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THEY ARE MUM.

Populists Not Yet Decided on Their Stand on Amendment.

Pritchard is Unfortunate Shipments to Paris. Tobacco Growers Arriving. The Small Pox Cases. State Guard Matters.

RALEIGH, Jan. 17—Some Populist leaders are saying today that they favor the silence of their State committee regarding the constitutional amendment, but also favor the holding of a Populist conference soon after the committee adjourns and before the convention meets. This conference is to decide upon the party policy as to the amendment.

A letter was written from here by the editor of The Progressive Farmer, asking the status of the constitutional amendment in Louisiana. The reply says there has been no State election since the constitutional convention adopted the present constitution; that the negro yet participates in nominating conventions, as there are as yet no laws governing primaries; that this feature is very objectionable to all the people without regard to party; and that until the election next April very little can be said of effects, there being none yet.

Lodge Harris says that smallpox struck the Rockingham section of Senator Pritchard's home county and speaks there and that he thinks yellow fever will strike Wilmington here. Senator Pritchard speaks there. He very gently kicks the Senators are hoodoos.

It is stated authoritatively that E. C. Sherrin is to succeed Lewis Stonewall as supervisor of the North Carolina market farm. Some time ago Dr. Hill told the directors of the penitentiary Stonewall would no longer be supervisor.

A cotton mill company, with $75,000 capital, was organized at Selma yesterday. It is proposed to have it ready for operation before the end of the year.

Five shipments of North Carolina cattle for the Paris Exposition were made to Washington where the United States transport Prairie will receive them.

A large number of delegates to the State tobacco growers' convention have arrived. Hon. J. J. Evans Gillespie, its chairman, is here.

The Democratic leaders of Mecklenburg county adopted resolutions expressing good satisfaction at the early completion and consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line.

Nelson Cantley, a negro, is in jail here, charged with cutting a white woman's wife. The alleged assault is that he broke into the dwelling of the woman and ravished her.

Tom Worth has a letter from Mt. Airy, in which there was a good deal about the smallpox situation. The writer said but a couple of months ago a number of people suffering from an eruption, and about two weeks ago it began to be suspected that it was smallpox. Eight doctors made an examination and three swore it was smallpox and three swearing it was only chickenpox. The letter goes on to say that only two persons are sick and that children with the eruption eat and play. The fears that smallpox would make itself felt in the State this winter were well founded.

The Adjutant General has received a report from Colonel J. F. Armfield, on the First Regiment State Guard. The colonel says there are 46 officers and 472 enlisted men in the eleven companies of the regiment and that only three companies have any arms or equipments. The one company missing is K (Raleigh) Capt Beavers, who was to reorganize it and a number of the men, who were to compose it, are now in the Philippines.

Cannot Coin the Gold.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16—An amendment of the gold standard bill so as to permit a part of the gold reserve to be held in bullion will be recommended by Treasurer Roberts to the Senate Finance Committee. Mr. Roberts has been going over the bill, in order to judge of its practical workings under the Administration of the Treasury, and is satisfied that it is simple and practicable in most of its features.

He said today, however, that it would be absolutely impracticable to set aside $150,000,000 in gold coin, as required by the Senate bill. The Treasury has plenty of gold, far in excess of the amount required under the bill, but a large part is in gold bullion. The utmost efforts of the mints, although they were worked at a higher rate last year than ever before, were unable to convert into coin the great mass of new gold bullion delivered at the assay offices from the immense gold product of California, Colorado and the Klondike.

Carnegie Cabled Aguinaldo.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16—A Washington special to the Philadelphia Press says that Andrew Carnegie paid the four thousand dollars which was needed to cable Senator Hoar's speech to Aguinaldo. The statement is made that Carnegie's connection with this speech has been known to prominent Government officials for some time.

Coffee, Chocolate and Sandwiches at McBorie,'s.

MOVEMENTS UNKNOWN.

Results of Buller's Advance Across the Tugela Unknown.

Cannot be Far From Ladysmith. General Warren May Strike From Behind. Boers Repulsed by General French.

LONDON, Jan. 17—The military critic of the Morning Leader, who is known to be exceptionally lucky in obtaining inside news, writes that on Monday morning General Warren's division was encamped between Springfield, where General Buller at the time had his headquarters, and Bethany, five miles north of the former place, and that Buller had assuredly one, and it was believed two, passages of the river in his hands.

A careful study of topographical conditions shows the wisdom of such concentration on the extreme British left. The plan would be to turn the heights to the north and northwest of Colenso, and thus compel their evacuation, then to attack the Boers on the left between Buller and General White.

