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## TAYLOR LOSES GROUND

### Judge Taft Refuses to Interfere in His Behalf.

## RUSHES TO STATE COURT

### Taylor and Beckham Trying to Have Each Other Enjoined from Acting as Governor - Judge Taft's Decision Leaves Taylor Without Support as It Leaves Elections Board Free to Put Democrats in Minor State Offices.

Frankfort, Feb. 14.—Both sides in the Kentucky political fight got into the State courts today. Governor Taylor appeared today to the Circuit Court for an injunction to prevent Beckham from attempting to exercise the functions of governor, and General Castleman from attempting to discharge the duties of adjutant general.

Just after the papers were filed, Judge Taft, in the United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati, handed down a decision refusing to interfere in the action begun in the case of minor State officials on the ground that the Federal Court had no jurisdiction. This is the hardest blow Taylor has received, as it means the substitution of Democrats for minor Republican officials and cutting off of his supplies. The suit of Democrats was to restrain Taylor from acting as governor. Taylor's suit was filed in Louisville and the Democrats' suit here.

Governor Taylor beat the Democrats two hours in filing his suit, and notice of his filing was served on Beckham before the Democratic papers were sent to the courthouse. Taylor, in his petition, sets forth that at the last election he received the most votes for governor; that the election board gave him a certificate of election; that since that time he has exercised the functions of the office, and that he has been recognized as governor by other State officers. The petition reviews Beckham's claims to the governorship, recites several of his actions as alleged governor, including the appointment of Castleman as adjutant general, and says the defendants have by their acts caused confusion, greatly interfering with the plaintiff in the discharge of his duties, and he therefore prays for an injunction restraining both Beckham and Castleman. Under the mode of procedure in the Circuit Court the suit of Taylor will be allotted to one of the judges by drawing. It may be several days before it is allotted. An application for a temporary restraining order will probably be made.

The Democrats held off their suit until they heard of Taft's decision. Their petition was also filed in the Circuit Court. It charges Taylor with usurping the office of governor, with a number of unlawful acts as pretended governor, and with causing great confusion by said acts. The petition also charges him with disregarding the law in refusing to obey the writ of habeas corpus, and says that unless prevented he will continue his illegal acts to the great and irreparable injury of plaintiff and all the taxpayers and good citizens of the commonwealth. An injunction restraining him is requested. The petition is sworn to by Beckham.

When the news of Judge Taft's decision reached Taylor he was at the State house. He was nervous and excited and paced the floor. He declared to reporters that the decision did not affect his case in the least and he was going to fight on. When asked by the Luffan reporter if that meant he would fight it out, he replied: "Just say that I'm going right on." Then he dictated the following:

"The decision of Judge Taft today that his court had no jurisdiction in the cases of minor State officers does not affect the merits of the case. He does not determine that the petitioners had no merits in their case, but only that his court could not take jurisdiction and right the wrong. If he had held that he had jurisdiction it would have been all over, for the outcomes were so glaring that the Republicans would have won hands down. The decision in said cases does not in the least affect my case."

A committee of Democratic legislators arrived here today and began an investigation with a view of reporting to their colleagues in Louisville whether it is safe for them to resume sittings at the State house. The committee spent most of the day at the Capital Hotel, where a big crowd had assembled awaiting news of Judge Taft's decision. When it was received a tremendous shout went up which fairly shook the building. As the news spread there was more rejoicing and shouting in the streets.

After this demonstration a committee of Democratic legislators sent for the custodian of public buildings and asked him if he could assure them that the same conditions would prevail in the city Monday as today. He said he would consult Governor Taylor, and returned with the assurance that things would be precisely the same. After this the committee thought Frankfort was safe and said they would probably report favorably to that effect. They left for Louisville tonight. All the members of the Court of Appeals arrived today and

are likely to resume their sittings Monday.

Governor Taylor made no effort this afternoon to avoid the service of notice in the suit brought by the Democrats. The injunction granted by Judge Cantrell, restraining him from interfering with the legislature, and a summons in a suit for fifty thousand dollars damages, were served on him. The last named suit is brought by Lon Walker, who nailed the original notice of injunction proceedings on Taylor's door and was arrested.

## Taylor Requested to Withdraw.

Louisville, Feb. 14.—The Democratic legislature met today. The House adopted a resolution denouncing Governor Taylor for the lawlessness at Frankfort and requesting him to withdraw in favor of Beckham. Owing to the absence of the committee appointed to visit Frankfort to report on the situation, there was no quorum in the Senate. Both houses adjourned until tomorrow.

