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THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 1900.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25, 1900.

An epidemic of Boersympathy broke out in Washington several days ago, and is now raging in and out of Congress. It may be said to have started with Senator Hale's somewhat sensational speech, in which he expressed the belief that nine-tenths of the people of this country were in sympathy with the Boers. Then came Senator Allen's resolution, asking for information as to why the State Department declined to recognize a properly accredited representative of the Transvaal republic, which was adopted by the Senate after it was amended, so as to leave it to the discretion of the President, whether the information should be given. It reached its highest point last night, at a big public meeting, advertised as a "Boer demonstration," at which speeches were made by Senators Hale, of Maine; Allen, of Nebraska; Mason, of Ill.; and representatives Bailey, of Texas; De Armond, of Mo.; Sulzer, of New York; Lentz, of Ohio; Lamb, of Va., and Champ Clark, of Mo. Because a man happens to be a member of Congress, does not, of course, prevent his having the same sympathies as other men, but many question the good taste of their participating in a public demonstration against a nation with which this country is on the most friendly terms.

In view of the fact that the committee was unanimous in its verdict against the right of Roberts to sit in the House, although differing as to whether his seat should merely be declared vacant, as advocated by the majority report, or whether he should be seated and expelled as advocated by the minority, it seems a little odd for the House to devote three days to discussing the matter, but that is exactly what will be done this week. They say that the discussion is necessary, not on account of Roberts, who is bound to go, anyway, by practically a unanimous vote of the House, but because of the importance of the question involved the right of the House to shut out a member, even when he presents credentials which are perfectly proper.

The regular pension appropriation bill never fails to bring out some lively talk in the House, and the present bill just passed by the House, was no exception to the rule. There was some very plain talk about the methods of the pension sharks, just before the amendment was adopted giving the Commissioner of Pensions authority to refuse to pay the fee of a pension attorney when he knows that the attorney fails to perform his full duty to claimants. Representatives Ray, of New York, and Mason, of Pa., asserted that it was a practice of the pension sharks to file a case and then leave it for the Congressman of the claimant to look after, knowing that the fee

would necessarily have to be paid to them when the case got allowed.

Talk and investigation consequent upon the unveiling of a handsome bronze statue of Daniel Webster, in Washington, has brought out the very interesting fact that Mr. Webster, who was for a long time one of the leading practitioners before the U. S. Supreme Court, never was formally admitted to practice before that Court. In view of the strictness of that Court, it is difficult to understand the omission of this form in Mr. Webster's case. The only theory advanced to account for it is that Mr. Webster was so well known that it never occurred either to him or members of the Court, that he required to be formally admitted to practice.

The proposed purchase by the government of the submarine torpedo boat Holland, received a decided setback when the Naval Board of Construction decided by a vote of 4 to 1, against recommending the purchase. This decision was made on the ground that such vessels are in the experimental stage, and that their usefulness for war purposes had not been demonstrated. The department is not opposed to the idea of submarine boats, as it is now having one built at the Columbia Iron Works, of Baltimore.

Representatives Roberts, of Mass., has introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a statue of the late Gen. Lawton, in Washington. In view of the ninety odd thousand dollars, contributed by the people of the country, for the widow and children of Gen. Lawton, it would seem that Congress would do a popular thing to pass this bill.

Senators are very leisurely discussing the Financial bill, which is to be voted on Feb. 15th, and the speeches so far made are notable brevity. This is not hard to understand, however, as the financial question has been so thoroughly talked out that no Senator can find anything new to say on the subject.

The influence of the administration is being exerted in behalf of the Payne bill, now before the House Ways and Means Committee, providing for an extension of the U. S. laws to Porto Rico, and the establishment of customs and internal revenue collection districts. If the bill becomes a law, Porto Rico will have free trade with the U. S.

To Speak in Wilmington.

The Raleigh correspondent of The Star telegraphs that Senator Butler will open the anti-amendment campaign in Wilmington, and that Senator Pritchard will have his "grand opening" in Rockingham. The object in view is so plain that every intelligent man will see it at a glance. Wilmington and Richmond county have been selected because the Dockeryites claim that they were the storm centers of Democratic activity in 1898; and Pritchard and Butler are sent into this congressional district in the hope that they will be notified that they will not be allowed to speak; or, if they do attempt to speak, that the meetings will be broken up by the Democratic "red shirts." The Star hopes and believes that their attempt to manufacture capital will prove a disastrous failure. Let Butler and Pritchard, twin brothers of negro rule, speak until they are hoarse.

Certainly in Wilmington, Butler cannot change a single vote. Nor does he expect to do this. He hopes that he will not be allowed to speak. But contentible as he is, or should be, in the estimation of every decent white man in North Carolina, there should be no attempt to interfere with his meeting. Let him severely alone.—Wilmington Star.

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The Policy Holders of Nash county will meet in Nashville Saturday 28th of January to elect President and Secretary and Treasurer for Nash county. Each Policy Holder who has paid for his Policy will be entitled to a seat in the meeting. There will be no charge made for changing the Policies, as all that will be necessary to be done is for a Nash county Policy Holder to run his pen through Franklin and a Franklin county Policy Holder to run his pen through Nash and the policy is changed to their respective branches. I do not feel willing for the people of the two counties to lose the benefits of this Plan of Insurance, which is recognized as the very best for farm property. I call special attention to the following article taken from a Western Farmers' Journal in which section this Plan of insurance has been in operation for at least twenty years.

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