PRICE FIVE CENTS

DEMOCRATS WHO WILL VOTE FOR IT

Currency Bill Favored by 8 At 12:40 the Senate went into executive session and at 1:21 p. m. adjourned. From New York.

TWO FROM PENN'S STATE

ONE EACH FROM MARYLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS.

PRESSURE FOR TIME TO SPEAK CONTINUES

There Has Been Very Little Cross Firing Thus Far and no Exciting or Dramatic Incidents. Sultzer's Vigorous Protest Against Haste.

Washington, Dec. 13 .- The currency debate in the House lasted from 11 o'clock this morning until 10:30 tonight with a recess of three hours for dinner. The pressure for time to speak continues as most of the members desire to make contributions to the literature of the occasion. Much of it, however, seems to be for home consumption. There has been very little cross firing thus far and no exciting or dramatic incidents. So far as known 12 the mails. A mass of telephone equip-Democrats, 8 from New York, 2 from Pennsylvania and one each from Maryland and Massachusetts will vote for the bill. The speakers before the recess today were Messrs, Fowler, of New Jersey; Lacy, of Iowa; Cushman, of Washington; Hamilton, of Michigan, and Burton, of Ohio, Republicans for the bill, and Messrs. Brundridge, of Arkansas; Wheeler, of Kentucky; Benton, of Missouri; Fox, of Mississippi; Pierce, of Tennessee; Sulzer, of New York; Cowherd, of Missouri; Otey, of Virginia; Gaines, of Texas, Democrats, and Mr. Bell, of Colorado, Populist, against it.

a holiday recess from December 20th to Wednesday, January 3rd. Mr. Bell, (Colo.), was the first speak-er on the Currency bill. He devoted much time to an argument against its

banking features. Mr. Lacy, (Iowa), in supporting the bill said he was astounded to hear the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. DeArmond), declare that the Republican tri- in January. umph of '96 was wen by the purchase

Does the gentleman contend that McKinley could have won without the recalcitrant gold Democrats?" asked

Mr. Berry, (Ky). We won perhaps with the aid of those whom the gentleman denominates recalcitrant Democrats," replied Mr. Lacy. "But they were not bought or scared. No more honorable body of men ever stood up to be counted than the gold Democrats of 1896."

the Democrats and Populist parties in powers of national banks.

Mr. Fox, (Miss.), argued that the emactment of the pending bill would increase the value of all obligations puband private. Mr. Pierce, (Tenn.), said that although an advocate of free silver at 16 to 1 he could not see that free coinage of silver was involved in the provisions of the pending measure. It simply proposed to continue the existing conditions. In the course of his remarks he denominated Grover Cleveland the arch enemy of silver and of the Democratic party. "He perverted the principles of his party," said Mr. "and prostituted men high in its councils with promises of pelf and

The Democrats greeted this utterance

with applause. Mr. Sulzer, (N. Y.), in opposing the bill protested vigorously against the haste with which it was being considered. He said he favored sound money. hard money, gold and silver, and declared that it was dishonest to change the contracts made by the Government with the bondholders by substituting "gold" for "coin." He announced himself unequivocally for the Chicago platform, which, he said, was the best platform ever adopted by the Demoeratic party. (Democratic applause). The bill, Mr. Sulzer said, would create

a national bank trust. Mr. Cowherd, (Mo.), argued that the bill would inevitably result in the sale of millions of bonds to secure gold.

After some further remarks against the bill by Mr. Otey, (Va.), and Mr. Gaines, (Tenn.), Mr. Hill, (Conn.), concluded the day's debate with an elabo rate argument in favor of the gold

At 5 o'clock the House recessed until 8 o'clock.

LINNEY'S CHANGE OF BASE. At the night session the feature was a characteristic speech by Mr. Linney, (Rep., N. C.), the only Republican who voted for the Teller Resolution in the Fifty-fourth Congress, in explanation of his change of position in favor of the gold standard. The gold standard had stood the test of experience, he claimed, and had proved itself the ideal standard. The other speakers were Messrs. Robinson (Dem., Ind.), Kleberg (Dem., Texas), Rixey (Dem., Va.), Coonie (Dem., Mo.), Zenor (Dem., Ind.), Kitchin (Dem., N. C.), and Henry (Dem., Texas), all against the bill.

At 10:30 p. m. the House adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorroy. IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 13.-Today's session of the Senate consumed only a few ed last night.

transacted, but be ond the introduction of bills, nothing of importance was ac-

complished.
Mr. Gallinger, (N. H.) presented a bill for the codification of the pension laws. It is proposed that the commission shall consist of jurists and members of the

OUT-MILLERED MILLER.