## CHEERED FOR BOERS.

### Anti-Trust Conference Winds up Its Business and Adjourns.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The anti-trust conference adjourned here tonight, with cheers for the Boers, who, it was reported, had captured Kimberley. There was a slim attendance. Chairman Monnet called the meeting to order at 1 o'clock. After singing several campaign songs by Professor Hatch, a number of papers were read. While this was in progress the committee on national organization formulated its report. It recommended the election of the following officers for permanent organization: President, M. L. Lockwood, of Pennsylvania; Secretary, H. B. Martin, of New York; Treasurer, C. T. Brice, of Washington, D. C.; Financial Secretary, W. B. Fleming, of Kentucky. The committee recommended that non-partisan anti-trust leagues be organized in every voting precinct in the United States. The resolutions demand public ownership and operation of railroads and telegraphs, provided that full compensation be awarded therefor, excluding watered stock and fictitious values.

## MARRIED A SECOND TIME

### Sequel to a Modern Romance—Death of a Well Known Citizen.

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special, Mr. Paul A. Leak, well known in many parts of the State, died suddenly at the Klondyke Hotel last night. His health had been very much impaired for some time, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Leak had been to Baltimore and other points for several weeks and returned to Wadesboro on the 10:30 train last night. He retired quite early and his death was discovered a short while afterwards. He was a brother of John D. Leak, president of the First National Bank, and James A. Leak, representative from Anson county.

Miss Rosa McLendon and Mr. Coyt Redfern, whose secret marriage was recently reported in The Post, were re-married at the residence of the bride's parents last night. Miss McLendon, who, until recently, was a student at the Baptist Female University, returned to her home last Friday night. It was the request of her parents that the secret marriage be re-solemnized. Mr. and Mrs. Redfern will reside in Chesterfield county, S. C.

## HOW GILPIN WAS HURT

### Young Naval Officer Injured by an Explosion of a Machine Gun

Washington, Feb. 14.—A dispatch, received by Secretary Long from Admiral Watson this morning, gives the first explanation of the injury to Ensign Gilpin, commanding the gunboat Mariveles. Admiral Watson's dispatch was as follows:

"General Kobbe gives great and well-earned credit to Rodgers and the naval part of the combined expedition to southern Luzon. Catanduanite, Samar and Leyte for its unqualified success. Ensign Gilpin was wounded by fragments of a Colt gun's mechanism, by an interior explosion, February 1, during the capture of Tacloban. He is nearly ready for duty."

Commander Raymond P. Rodgers, of the Nashville, is the officer referred to as commanding the expedition.

## DIVIDING THE PIE

### Republican Senators Hear Committee Report—A Steering Committee

Washington, Feb. 14.—The caucus of Republican Senators this morning heard report of the committee to redistribute the patronage of the Senate among the Republicans, but the hour of adjournment arrived before any action was taken on it. After adopting a motion authorizing Chairman Allison to appoint a steering committee to map out legislation to be considered for the remainder of the session, the caucus adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman. Another meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon if the Senate adjourns early. Mr. Allison was named for chairman of the steering committee and was empowered to appoint eight associates.

## Died in Maryland.

Warrenton, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special. Mrs. Lou Macon died suddenly at Mt. Hope Retreat, Maryland, this afternoon. Her remains will be brought here for burial.

## THE USUAL COURSE ACROSS THE MODDER

### Everything Discussed But the Main Question

## MISSOURI ELECTION LAW

### Debate Goes on Most of the Afternoon - Soldiers of the Spanish War Holding the Treasury for Pensions—Financial Bill Under the Ten Minutes Rule in the Senate - Bimetallism Amendment Under Discussion.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill was begun in the House today. But little attention was paid to the provisions of the bill in the debate, which lasted all the afternoon, most of the time being taken up with presentation of the merits and demerits of the Missouri election law. Messrs. Bartholdt and Pearce of Missouri (Republicans), denounced it, and Mr. Benton of Missouri (Democrat), eulogized it, and the State of Missouri enthusiastically.

Mr. Sims of Tennessee made a speech, calling attention to the great number of claims for pensions that have been filed by soldiers of the Spanish war, and comparing soldiers of the Northern and Southern States in this regard, greatly to the credit of the latter.

