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MEMORIAL FROM 2000 FILIPINOS

Presented to the Senate by Mr. Teller.

FIGHT UNTIL DEATH

Is the Determination of the Insurgents.

THEY BEG THE GOVERNMENT TO CEASE ITS PERSECUTION OF MEN WHO STRUGGLE TO BE FREE.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The desk of Representative Clarke of New Hampshire, who died last night at his home, was shrouded in black and covered with flowers when the house met today.

By unanimous consent the bill to revise and codify the postal laws was made the special order after the disposal of the river and harbor bill.

The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the river and harbor bill.

Mr. Shackelford of Missouri, protested against the action of the committee in abolishing the Missouri river commission.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio appreciated the great glamour of the prospect of watering the arid regions of the country, but he denied the power of congress to enter on a vast scheme of irrigation and he questioned its propriety.

On the desk of Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire at the opening of today's session of the senate lay a bunch of beautiful roses sent by friends as a testimonial for his efforts to secure the abolition of the canteen in the army.

Mr. Vest and Mr. Rawlins announced that they had been detained unavoidably from the senate yesterday. They would have voted to sustain the action of the senate committee, that is against the abolition of the army canteen.

Mr. Teller presented a memorial from 2000 Filipinos and peaceful inhabitants of Manila. The memorial was in the form of an appeal to congress and as Mr. Teller stated was "signed personally by the leading people of Manila, lawyers, bankers and professional men, representing the best elements of that community."

It paid a high tribute to the work of Aguinaldo and his coadjutors in their endeavor to obtain independence for the people of the Philippines. Reference was made to some of the principal events of the present revolution against American authority, the petition urging that American troops had failed to make a serious impression upon the revolutionary party.

It pointed out that Aguinaldo declared he might lose hope of victory, but he would not lose hope of dying for the liberty and independence of his people. It points out that the revolutionists support practically all the people of the Philippines, and declares that though 100 revolutionists be destroyed, 1000 will rise up to support the fight for independence.

All the islands of the archipelago, says the memorial, are supporting the revolution, and they will not yield until the last drop of Filipino blood is shed. The Filipino nation, the memorial continues, bearing in mind the history of America and its humanitarian doctrines, asks the government of the United States to cease its persecution of men struggling to be free—"struggling against greater odds and greater wrongs than those which inspired the fathers of the republic." This they ask in the name of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, in the name of justice and in the name of God eternal.

S., F. & W. OFFICERS.

R. G. ERWIN PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEM.

Savannah, Jan. 10.—At the annual meeting of the Savannah, Florida & Western the following officers were elected:

President, R. G. Erwin; vice-president, M. F. Plant; secretary, R. B. ...; treasurer, J. Moultrie Lee; directors: Plant, Erwin, Lynde Harrison, M. K. Jessup, Flagler, B. F. Newcomb, J. H. Estill.

The gross earnings for the year were \$4,449,759. A dividend of 4% per cent was declared.

BANK RECEIVER.

IT IS SAID DEPOSITORS WILL GET THEIR MONEY.

Knoxville, Jan. 10.—A special from Loudon, Tenn., says A. S. Henderson has been appointed receiver of the Citizens' bank which closed Saturday.

The cashier says all depositors will receive the full amounts due them and the stockholders will get something. The assets are \$29,000 and the liabilities \$14,000.

ANDREE WROTE IN SHADOW OF DEATH

Presentiment On Eve of His Terrible Journey.

DOCUMENTS FOUND WHEN THE DARING EXPLORER'S WILL WAS OPENED.

New York, Jan. 10.—A World dispatch from Vienna says:

"Prof. Andree's will, which he gave instruction should be opened at the end of 1900 in case he had not returned from his balloon expedition to the North Pole, has been read. It was accompanied by a series of letters from prominent scientists encouraging him in his dangerous enterprise and one from M. DeFouville warning him against it. On this letter Andree had written in pencil:

"It is possible he may be right, but now it is too late. I have made all preparations and cannot draw back."

The will itself is very short, and the introduction seems to show that Andree divined the fate that awaited him. The text begins:

"I write today probably my last testament and therefore it is legally valid. I write on the eve of a journey full of dangers, such as history has yet never been able to show. My presentiment tells me this terrible journey will signify my death."

The remainder of the will divides Andree's property between his brother and sister.

CALL FOR IMPORTANT MEETING ON FRIDAY

QUESTIONS OF GREAT MOMENT TO BE CONSIDERED.

J. A. Nichols, president of the Board of Trade, and George S. Powell, president of the Appalachian Park association, issued the following call this afternoon:

"There will be a meeting of great importance to the people of Asheville and western North Carolina held in the court house Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It will be a combined meeting of the members of the Asheville Board of Trade, the Appalachian National Park association, and citizens generally who are interested in this section.

"Among the matters to be considered are Mr. Pack's offer of a site for a new court house, and the Appalachian national park situation, which is nearing a point calculated to make the people of western North Carolina amazed at the magnitude to which it has grown, and the widespread interest seen to be shown in this section. "Come out and hear something interesting."