A Georgia Syndicate of Frauds in the Toils.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 13.-Before the grand jury of the Federal District court was discharged last night it returned in-dietments against D. A. Tyson, J. T. Hammond, W. E. Hutchinson, W. L. Jones and C. B. Reeves and several others whose names are known, proba-bly six or eight, for conspiracy to defraud through the use of the mails,

The alleged scheme is one which out-Millers the Miller Franklin Syndicate of Brooklyn in that the creditors have received no returns whatever. The alleged conspirators used finely engraved and printed letter heads, ordered goods from firms all over the country, transferred the goods received from one party to another and never paid for them. It appears from the evidence that the operations of the combine were quite extensive, the goods ordered and received embracing everything from nails to

telephone supplies and grand pianos. Tyson, it is alleged, was the brains and chief executive of the affair. Some time ago he built a long distance telephone line from this city to Swainsboro, connecting the intervening towns, and the allegation is that he secured all of the material and instruments for the line by this system of fraud in ordering through ment material is said to be now in the depots of the line of railroads along which the parties to the alleged con-The stationery and style of correspondence of the combination carried with them an air of eminent solidity and respectability. The indictments were found on the complaint of Steiner, Lobman and Frank, of Montgomery, Ala.

DOES NOT FEAR THE OUTCOME.

The House adopted a resolution for J. Skelton Williams Talks of Consoidation and Mr. Ryans' Opposition.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 13 .- Mr. John Skelton Williams said today that work upon the various extensions of the S. A. L., now building, was being pushed with all possible speed, and the new system would begin running through trains between New York and Florida

The extension between Petersbrg, Va., nas been-nnisned and the engineers of the company are inspecting it, preliminary to accepting

Referring to Mr. Thomas F. Ryan's threat to prevent the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line properties, Mr. Williams said:

"Mr. Ryan's attempt to prevent the consolidation will not delay our plans which are rapidly nearing consummation. His holdings of Raleigh and Gas-Mr. Benton, (Mo.), said he stood with ton which will be the parent company of the new company, amount to only never ending opposition to extending the 21 shares. Our counsel has advised us that Mr. Ryan has absolutely no ground to contest our position, and we do not fear the outcome of any litigation he may see fit to bring."

TWO HANGED FOR MURDER.

Went to Hell With a Lie on Their Lips."

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 13.-Jim Godding and Wash Powell were hanged here today for the murder of a country store keeper named Vickers, about two months ago. Godding's neck was broken, but Powell was slowly choked to death. Several negro preachers were with the men all the morning and efforts were made to get them to confess, but they pro tested their innocence to the last. negro minister who was with them much of the time says he believes "they went to hell with a lie on their tips."

The hanging was strictly private, Mr. Vickers was a well known man in his community here. When the negroes kill ed him they threw the body in a well and it was some days before it was dis

Tobacco Growers Organizing.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 13.-The Tobac o Growers of this State have begun a movement to raise the price of the product throughout the Southern States which planters say has becreased in ten years from 35c cents per pound to 12½ cents. District conventions are to be held in the tobacco growing States in January for the purpose of appointing delegates to a convention to be held in Raleigh on January 17th.

The purpose of the convention will be to organize a company to buy the entire crop of bright tobacco grown in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and the farmers are to enter into an agreement refusing to allow the trust, which, the growers claim, is reducing the price to purchase any of the product for five years.

Lost \$17,600.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 13.—Mr. S. W. Gardner ,a visitor in the city from Orlando, Fla., has lost \$17,600 and has thus far found no trace of the money. The money was lost this morning somewhere between Macon and Summerfield while the bearer was driving along in a surry

Lieut. Brumby was but little improv-

THE WITNESSES

Swift and Fierce.

HE ENTERS A DEMURRER WHICH IS OVERRULED.

TWO MINISTERS ON THE WITNESS STAND THE BATTLE BEGAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

lations of Roberts in Utah Are a Matter of Common Repute and Are Not Denied.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The Committee of the House of Representatives, which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, opened its doors at 10:30 today to begin the examination of witnesses. A large number of spectators were on hand, including several ladies. Mr. Roberts occupied a seat at the foot of the committee table, while flanking him was the delegation of Gentiles-Rev. Dr. Iliff, Mr. Schroeder and others-here to direct the case against the Utah member elect.