In the course of a statement by Mr. Hemenway, in charge of the appropriations bill, of its contents, an interesting discussion of the civil service question occurred. It was stated that the temporary clerical force necessitated by the recent war was more efficient than the force supplied by the commission.

Mr. Moody of Massachusetts advocated civil service reform, stating that if Congress did not take some action to remedy the evil of superannuation the service would break down.

## Chandler Amendment Voted Down

The Financial bill reached the point in the Senate today at which general debate came to a close, and when debate on amendments came in under the ten-minute rule, the chair announced that the question was on the amendment reported from the Committee of Finance. Mr. Chandler offered an amendment to the committee amendment, which was voted down. Then the amendment, reported from the Finance Committee, to the effect that the act is not intended to place any obstacles in the way of accomplishment of international bimetallism, provided it be secured by concurrent action of the leading commercial nations of the world and at a ratio which shall insure the permanence of the relative values between gold and silver, was discussed. A vote upon it was not reached when the Senate adjourned.

## BRYAN AT THE UNIVERSITY

### Large Numbers of Students and Citizens Heard Him.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special. Hon. William Jennings Bryan lectured today at the noon hour before an enthusiastic crowd of students of the University and others. He was introduced by President Alderman of the University in a few well-chosen remarks. Colonel Bryan received a great demonstration, and college yells were given, intermingled with cheers for the great Nebraskan. For two hours he discussed "Ponding Problems," speaking on the money question, the trust question and expansion. His views are too well known to attempt any synopsis. His lecture was a masterly effort, and the crowd was greatly enthusiastic at times. An admission fee was charged, and at Mr. Bryan's suggestion \$250 of the proceeds was set apart to establish an annual prize for the best thesis on "Science of Government," the balance to go to the literary societies. After the lecture he was driven to Pickard's Hotel, where he made another short address. Colonel Bryan and party left on the afternoon train for Columbia.

## SEALED BIDS FOR MARKET

### Special Committee of Aldermen Will Open Them Friday.

The market house may be sold, despite the opposition of the Fayetteville street business men.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen, of which Mr. J. C. Drewry is chairman, to receive and open bids for its sale, have received a number of sealed proposals, and these will be opened at noon Friday next, February 16.

There are many supporters of both sides of the question, and this, together with the fact that the Supreme Court says the city cannot sell the market except by act of the general assembly, will render any move in the matter interesting.

## Roofs Crushed In and Two Men Killed

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 14.—The roofs of two blast furnaces of the Illinois Steel Company were crushed in today by the weight of iron thrown out of a furnace by a gas explosion. Two employees were killed and seventeen injured.

### French Forces a Passage and Occupies the Hills

## CAPTURES BOER LAAGERS

### Marches Twenty-five Miles With Three Brigades Under Difficulties - Lord Roberts, Reporting the Movement, Says It Was a Brilliant Performance - Sixth Division on the North Bank of Riet River.

London, Feb. 14.—Lord Roberts, in a dispatch to the War Office, dated Dekil's Drift, February 14, reports that General French, with three brigades of cavalry, artillery and mounted infantry, marched from Dekil's Drift yesterday morning to a point on Modder River twenty-five miles distant, and that evening forced a passage at Klip Drift and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers. Meantime Lieutenant Colonel Gordon, with a brigade, seized Rondevaal Drift, four miles west, together with a second drift, and captured two Boer laagers.

Lord Roberts says French's performance was brilliant, in view of the fact that intense heat prevailed and a blinding sandstorm raged during the latter part of the day. He says that French met little opposition and his losses were small. Lieutenant Johnson, of the Inniskillen Dragoons, being the only officer reported seriously wounded.

He adds that the Sixth division was last night on the north bank of the Riet River. He reports that four officers and fifty-three men were prostrated by the heat.

## Movement Begins Successfully

London, Feb. 14.—General Roberts' advance from Modder River was begun with considerable success. The British have invaded Orange Free State in the attempt to flank the left of Commandant Cronje's force at Magersfontein. They have gained possession of four drifts, by which the Riet and Modder rivers are apparently crossed, and have captured five Boer laagers with supplies, though there is no official indication of the amount of booty.