TEDDY ON PUGILISM.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN NEW YORK STATE.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Vice President-elect Roosevelt, in an interview on prizefighting, said:

"Boxing might have been going on in New York right now if the men who had charge of the clubs had handled it with care. They made a mistake by not stopping the contests when they became brutal, or when it was manifest to all that one of the contestants had no possible chance of winning."

He cited the Jeffries-Sharkey bout, which he said, "should have been stopped at the end of the 23d round, as it became brutal after that and Sharkey had no chance."

Roosevelt characterized the McCoy fight as a "sell out," and added "there are only a few honest fighters."

KEEPS UP HER RECORD

KENTUCKY FIGHT, ONE DEAD AND TWO WOUNDED.

Hazard, Ky., Jan. 10.—Reports have reached here of a tragedy which occurred at Leatherwood Creek, 20 miles from town.

Reuben Cornell, Jack Cornell, Jim Singleton and Hiram Holbrook met Melvern Hart. Soon after the meeting they got to quarrelling. Reuben Cornell took refuge in Hart's house.

Singleton and Holbrook attempted to go in, whereupon Hart killed Jack Cornell with an axe and Hart's son shot both Holbrook and Singleton, wounding them badly.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS OFFICERS.

Savannah, Jan. 10.—The Southern Express company at its annual meeting here elected the following officers:

President, M. J. O'Brien; vice-president, M. F. Plant; secretary and treasurer, George H. Tilley; general manager, T. W. Leary.

BLACKBURN DENIES.

Louisville, Jan. 10.—Concerning the widely circulated and printed report of his engagement to a New York lady, Senator-elect Blackburn telegraphs the Louisville Times an emphatic denial saying the "report is absolutely false."

A GOOD REASON.

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THE GOVERNOR TO LEGISLATORS

Russell's Message Sent to the Lawmakers at Noon.

A SHORT DOCUMENT

Deals Largely With the State's Litigation.

SIMMONS UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED FOR UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP BY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 10.—[Special.]—The governor's message was sent in at noon. It is not a long document, and deals largely with railway and other litigation in which the state has engaged.

Many bills were introduced in the legislature today. One in the house by Mr. Rountree is to create a code commission of three members at a salary of \$3000 and a clerk at \$1000.

One by Mr. Craig increasing the Superior court districts to 16, the governor to appoint four new judges and solicitors.

Another bill by Nichols of Pitt was to amend the constitution so negro taxes shall go to negro schools and white taxes to white schools.

Mr. Wright introduced a labor bill, prohibiting the employment of children under 11 and making 10 hours a day's labor for persons up to 15 years. It compels children between 11 and 15 to attend school three months annually and fixes the hours of labor for operatives over 15 at 11 hours unless by special contract.

In the senate Mr. Gudger presented a petition in the matter of the Appalachian national park. He will introduce a bill later.

The Greensboro dispensary act was repealed.

A bill was introduced to amend the law against trusts by including lumber companies.

Verly S. Royster has been re-elected grand master of Masons. The grand lodge adjourned at noon. The officers were installed.

F. M. Simmons was unanimously nominated for senator by the Democratic caucus amid cheering.

The news is confirmed that it is the purpose of Republicans in the legislature to vote for Pearson for senator. Populists tried to induce them to vote for Butler, but failed. The Populists had them that if the Republicans voted for Butler the Populists would go in the Republican caucus and vote for their nominees for the legislature.

INSURANCE SWINDLERS.

A QUARTETTE, INCLUDING AN EDITOR, IN TROUBLE.

New York, Jan. 10.—The Evening Journal says warrants have been issued for the arrest of four persons accused of swindling the Colonial Insurance company of Jersey City by securing insurance on the lives of persons about to die and by other methods.

The four for whom the warrants were issued include a newspaper editor, the beneficiary under one policy; a medical examiner, an undertaker and a prize fighter who acted as agent for the company.

Thomas J. Kelly of New York, said to be an agent of the Colonial Insurance company, has been arrested and locked up in the Jersey City jail.

M'MILLAN'S MESSAGE.

TENNESSEE NEVER IN MORE PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

Nashville, Jan. 10.—The biennial message of Governor McMillin shows that the state was never in a more prosperous condition. The governor recommends more stringent regulations for the assessment of personal property and a re-enactment of the cigarette law.

On the question of a state exhibit at the Pan-American and South Carolina expositions the governor makes no recommendation but submits propositions for such action as the legislature may think the interests of the state require.

MAJOR BURBANK DEAD.

New Orleans, Jan. 10.—Major Nat Burbank of the Picayune, widely known as the dramatic critic and author of the humorous column in that paper, died suddenly in a street car today. He came here with the United States army during the civil war and had been associated with the Picayune many years.

A fine lot of Rockers at Mrs. L. A. Johnson's—cheap. Don't you need one?

LIFEBOAT TO THE STEAMER RUSSIE

Some Hope Now for Crew and Passengers.