When Chairman Tayler, (Ohio), called the committee to order and asked what spiracy live. The scheme is said to witnesses would be heard, Mr. Roberts have been in operation for several years.

"I respectfully ask to be informed as to my status before this committee. Am I regarded as a member of the House

of Representatives? "If you answer this question in the affirmative, then I ask that the committee confine itself to the consideration of my election, the returns of my election, and the qualifications of a member of Congress as defined in the Constitution of the United States. If this committee shall find that my election is beyond question, then I ask that I be permitted to take the oath of office; as this is the only constitutional power which the House or this committee can exercise over me, until I am sworn in.

"If the committee shall answer 'no' to whatever over me, as the Constitution and artillery. gives to the House power over its memtinued."

Mr. Tayler (Ohio) responded that all of Mr. Roberts' rights had been fully looked after and protected, and at the very threshold of the inquiry there was no proper question which had not been

Charles Austin Owen, of Salt Lake City, was then called. The witness said that the general reputation of the status of Roberts and Dr. Maggie C. Shipp-Roberts was that they maintained the relation of husband and wife.

Mr. Roberts then cross-examined the witness. The questions were asked rapidly, sometimes savagely. Mr. Roberts' questions brought out that the had no personal knowledge as to Mrs. Maggie Roberts or Mr. Roberts, based on talks with them, but was general information and common reports. Mr. McEwen, of the Philadelphia North American was examined as to a recent interview with Roberts, signed by him (McEwen). In this Roberts

spoke of his "wives" referring to them as "good and true women" toward whom obligations had been incurred prior to the enactment of the polygamy law. Captain Elias H. Parsons, of the

Quartermaster's Department, U. S. V., testified to an incident occurring in 1896, while he was in Salt Lake City. About 8 a. m., some one asked him to call upon his telephone Dr. Maggie Shipp-Roberts. On going to the tele phone and calling up the house, a man's voice answered.

"Who is this?" Captain Parsons asked over the telephone. "B. H. Roberts" was the reply, Cap-

tain Parsons testified.

On cross examination Roberts asked: "Do you know B. H. Roberts' voice?

"I do not." Rev. Dr. Iliff, a Methodist missionary of Utah, testified that the general reputation as to the status of Celia Dibble Roberts was that she was the plural wife of Brigham H. Roberts. On cross examination Mr. Roberts sought to show that Dr. Iliff was hostile to the Mormons, the witness stating that his hostility was to the polygamous feature of

Rev. G. W. Martin, a Presbyterian Minister of Manti, Utah, testified as to the reputation of the polygamous status of Celia Dibble Roberts and Margaret C. Shipp-Roberts toward Brigham H. Roberts. He saw statements to this effect in the Salt Lake City newspapers and heard of no denials. The polygamous status of Mr. Roberts was a matter of common repute. It was also reputed that twins had been born to Celia Dibble Roberts.

In the course of the hearing Mr. Tayor stated to Roberts that the latter's demurrer had been overruled, all questions being taken into consideration for determination later.

At Dalton, Ga., a young white boy nemed Moreys was shot and killed last night by Lee Seay, a negro. The marderer was lodged in jail with difficulty and there was much excitement among the people on the streets.

Cross Examination by Roberts Fighting Two Days Methuen is Forced to Retire.

MANY AT THE HEARING A FURIOUS CANNONADE

FRUITLESS EFFORTS TO TAKE THE BOERS' POSITION.

They Both Testify That the Polygamous Re- Renewed Monday Morning it Raged Until Dusk Finding it Impossible to Take the Boer's Position Methuen on Tuesday

Morning Fell Back. North of Modder River, Monday, December 11.-Early yesterday evening the guards of the Highland brigade moved from the Modder River Camp, marching in the night, in a northeasterly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire light infantry moved along the river side. Just before daybreak the Highyards of the Boer entrenchments, at the

foot of a hill. Unsuspecting tha the Boers were in about 200 were mown down. The Black the vicinity, the British were still marching quarter column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flanks and were forced to retire with heavy

The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later, the Gor-dons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way until hundred yards of the Boer position, dis-playing the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile, a naval gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the horse artillery opened a terrific fire, en-filading the trenches and searching every portion of the Beer position. Boer guns were entirely silent. In the

The Boers re-commenced shelling in bers only, and I ask that the proceedings before the committee be disconis expected that there will be a re-damage inflicted by the British artil-newal of the fighting tomorrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

BRITISH NEAR COLENSO. London, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch from Frere Camp, dated Tuesday, December

12th, morning, says: "This morning a union brigade consisting of English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Fusiliers, under General Barton, with several naval guns, advanced and took up a strong position three miles from Colense, meeting with no oppost-

BRITISH GENERAL KILLED.