It is difficult to follow the movement clearly here, owing to the imperfection of maps, but it seems that French's rapid operation not only cut off the Boers' communication with Jacobsdorp, but barred their direct route to Bloemfontein, while at the same time exposing the enemy to a flank attack on the road to Boshof. Such, at any rate, is the view of the situation taken here. It is assumed that Medunet still holds his position south of Magersfontein, and it is regarded as probable that Macdonald's expedition to Koodoosberg had for its main object the drawing of the Boers' attention westward from the contemplated move of French.

## Kimberley Can Hold Out

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Mafeking via Gaborone, February 6, says:

"Sniping of Boers has been less troublesome lately, and their shell fire is lighter. Our guns have caused serious losses to the Boers. Our food supply is lasting well and we can hold out till June. The garrison is very confident. There were fewer casualties in January than during any month since the siege began."

This is the only message from South Africa that reached London this morning.

## Wounded Boers Communicative

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 13.—Major Basier-Creagh, surgeon in charge of the ambulance train from Frere to Mooi River, brought ninety-five wounded British soldiers here today. Six of the number were officers. He also brought in three wounded Boers, all of whom had been shot in the thigh. On the way down the Boers talked freely to the surgeon. They told him that the Boers were fighting for their independence, and hoped they would win. They would make a good try anyhow.

The wounded men stated that there were only a few English, Irish or other foreigners fighting with the Boers in Natal. The Irish Transvaal brigade, they said, was on the western side, probably with General Cronje at Modder River.

The men said they had been in three British hospitals and had been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration by officers and men. They were especially grateful to British surgeons. One of the Boers said he had offered his guard £80 to allow him to escape, but the guard refused.

The Boer Mauser cartridge manufacturing factory at Modder Fontein has been blown up. Between sixty and seventy workmen were killed by the explosion.

## Boers Make a Capture.

London, Feb. 14.—The War Office today issued details of the reconnaissance February 12 by Lord Dundonald's cavalry, which has been doing

scouting work for General Buller, and some skirmishing near Springfield, in which a lieutenant and six men were captured by the Boers.

## Australian Infantry Mounted

Cape Town, Feb. 13.—The entire Australian infantry have been mounted. This was done because most of the men are fine horsemen. Only fifteen per cent of the command needed coaching. The remaining 85 per cent were thoroughly at home on horses.

The brother of the wife of Commissioner of Public Works Sauer, of Cape Town, was among the Free Staters killed at Colesburg.

## Engagement Last Sunday

London, Feb. 14.—The War Office has received the following dispatch: "Riet River, Feb. 13.—Colonel Hannay, with a brigade of mounted infantry, while marching from Orange River to Ramdam, had a slight engagement on the 11th with the Boers who held the hills threatening his right flank. He held the enemy in check while pushing the baggage and main body on to Ramdam. Our losses were 4 killed, 22 wounded and 13 missing.

"On February 12 General French seized the crossing of Riet River at Dekil's Drift, on the east bank of which the Sixth and Seventh divisions are now encamped."

## News Travels Slowly

London, Feb. 14.—Owing to interruption of land telegraph wires between Land's End and London, due to a gale and heavy snow storm, messages are being forwarded by railway. The railway service is also much delayed by the snow storm.

## Lieutenant Churchill Wounded

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the War Office from Chieveley Camp announces that Lieut. G. Churchill was wounded during Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance February 12.

## FATHER SHOTS HIS SON

### The Young Man was Under the Influence of Whisky

## Engineer Fetzer Dies of Heart Disease

### With His Hand on the Throttle Bryan Spoke to Two or Three Thousand.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special. Charles Hummel shot his son Ess near Wilkerson's distillery this afternoon and gave himself up to the sheriff. The son was drinking and attacked the father, who was remonstrating with him against going to the distillery. Hummel says he shot his son in self defense. Two shots were fired, both taking effect. The wounds are dangerous. The young man is about twenty years old.

John Fetzer, an engineer, died on his engine on train No. 7 here tonight, of heart disease. He had just arrived from Danville, with his dead hand on the throttle. His home was in Reidsville. His age was about forty. He was a member of the Masons and a Knight Templar.

William J. Bryan spoke to three or four thousand people at the depot tonight. He left on the fast mail for Columbia.