There is considerable ground for believing that the Boers around Ladysmith are preparing for some such attack, although they are not sure from which direction it will come. A late dispatch from the besieged town reports signs of Boer preparations being made for a possible retreat. Hills to the north and west are being fortified, while a few big guns have been posted to command a British approach from the south. Undoubtedly the burghers know the peril of being caught between two armies, to which they are exposed, and as they all along have been excellently served by their scouts, the movements of General Buller are perhaps by no means mysterious to them.

LONDON, Jan 16.—The Daily Mail has received the following dispatch from South Africa.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Jan 16—There was very heavy firing to the north yesterday.

It is believe the Boers are contesting the passage of the Tugela by General Buller. The howitzers were evidently busy, as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal.

There is a rumor that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan 16.—The Times has the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday

"Very heavy artillery firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Springfield."

Rensburg, Cape Colony, January 15 (delayed in transmission)—The Boers this morning attempted to rush a hill held by a company of the Yorkshires and the New Zealanders, but they were repulsed at the point of the bayonet.

The Boers, according to British accounts, had 21 men killed and about 50 wounded.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of Peace Clarksburg, N. J., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. F S Duffy.

MORGAN DEFENDS CAROLINA.

Says Her White Men Shall Not Be Degraded By Negro Equality.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 17—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has replied to the resolution recently passed by the Democratic Executive Committee of Mecklenburg county thanking him for speech against Senator Pritchard's resolution in the United States Senate declaring the proposed amendment to the North Carolina constitution unconstitutional. Senator Morgan writes in part as follows:

"The veneration in which all true Americans hold the 'birthplace of American independence' and the honor that belongs to the race of men who first declared our independence, impress me with the most sincere gratitude for your approval of my effort to restore to them the great heritage bequeathed to them by their fathers.

"It is not becoming in the decendants of such men voluntarily to submit their political destiny to the condition of equality with the negro race, and there is no legal compulsion that requires of them such dangerous and depraving humiliation.

"The people of the United States at the polls will again declare your liberty and your equality with your own ancestors, and will relieve you of the insulting stigma that you are only the political or social equals of the negro race.

"The Mecklenburg declaration of independence would never have been made if your fathers had supposed that it would be so perverted and abused as to reduce their posterity to political or social equality with the negro race."

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R. Selma, Ga., writes, "I can not say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. F S Duffy.

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FOR A PACIFIC CABLE.

Secretary Long and Admiral Bradford on Senate Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan 16—Secretary Long and Rear-Admiral Bradford appeared before the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs today in advocacy of the construction of a Pacific cable by the Government. The Secretary's statement related entirely to the feasibility of the plan and its advantages over doing the work by private enterprise.

Rear-Admiral Bradford detailed the operations of the collier Nero, which is now engaged in making a preliminary survey of the proposed line west of Honolulu. He said the survey had been completed and the Nero was on its return, making a zigzag survey.

According to the reports of preliminary work, the proposed cable was entirely practicable. It is to run from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence via the Midway Islands, and Guam to Dingala bay, Island of Luzon, with a spur for commercial purposes to Yokohama. The average depth between Honolulu and Midway is 2,700 fathoms; between Midway and Guam, 3,000; between Guam and Luzon, 2,800. He estimated the cost at $1,050 per knot, which, with the amount necessary for steamers, offices, etc., would bring the cost up to $10,000,000. He placed the entire length of the cable at 8,294 knots, which allows 20 per cent for slack and detours.

BUFFETS ON STREET CARS.

Chicago Trolley Company To Inaugurate Buffet System.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Record tomorrow will say: "The Chicago Union Traction Company will in the near future inaugurate a buffet service on street cars.

"The arrangement will be similar to that between the Pullman Company and the railroads. The cars will be run at stated intervals, always as trailers, and will be conducted as well as any transcontinental dining car.

"Besides coffee and luncheon, cigars and liquors will be obtainable. An extra fare of 5 cents will be charged for the privilege of riding on the buffet."

Fort Monroe.

NORFOLK, Va., January 17—Fort Monroe, which guards the entrance to Washington, Baltimore and this port, is now well nigh impregnable. The work of putting in position mortars and disappearing guns of the most improved pattern, which has been going on for months, is nearing completion, and when the work shall have been finished the historic old fortification will be one of the strongest coast defenses in America. The new ordnance is lodged behind walls of cement 20 feet high and 60 feet thick and is capable of throwing solid projectiles a distance of five miles.