General Wauchope, of Black Watch, Falls in Action.

London, Dec. 13.-The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker: "Cape Town, December 12 .- (Tues

day.)—Methuen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yester-

General Wauchope, of the Black Watch, commanded the Highland brigade with General Methuen's column. He served in Ashanti, Egypt, and the Soudan. He was frequently mentioned in dispatches and twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone. He was a great favorite in the army.

METHUEN FALLS BACK. London, Dec. 13.—General Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3:30 p. m. today, sends the following dispatch from Lord Methuen, dated Modder River, Tuesday, December 12th,

7:30 p. m.: "As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning, I retired in per fect order here, where I am in security "I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible some corps being completely wiped out. "The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

BRITISH LOSS GREAT. London, Dec. 13.-The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Methuen dated Tuesday, De-

cember 12th: "Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy on a long, high kopje from four until dusk Sunday. rained hard last night. The highland brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kopje. was properly timed, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer ar-tillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopie, for a distance of six miles toward the Modder River. Today I am holding Wm. J. Watson, Marianna.

my position and entrenching myself. had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

FIGHTING STILL ON. Pretoria, Dec. 11.-Monday.-An offi-

cial report says:
"A battle at Modder River began yes terday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3:30 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 o'clock, was cannon, Maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just arisen above the British positions where, it re

mained ten minutes and descended. There were heavy rains during the night." At 9 o'clock this morning a further re port was received from Modder River A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained and that 41 British prisoners had beeen 'At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had some what abated.

The British are constantly using their balloon The fighting was still going on at noon

320 WOUNDED, ARRIVE. London, Dec. 13.-The War Office today received the following message from General Forestier-Walker:

"Cape Town, Dec. 12.-(Tuesday)-No further details from Methuen. "From Orange River it is reported that 320 wounded, including 27 officers, have arrived there from the Modder River.

KIMBERLEY TRANQUIL. Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 11.—Kimberley is still quiet.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE. 12th.—The British casualties include rapid advance of the American troops the Marquis of Winchester, Major of

Second battalien Cold Stream Guards, who was killed and Colonel follows: Downham of the First battalion Gordon landers arrived within two hundred Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. When the Highlanders met the nurderous point-blank fire of the Boers, about 200 were mown down. The Black to muster only 160 men. The Boers lost heavily in the trenches and also in the wire entanglements when they came into

attack on the British. The terrific British artillery fire proformed to renew the attack on the endead and wounded comrades of the Highland brigade.

The enemy opened with a heavy shraphnel fire as the British advanced, and it was found physically impossible leased 575 Spanish prisoners, including meanwhile, the Boers, on the open and it was found physically impossible leased 575 Spanish prisoners, including ground directly in front, moved with to take the Boer trenches. The British 150 friars, and captured considerable to take the Boer trenches. "If the committee shall answer 'no' to the object of making a flank attack. got within 200 yards, but could not get property. His loss was two killed and this inquiry, then it has no jurisdiction But this was frustrated by the guards nearer. It was here that Colonel Down-nine wounded. My information is that ham fell.

AN EIGHTH DEVISION

London, Dec. 14.-(Thursday.)-The Associated Press understands that the War Office has decided in consequence Lord Methuen's losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve and to send the Seventh division to the Cape.

STILL SHELLING LADYSMITH. Frere Camp, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrific.

War on the K. of L.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13.-The United Mine Workers of Alabama have declared an open war on the Knights of Labor, and a resolution recommending that the district organization do all in its power to overthrow and eradicate Knights of Labor in Alabama will be adopted at tomorrow's session of the river. All arms and ammunition surannual convention of mine workers now in session here.

The election of State officers of the United Mine Workers was completed this evening and resulted as follows: President-George Young, of Block-

Secretary-Treasurer-J. L. Clemens,

Executive Board-William Kirkpatrick, of Pratt City; P. B. Murray (col.), of Biddle, Sumter county; George Smitherman (col.), of Pratt City; J. R. Kenna more, of Aldridge; Alex, Brewis, of Cardiff, and George Barber, of Prate

The final session of the convention will be held tomorrow.