## REDUCE THE SURPLUS

### Representative Levy Proposes to Cut Down Internal Revenue Taxes

Washington, Feb. 14.—Representative Levy of New York today introduced a bill to reduce the internal revenue tax so as to decrease the surplus by an amount estimated at \$80,000,000 annually. The principal provisions are as follows:

The tax on beer, ale, etc., is reduced from \$2 to \$1 per barrel; the tax on tobacco and snuff is reduced to 6 cents a pound; \$3 a thousand on cigars weighing more than three pounds per one thousand and 75 cents per thousand on cigars weighing less than three pounds per thousand, and \$1.25 per one thousand on cigarettes; the stamp taxes to be reduced 50 per cent, except on checks, drafts and telegrams; taxes on proprietary medicines and preparations to be repealed, as is the tax of 10 cents per pound on tea.

## Safe Crackers Make a Raise

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special.—Professional burglars last night broke open the iron safe of Knox & Brown at Davidson, and obtained four hundred dollars. Checks in the safe were left untouched. It is supposed to be the same gang that recently broke open two other safes in this part of the State. The tools used were a cold chisel and a large hammer.

## A Magistrate Fines a Doctor

Winston, N. C., Feb. 14.—Special.—Dr. Newton of Richmond was tried before a Republican magistrate here this afternoon on a charge of forcing vaccination upon a negro girl who had been vaccinated. To the surprise of many who heard the evidence, the defendant was fined one dollar and costs. His counsel appealed the case to the Criminal Court. Dr. Newton left tonight for his home.

## TREATY HANGS FIRE

### Rumor That It Will Be Withdrawn Not Confirmed

## WHO GOT THE BIG END?

### McKinley and Hay Surprised That Senators Should Think the United States Did Not Get the Best of the Bargain - Many Senators Working for an Amendment to Give This Country Exclusive Control of the Canal.

Washington, Feb. 14.—No officer of the administration can be found who will admit that the administration contemplates the withdrawal of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty from the Senate. On the contrary, the President and Secretary of State profess to be as greatly enamored of their brilliant diplomatic triumph as they were when it was announced to the world with such a flourish of trumpets, but they do not attempt to conceal their surprise and chagrin at the action of those members of the Senate who are inclined to insist that the United States did not by any means get the big end of the bargain.

There is no apparent reason why the treaty should be withdrawn at this time, for the burden of all the information that reaches the ears of the Secretary of State is that it will be ratified in due time. But this is due to the fact that those Senators who were at first inclined to accept the treaty, but who have since reached the conclusion that it must be revised, have not yet seen fit to openly proclaim their belief. About a dozen Senators are outspoken in their opposition to the treaty. But there are many more working for an amendment that will give the United States the right to control the canal at all times and close it to hostile ships in time of war. To do this and at the same time maintain provisions for neutrality is a vexatious and embarrassing problem.

A report was set afloat in the Senate in the late hours of the afternoon that not only would the treaty be withdrawn, but that Great Britain had, through some confidential channel, communicated to certain Senators that she would be willing to accept an amendment to the treaty giving the United States complete control at all times.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at its regular meeting today, did not take up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which is still in the hands of the sub-committee to which it was referred.

The State Department is now expressing satisfaction over the fact that every foreign government except that of France has sent congratulations to the United States on the negotiation of the treaty, but to use the words of a Republican Senator, "The compliment contained in those congratulations is at the best a very doubtful one."

## SAVED FROM THE DEEP

### Sailors Taken from a Ship as She Was About to Sink

New York, Feb. 14.—The French line steamship Fournel, which arrived this morning from Bordeaux and Havre, had on board the captain and crew of the Italian steamship Francisco Grasso and an English channel pilot, who were taken from the Francisco Grasso when the vessel was about to sink. The Francisco Grasso, which was formerly the British oil-tank steamship Flashlight, was recently purchased in Liverpool for Italian owners. She sailed from Liverpool January 24 for Genoa. On the second day out she encountered a gale, and January 30, when six days out, the circulating pump broke down, and from that time on it was only a question of hours until the vessel would sink. The crew set signals of distress. The steamship Fournel sighted them, and, bearing down, took off the crew.

## FLOOD SUBSIDING.

### All Traffic on the Chattahoochee Suspended for Four Days

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 14.—The Chattahoochee river reached a standstill at midnight, and by noon today had fallen three feet and was gradually receding. The estimate of damage done foots up into thousands.

All traffic on the river has been at a standstill for four days. It will probably be a week before steamers can leave port. Considerable damage has been done on the Alabama side of the river, caused by embankments giving way and letting water into low-lying districts.

## That Throbbing Headache.

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