To Mark Antietam.

WASHINGTON, Jan 17.—Mr. Raleigh Sherman, of Sharpsburg, Md., called on Representative Pearre today in regard to some signs and memorials for the battle ground of Antietam. Mr. Sherman is specially desirous of having the bridge known as the Burnside bridge further marked. Mr. Pearre is much interested in matters connected with the park, and promised to co-operate with Mr. Sherman in his project.

Puerto Rican Duties.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—The principal subject of discussion at today's Cabinet meeting was the present unsatisfactory state of Puerto Rico. The President particularly desires a material reduction in the present tariff duties on imports from Puerto Rico to the United States. It was stated today that an entire removal of the duties would be eminently satisfactory should Congress so decide.

It is pointed out that the Puerto Ricans are practically shut out of United States markets, with the result that business of all kinds is stagnant and a general depression in all branches of industry prevails throughout the island.

Ratifies Samoan Treaty.

WASHINGTON, January 16. The Senate today ratified the Samoan treaty without division. The ratification occurred in executive session and after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a number of Senators. Messrs. Davis, Forraker and Spooner advocated and Senators Bacon, Money and Tillman opposed ratification. Senator Bacon made the leading speech in opposition. He based his objection upon the general grounds that it was contrary to the spirit of our institutions to attempt to govern any people in opposition to their wishes.

Roberts to Stay Out.

WASHINGTON, January 17—By a vote of 6 to 2 the special House committee to investigate the case of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, decided to report in favor of exclusion at the outset. A formal statement of facts was prepared.

On the question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided. The majority, consisting of all the members except Littlefield (Maine) and the De Armond (Missouri), favored exclusion at the outset. Messrs. Littlefield and De Armond will make a minority report favorable to seating Roberts on his prima facie rights and then expelling him.

CONSOLIDATION.

Seaboard Air Line Adds Other Roads To Its System.

The Ryan Opposition Overcome. Tax Assessment Matter. Big Mortgage and $1900 in Stamps. Burned Shops to be Rebuilt.

RALEIGH, January 18.—Great progress was made here yesterday towards the consumation of the plans of the Greater Seaboard Air Line System.

Meetings were held of the directors and stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, and resolutions were adopted providing for the immediate merger with the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, of the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, of the Durham and Northern Railroad, the Carolina Central Railroad, the Georgia Carolina and Northern Railroad, the Palmetto Railroad and Chesterfield and Kershaw Railroad.

Under the plan adopted all the physical properties of the above mentioned railroad companies will be forthwith acquired by the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, thus increasing the mileage owned by the Raleigh and Gaston to eight hundred miles.

Arrangements were also made for the issuance of $5,000,000 first mortgage bonds upon the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad properties, including its ownership in other lines. Of the $5,000,000 there is to be $1,200,000 received in the treasury for the purpose of retiring the present outstanding bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company.

The total indebtedness of all the roads to be thus immediately merged with the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, including new bonds to be issued, will be about $15,000,000, or less than $18,000 per mile on the 800 miles of road, which will be directly owned by the Raleigh and Gaston Company.

The earnings of the system show a large surplus over and above the interest on all bonds now outstanding of those proposed to be issued.

The vote upon questions submitted to the meeting stood 14,967 in favor and 18 shares against. These 18 shares were voted by the attorneys of Thomas F. Ryan.

Meetings were also held of the stockholders of the Durham and Northern Railroad, and every share of stock of the company was represented and voted unanimously in favor of the merger with the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company.

At the next meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston, which will take place on January 31st, the acquisition of additional railroads will probably be heard.

A railroad attorney said a day or so ago in speaking of Judge Simonton's decision in the tax assessment matter that the State was no further along now than it was at Asheville last August.

The packing of the 1,900 articles which the State will exhibit at Paris, and which the transport Prairie will take from Baltimore January 20th, has been carefully done.

Lieutenant Oliver H. Duckery, Third Infantry, U. S. A., Manila, has made his friends here happy by the gift of big Philippine cigars, finely flavored.

Commissioner E. J. Best will hear a case today, new in this State—involving the question of limitation of liability of shipowners. It is for a full load of cattle.

A mortgage filed for registration here, by the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, to the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore, as trustee, is for $5,000,000. There were $1,900 of revenue stamps on it. It is signed by David Warfield, president, and F. C. Dreyer, president of the trust company, and Blackford, St. John and William Sharp, for the railroad, and witnessed by E. J. D. Cross and W. H. Day.