Control of the Cheap Cigar Output.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 13.-The Cuban American Manufacturing Company of this city, through its President, Hon. Herman Myers, has purchased the Keys-Baker Cigar Rolling Machine at Binghampton, N. Y., together with all the rights to the machine and also a large cheroot manufacturing company which high. He is pursuing Aguinaldo, whose owned a portion of the rights.

This practically gives the company control of the cheap cigar output of the country, as without the Keys-Baker machine other concerns will be unable to

compete with it.

The Cuban-American Company will

Named by the President.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The President today sent these nominations to the Senate: Treasury-Wm. D. Bynum, of In-

diana, to be General Appraiser of merchandise. Postmasters-Georgia: Lizzie Hamilton, Buford; George L. Walker, Ta-coma, Florida; R. S. Hanna, St. coma, Florida: R. S. Hanna, St. Petersburg: G. Glass, High Springs:

Aguinaldo Abandons His Troops and Flies.

HE IS NOW IN DISGUISE

AND IN HIDING IN THE PROV-INCE OF BANGUET.

SO OTIS IS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND

Surrender of the Province of Cagayan to Captain McCalla, General Tiro a Surrendered to Prevent Further Bloodshed. Mabini

a Prisoner in ManArthur's Hands. Washington, Dec. 13.-General Otis had some stirring news to report from Manila today, his advices going to show that the insurgents are, as he had predicted a few days ago, at the end of their resources from a military point of Modder River, Tuesday, December view and are melting away before the at all points. His cablegram was as

"Manila, Dec. 13.-March's battalion of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan, Province of Leganto on seventh instant. The Third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy. Young states his extreme northern force passed over mountains, driving the insurgents under General Tino, who was badly wounded, killing 50 and wounding the open in an attempt to make a flank many. He made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation and released all the Spanish voked no response except from the Boer prisoners in that section to the number rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the after- of about two thousand. Our casualties noon when the Gordon Highlanders were two wounded. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tino's command trenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highal Gregorio Del Pilar; received the sur render of General Concepcion and staff; killed and wounded 52 insurgents; re Aguinaldo has disguised his individual-The Boers had had free recourse to ity, abandoned his troops and is hiding barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the at Bayambang reports that he holds as prisoner of war Mabini, the ablest of insurgents, and founder of the late Gov-

THE NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The naval account of the operations of the ships in Luzon is contained in two cablegrams from Admiral Watson at Cavite. The first reads as follows:

"Cavite, Dec. 13.—Burwell reports that the Wheeling landed a naval force and a detachment of troops, Kaiser commanding, sixteen miles north of Lalong, northwest of Luzon and attakeed the city yesterday, releasing 1,500 Spaniards. Am holding at the request of General Young. No casualties.

"WATSON." (Signed.)

The second cablegram read: "Cavite, Dec. 13.-General Tirona, ommanding Filipinos, unconditionally urrendered Aparri and Cagayan surrendered Aparri Province to Captain McCalla, of the Newark on the 11th of December. Princeton and Helena at present in the rendered. Tirona surrendered from patriotic motives to prevent further bloodshed. He was appointed civil governor by McCalla subject to the approval of Otis. The Helena was dispatched up the river with stores for Bachelder's groops, 90 miles south Aparri. Aparri and Engandini lighthouses relighted.
(Signed.) "WATSON."

HOT ON AGUINALDO'S TRAIL.

Major March's Battle With Del Pilar in the Clouds.

Manila, Dec. 13 .- (10:50 P. M.)-The following dispatch dated Cervantes, Demeber 5th, has been received from a correspondent of the Associated Press

with Major March's battalion: "Major March, with Cptains Jenkinson and Cunningham, Lieutenants Tompkins, Rucker, McClelland and Power and 125 men, is about starting for Bontoc, the principal town in the province of that name, to the northeast, through an absolutely desolate country and over a mountain 10,000 feet escort, now reduced to 50 men, is

known to be there. "According to the natives, Aguinaldo intends to disguise himself and to take

a circuitous trail toward Bayombong, province of Nueva Vizcaya. "Major March, with 300 men, arrived probably locate its factory for the cheap at Cervantes, in the heart of the Tilad cigar business in New York. mountains, on the evening of December 3rd, about 20 hours behind Aguinaldo, who believed he had found an inaccessible refuge. On December 2nd the American commander had a wounded fight in a cloud-enveloped mountain pass, 3,000 feet above the sea, completely routing General Gregorio Del Pilar's force of 200 picked men in a position almost strong enough to rivar

Thermopylae. "General Pilar died at the front of his men, urging them to mke a stand until the ball of a sharpshooter pierced

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