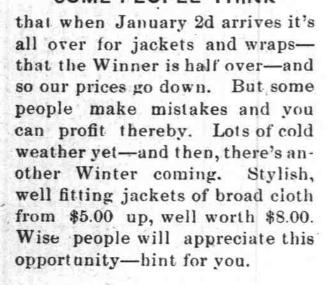
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

A High Tribute to President Mc-Kinley from a Democrat.

General Tracy's Views on the Development of the Navy.

The Fight on the Ship Snbsidy Bill-The Army Reorganization Act Passed, and its Provisions now Being Carried out -Two Notable Events.

president of the United States and his two such notable events so close together as the funeral of Queen Victoria, which President McKinley and his cabinet attended Saturday, and the joint congressional celebration of the an American as John Marshall was.

The real fight in the senate over the ington. ship subsidy bill is now on in earnest. The republican program, arranged by the steering committee, is to keep the subsidy bill before the senate until it is voted upon, or it i demonstrated that the opposition is determined enough to prevent a vote. Already the Senate is meeting an hour earlier and this week night sessions are to be forced. The friends of the bill are con fident that the result will be the passage of the bill.

The long-delayed army reorganization act became a law on Saturday. and the president and secretary of war are now engaged in carrying out its provisions. It is expected that the nominations of the high-grade officers provided for will be sent to the senate this week by the president. That Gen. Miles will be made lieutenant general is regarded as certain.

Senator Stewart, in a speech supporting the ship subsidy bill, said he was on principle opposed to any monopoly of the sea, but if there must be a monpoly of the sea he desired it to be American.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PRESIDENT.

Col. William Brown, of New York, a life-long democrat, who is now visiting Washington, paid this high tribute to President McKinley: "I became well acquainted with McKinley in school, and we have always been good friends. Although we have differed in our political beliefs, I have always admired the man. He is honest and straightforward and from earliest youth has led an exceptionally clean and upright life. Whatever McKinley undertook, he did well, and the same trait has characterized his work through life. When he started into champion a cause, he did it with his whole soul, and I believe he never does or says a thing that is not prompted by the highest motives of conscience."

EFFICIENCY OF THE NAVY.

Gen. B. F. Tracy, whose good work as secretary of the navy, under the Harrison administration, has no little to do with the present efficiency of our navy, is in Washington on legal business. He said: "We have the best ships and the best guns and the best fighting men of any navy in the world, and in the future development of our navy should be centered the patriotic pride of every American. I have noted with pleasure the great progress that has been made toward even a greater navy, and I hope the government will continue the good work. America can afford to have nothing less than the best."

Senator Chandler raised a laugh by saying, in reply to the claim of Senator Jones that the opponents of the ship subsidy bill wanted time enough to expose its iniquity: "The opponents of the bill have been allowed to expose the iniquity of the bill and their own iniquity along with it."

Senator Spooner, who will retire March 4, makes a positive denial of the story that he will succeed Attorney General Griggs in Pressdent McKinley's cabinent. He says he expects to practice law. He ought to know.

Senator Hanna is inclined to joke about his rheumatism, which is again giving him trouble. As Senator Mor- placed on the route between Dawson gan stepped aside to allow Mr. Hanna and Grand Forks.

to pass through a door, he said, nodding at the lame foot: "Same old trouble. I suppose?" "Yes," replied Senator Hanna: "Same o'd rheumatism. It seems to be getting a little worse every day. I guess it is politics struck in."

INCONSISTENT CRITICISMS

The difficulty of pleasing those who refuse to be pleased is once more exemplified by the present attitude of those who have all along been criticizing the president for usurping the power properly belonging to congress, in his insular policy, toward the president's desire that congress shall pass upon the satisfactoriness of the Cuban government that will be provided for by the constitution now being formulated by the convention sitting in Ha-Washington, Feb. 4, 1901.-Probably | vana. President McKinley holds, and not within the present century will a very properly, that congress should pas upon this matter before our militacabinet be called upon to take part in ry authority is withdrawn from Cuba, and his critics, seemingly just to be contrary, are contending that he should assume the responsibility of deciding the matter: but their contention will make no difference in the determinacentennial anniversary of the appoint- tion of President McKinley to submit ment of John Marshall, of Virginia, to the matter to congress, and to ask conbe chief justice of the supreme court gress to act upon it. It is not likely of the United State?, which they atted- that the Cuban constitution will be ed in the hall of the house today. ready in time to be submitted to the Time is precious just now, both with | present session of congress, and that is the president and with congress, but one of the reasons why the opinion time can never be so precious that that an extra session of congress will some of it cannot be spared to do hon- be absolutely necessary regardless of or to the memory of so distinguished what this session may do or leave undone, is increasing every day in Wash-

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

Application will be made next session at Ottowa, Ont., for a charter for a railroad from Kitemat harbor, on the Pacific coast, to Teslin lake, and from thence along the shore of the lake and the Hootelingua river to Dawson city.

At Beaumont, Tex., a contract has been signed by which Guffey & Daly, owners of the big oil well recently struck, will build a pipe from the well to deep water at Port Arthur and erect a large refinery and the necessary res

The Lake Shore railroad is about to establish immense car and locomotive repair shops, equipped with all the requirements of modern railroading, at Collinwood, the suburban frieght yards near Cleveland, at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The American Steel and Iron company has acquired the lease of the Chisholm Iron company to its lands on the Mesaba range, in Northern Minnesota. The property has shown up more than 7,000,000 tons of ore, mostly high grade Bessemer.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Central railroad recently the capital stock of that system was increased \$6,000,000. The total capitalization is now \$66,000,000. The new issue, which is to be sold at par to present stockholders, will be used for the purchase of new equipment and other improvements.

A petition, signed by 5000 firms and individuals engaged in various kinds of work, plumbing, ventilating, etc., was presented to the house in Washington recently protesting against the letting of general contracts for interior work on public buildings. The petitioners desire direct contracts made for each class of work.

A. McVittie, of Detroit, has given to the American Shipbuilding company orders for two steel, side wheel passenger steamers, each to be 320 feet long. and each to cost \$650,000. They are to be delivered by the opening of navigation in 1902. The boats must be capable of regular speed of twenty miles an hour. Mr. McVittie has organized a solely between Buffalo and Detroit.

NAVAL ITEMS.

The transport Meade has sailed from Manila with the Eleventh United States Volunteer Cavalry, consisting of twenty-four officers and 563 enlisted

The battle-ship Wisconsin has gone ant Commander Milton will be executive officer and Lieutenant Commander Mace navigator.

Owing to the excessive price demanded at Hong Kong for the refitting of the big freight steamer Samoa, recently purchased by the United States, it has been deemed advisable to send the vessels to San Francisco to be overhauled.

E. H. Clears has arrived at Dawson with an automobile, which has been

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