"HASTEN, OR WE DIE OF HUNGER" SIGNAL THOSE ON BOARD THE VESSEL.

Marseilles, Jan. 10.—A message from Faraman this morning says that in spite of the heavy sea still running, the lifeboat succeeded in reaching the French steamer Russie, from Oran, which stranded Monday on the coast near the village of Faraman during a violent storm, at 8 a. m. and attached a line to her by which food can be furnished to the passengers and crew, who have all been cooped up in the forecastle since Monday evening, when the vessel stranded, and were famishing. There are sanguine hopes that the rescue of the endangered persons is possible, now that communication with the Russie has been established.

Faraman, Jan. 10.—Dawn found the situation of the stranded steamer Russie unchanged. The wind blew with terrific violence all night, but the rain has ceased. On the bridge and forecastle of the steamer some of the crew and passengers can be plainly seen.

The first signal this morning said: "Hasten, or we die of hunger." A few minutes later the following message was signaled: "We are constructing a raft which we will try to launch with sail."

FIVE MILLIONS FOR APPALACHIAN PARK

PRESIDENT TO SEND MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—[Special.]—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has drawn up his statement favoring the Appalachian park and it is with President McKinley, who will write a brief message to congress favoring it.

Senator Fritchard says he shall try to get an appropriation of \$5,000,000.

MOUNT ON LYNCHINGS.

A MORE STRINGENT LAW IS RECOMMENDED.

Indianapolis, Jan. 10.—The general assembly of the state convened today. The feature of the first session was the farewell message of Governor Mount. Concerning the recent lynchings in Indiana, Governor Mount says:

"The people of Indiana feel keenly the sting of reproach and the justice of criticisms heaped upon the state by reason of the brutal lynchings that have dishonored her good name. The mob is an assembly of lawless men acting in defiance of law. Can such men administer justice? The lax enforcement of law brings its forfeiture of contempt for the law.

The remedy must be found through co-operation of all good citizens in demanding a rigid enforcement of law and not through mob violence."

A more stringent law is recommended.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CENTRAL AND BETHEL.

There was a large attendance of members upon the business meeting of Central Epworth league last evening. After the transaction of some minor business the semi-annual election of officers took place. The following were chosen:

President, W. N. Parker; first vice president, Mrs. G. L. Hackney; second vice president, Mrs. J. H. Weaver; third vice president, Miss Bessie Jones; secretary, Miss May Cardiff; treasurer, Miss Bessie Smith.

The Epworth league of Bethel church had its semi-annual election last evening, nearly all the old officers being re-elected. The following were chosen:

President, Walter Steele; first vice president, Miss Edna Williams; second vice president, Miss Daisy Mackey; third vice president, Mrs. C. C. Thompson; secretary, Miss Sallie McDowell; treasurer, Connie Williams.

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The state department has received an important communication from the German government relating to the Chinese question. The nature of the communication has not been disclosed.

CERVERA NEAR DEATH.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—A dispatch from Puerto Real, near Cadiz, where Admiral Cervera is lying ill, says his condition has grown worse and his recovery is almost hopeless.

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BOER STRIKE IN SEVERAL SPOTS

Simultaneous Attacks Made On the British.

LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Boers Beaten Off After Prolonged Fighting.

THE BURGHERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HEAVY FOG AND CREPT CLOSE TO THE BRITISH POSITION.

London, Jan. 10.—General Kitchener sends news of a serious simultaneous attack on the night of January 7 by Republicans on the British position at points 60 miles apart along the lines of the Pretoria and Marquese railway.

Losses on both sides were heavy. According to the reports the Boers were beaten off after prolonged fighting. The following is Kitchener's dispatch:

"Pretoria, Jan. 9.—On the night of January 7 the Boers made simultaneous and determined attacks upon all our posts at Belfast, Wonderfontein, Noodledigdacht and Wildfontein.

"An intense fog prevailed, and taking advantage of the cover it afforded, the Boers were enabled to creep up close to our position. A heavy fire continued until 3:40 a. m., when the Boers were driven off.

"One officer was killed and three wounded, while 20 men were killed and 50 wounded. The losses of the Boers was heavy, 24 dead being counted.

"A convoy taking supplies to Gordon's brigade, north of Krugersdorp, was attacked by Boers' commando yesterday (Tuesday). The Boers were driven off, leaving 11 dead on the field. Our casualties were four slightly wounded."

Cape-town, Jan. 10.—The cyclist corps, which left here Saturday, occupied Ploekamer's Kloof Sunday, after a race with the Boers for its possession. The enemy attempted to intercept the cyclists, but the latter succeeded in occupying the position, although three of them were killed and 23 wounded. The cyclists retain the pass.

The commandeering of horses has commenced in districts where the owners have refused to sell them to military officers.

PRESIDENT MUCH BETTER.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Secretary Cortelyou today said the president had passed a good night and was distinctly better. No complications of any kind have developed, and everything is progressing satisfactorily.

INDIANA PEOPLE

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