Vice President St. John says the Seaboard Air Line will rebuild the burned shops here as soon as the consolidation of the lines is completed, that the cotton compress will be removed from the square in the city it now occupies and on the latter a freight depot will be built. The compress will be put up at the cotton platform and the warehouses north of the Seaboard Air Line yards.

Many delegates arrived to attend the meeting of the tobacco growers of the State, at the capital. All appeared to be fired with zeal to wipe out the tobacco trust's work in North Carolina, if possible, and to think that if united they could do it.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases. F S Duffy.

Separate Cars In Virginia.

RICHMOND, January 17—The House passed, without a dissenting vote, the Epps bill, providing for separate coaches for whites and blacks. This measure now goes to the Senate, where it is likely to provoke opposition. The course, though adopted by its advocates, of agitating the demand for the bill in all sections of the State in having it effect Senators and Delegates are receiving letters by every mail insisting upon their supporting the Epps or some similar bill.

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ACROSS THE RIVER.

Two Of General Buller's Divisions North Of The Tugela.

Big Battle Probably In Progress. Fighting At Mafeking. General French Is Being Reinforced From Cape Town. Shelled the Trenches.

LONDON, Jan 18.—At last the Bello mystery is partly solved by the special cablegrams to London papers stating that Lyttleton and Warren have crossed the Tugela.

The cablegrams were received in London at 2 o'clock this morning. The news they contain is what all British has been waiting for since last Thursday.

The later newspaper dispatches show that Buller is pushing ahead on his left where he has strength. It does not follow, however, that he will entangle his cavalry and light artillery among the foothills of the Drakensberg range, in which he will operate.

The cavalry and light artillery may be and probably are, far away on the right. It is now known that a large column has been sent down to Durban and thence into Zululand for the purpose of working round the Boers extreme eastern flank and heading for the Richmond Vryheid district, where the troops can cut in on the Boer communications and may find themselves at or near Ladysmith and the Newcastle Pretoria.

It is evident that Buller has a strong force of Boers in front of him. A big battle will probably be fought today, or perhaps it is already started, for Buller is not the man to let the lesson at Colenso go by any more than he is compelled to, even by reason of the conditions he encounters.

An artillery duel occurred between Gatacre's troops and the Boers near Colesberg, Cape Colony, on Tuesday. Troops have been sent from Cape Town to reinforce General French.

General Gatacre has warned the Boer commandant at Steynsburg, Cape Colony, that if the women are not removed they must take their chance of being shot in the event of an attack on that place. This may be taken that Gatacre has decided to advance.

A division of the army of Methuen's army under General Pole-Carew, crossed the Modder river, Cape Colony, and shelled the Boer trenches. The Boers made scarcely any response, not desiring to disclose their positions.

Advices just received from Mafeking state that the lease of the town has been renewed and you can see announcement above. January 1, Colonel Plumer, who is advancing to Mafeking, was at Mochudi, about 100 miles north of Mafeking, on January 1.

Great Britain has decided to release the seized German steamer Bundesrath.

COTTON MARKET.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham New Bern, N. C.

New York, January 18.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan. cotton	7 42	7 45	7 39	7 42
May cotton	7 42	7 44	7 39	7 43
Sept. cotton				6 90

CHICAGO MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat				
May	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Corn				
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn				
March	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7 5[illegible]
So. Ry Pfd				54½
B. R. T.	69½			69½
C. & O.	30			30½
Reading				50
A. S. W				46½

Receipts at cotton ports were 19,000 bales.

To Vaccinate the Mule.

NEW ORLEANS, January 16—The American mule must be vaccinated before he can be enlisted in the British Army service in South Africa in the future. The Admiralty has passed upon his case and the decree is final.

Again Increase Wages.

Hazleton, Pa., January 17—The 1,800 employes of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in this region were notified today of increase of 2 per cent in their wages, the increase having gone into effect January 1. This is the second increase the men have received since December.

Great Run.

First theatrical manager—Whoop! I've got a great idea! Let's catch Aguinaldo and dramatize him.

Second theatrical manager—Heaven! He can't even speak English.

First theatrical manager—Yes, but think what a great run he would be sure to have.

Sales of "David Harum" in December alone amounted to 50,759 copies. That the great success of this book is to continue in the new year seems to be indicated by the opening sales of 2,000 copies January 2.

Tickets For Paris Exposition.

The total number of tickets to be printed for the Exposition of 1900 is 65,000,000.

Lawton Fund $90,000.

Washington, January 17—The total of the Lawton fund is now $90,000.

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