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Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The case of Gen. G. W. C. Lee, to recover the Arlington estate will begin at Alexandria on the 21st instant.

Schurz has replied to Sheridan concerning the latter's charges against the Indian Bureau. The Secretary says if General Sheridan could be induced to make a personal inspection of the business methods as present in force in the Interior Department, he would not only find those methods infinitely superior to those which prevailed in the Indian service when it was under military management, but probably also equal, if not superior, to those in force in the business branches of the military service now.

The annual report of A. B. Spofford, Librarian of Congress, was submitted to the Senate to-day. It shows that the additions to the law department number 3,881 volumes, and to the miscellaneous library, 17,656 volumes, besides 11,689 pamphlets, and 2,344 maps and charts. The aggregate contents of the library is 352,855 volumes of books, besides about 120,000 pamphlets.

Secretary Sherman was before the House Appropriation Committee this morning, urging an appropriation of \$50,000 to be made for the purpose of defraying the expenses of transporting silver bullion from the Pacific Coast to New York for the balance of the fiscal year. He also asked an annual appropriation of \$150,000 to be made for this purpose.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The discussion of the sugar question was continued today before the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Hitch, of New York, importer of sugar from Brazil and the Philippine Islands, opposed the proposition to establish the one rate of duty upon sugar up to sixteen cents, Dutch standard; arguing that it would have the effect of wholly destroying the trade on low grades of sugars by refining these sugars. A pure article could be produced equal to No. 1 Dutch standard which could be sold cheaper than refined sugars of any foreign planters in the world.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The House Committee on Labor to-day adopted a resolution authorizing Representative Willis, of Kentucky, to report to-morrow the bill heretofore agreed upon by the Committee, providing that not more than fifteen Chinese shall be admitted to this country on any one vessel, and that the number of Chinese specially assigned the earliest possible day for their consideration. The Committee changed the bill so as to provide that the date for it to go into effect shall be the first of next July.

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Gov. Robinson's message says the State finances are in a more improved condition than for many years. The reforms in canals and State Prison affairs are the most complete ever witnessed, but the prisons are greatly overcrowded, and the enlargement of the Clinton Prison to double its present capacity is recommended. The number of insane persons is increased by business losses and disappointments almost beyond the power of the State to provide for. The Governor calls attention to the charges made against the management of the county poorhouses and jails. He recommends the conversion of the State Insane Asylum, which he regards as a failure, into an asylum for the insane inmates of the county poorhouses. He urges the discontinuance of appropriations for the new capitol, unless limited to small amounts, until the purposes of the expenditure be understood, and less costly plans adopted if possible. He recommends the discontinuance of the normal schools, which fail to accomplish the object of their establishment. He calls attention to the danger of permitting Federal interference at elections to pass unrebuked, and calls for a prompt and fearless protest from the Legislature.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—The Russian steamship Africa sailed this morning. A meeting of journalists to take action upon the death of Morton McMichael held this morning, was attended by the representatives of nearly all the papers in the city. Biographic remarks were made by A. K. McClure, Dr. Moorwiltz, J. A. Forney and others.

Foreign.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The twelve vacant seats in the Chamber of Deputies caused by the death of members are to be filled on the second of February. There will be unusual interest in the result of the elections for the reason that M. De Fourton and M. De Cassagnac are to stand for re-election.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The statement in the liquidation petition of the Cornish bank, that the liabilities are £38,000 pounds, which is much less than was supposed, has tended to allay the uneasiness felt in Cornwall regarding the prospects of creditors. The drain upon other banks has considerably decreased.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—A statement was published to-day in a paper called 'La France Nouvelle,' that a well known Senator of the Left had been expelled from a club in the Foubourg, St. Germain, for cheating at cards, and was copied into English and American papers. The Court, Senator and Editor of 'Republique Francaise,' believed that paragraph referred to him and sued the Editor of 'La France Nouvelle,' and the case was tried yesterday in the Correctional Court. Gambetta conducted the case for the Court, being his first appearance at the bar since 1870. He made a brilliant speech and the court inflicted a fine of \$400 upon the Editor of 'La France Nouvelle' with damages in the sum of \$2,000.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Paris to the Times says that Miss Young has been quitted the District of Alsace, in Alsace, to avoid conscription here, and sentenced by default each to pay a fine of 13,000 marks or to two hundred days imprisonment, and to seizure of the property to the amount of the fine.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 9.—The following bulletin was issued to-day: 'Lord Beaconsfield is much better this morning. The attack of gout, which kept him confined to his room is passing away. His Lordship had a very good night.'

TOLEDO, Jan. 9.—The Grand Western Trotting Association was formed here to-day. The Association of Cincinnati, Columbus, Louisville, Jackson, Cincinnati, and Toledo were represented. S. S. Vaughan, of Jackson, was elected President; Walter Morrison, Secretary. The meetings for the forthcoming season here were arranged as follows: Jackson, Jan. 10 to 13; Cincinnati, Jan. 17 to 20; Toledo, Jan. 24 to 27; Cincinnati, July 1 to 4; Louisville, 8 to 11; Columbus, 15 to 18. Purse to be offered is: Free for all, \$1,000 for pacing; and for 2:21, 2:24, 2:25, 2:27, 2:45 and 3m. time, \$800 each. A general detail of work for the season was laid out, and a memorial composed to present to the National Convention next May.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—Both Houses of the Indiana Legislature convened to-day.

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