteno. French is shelling the Boers at Benschberg. Colonel Plumer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland, with less than 5,000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way; the siege is being pressed with determination and the Boers are deserting. Plumer, on January 17, was 100 miles north of Mafeking.

The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's farm, dated 17th, 9.30 P. M.: "The Boers crossed westward on January 10th. Lord Dundonald, by a dashing movement, occupied the hills above Potgieter's drift, fifteen miles west of Colesberg, taking the Boers completely by surprise.

A Fight on the Tugela. A Pietermaritzburg dispatch to the Mail late Wednesday evening, the 17th, says: "Arrived from Estcourt report that there was a fight on the Tugela to-day. General Littleton, after crossing the drift, seized ridges a mile beyond and effectively shelled the Boers. Warren also lodged two miles beyond the Tugela toward Spreon Kop.

Boers Repulsed by French. LONDON, January 17.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, January 16th, evening: "On the 15th the Boers made a determined attack upon French's advanced post held by the New Zealand Mounted Rifles and a detachment of the First Yorkshires. The Boers were repulsed, having twenty killed. They wounded estimated at not less than fifty. Their attack was preceded by a long range fire from one gun. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

As Artillery Duel. RENNESBURG, CAPE COLONY, Tuesday, January 16.—The Boers opening an artillery duel this morning, using a captured British 15-pounder, which the British gunners ultimately silenced. The British kept up a search light fire all day long on the Boer kopjes, and also dragged up another gun to the summit of Coles kop.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. CURRENT COMMENT.

Salisbury Index: Lexington is to have another immense cotton mill soon. The mill will be capitalized at \$150,000 or \$200,000 and will be one of the largest in that section.

Our contemporaries at London explained in the beginning that General White's first duty would be to stop the incursions of the Boers into British territory. It seems the whole war has now reached a stopping point with the enemy resting on British grounds.

Jagsby (after the show)—"The antics of the comedian were certainly laughable. Mrs. Jagsby—"Yes; and suppose you went out between the acts to smile, didn't you?"

A Misapprehension—"Was that your dog that was howling all night?" "I guess it was." "Why in thunder don't you feed him?" "Heavens, man, it's indigestion that makes him howl!"

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Dr. J. C. Catarrh's Care is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, Jan. 11. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 50 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 49¢ cents per gallon for country casks.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, \$1.05. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

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RECEIPTS. April 7.86, May 7.38, June 7.38. 7.40, August 7.38, September 6.89, October 6.75, November 6.71, December 6.70.

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