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POPE LEO BETTER.

News From His Bedside—A Large Cyst Was Removed.

Rome, March 1—(Special).—Pope Leo XIII passed a fairly good night, and his physicians pronounced him better after an examination this morning.

Dr. Mazzini has just performed a most successful and delicate operation, removing a cyst from the left thigh, the aged patient bearing the operation well.

The Pope has long suffered from this cyst, and the unfavorable symptoms of yesterday were due to this.

There is no trace of fever this morning, and the doctors think that no complications will result.

Some morning papers asserted that the Pope was suffering from rheumatic fever, following a chill, and feared that pleurisy might supervene.

Spain in An Uproar.

Madrid, March 1—(Special).—The Spanish troubles in maintaining the present government came to a head late yesterday, and premier Sagasta felt compelled to hand to the Queen Regent the resignation of the entire ministry.

Difficulty will be encountered in organizing a new ministry, and a ministerial crisis is expected, as it is believed that the cabinet was convinced of the impossibility of avoiding defeat on the final vote on the bill making a cession of the Philippines to the United States. They realize that opposition may increase while the government cannot hope to gain a single additional supporter. Yesterday the government majority was only two votes.

Gaudaloupe Bombarded.

Manila, March 1—(Special).—First Battalion Volunteers commanded by Col. Smith, embarked on the transport St. Paul for the Negros Islands. The Negros commissioners are returning home on the same vessel.

During the bombardment of Gaudaloupe this morning by the captured Spanish gunboat Lazuna De Bay and Lieut. Scott's battery of Sixth United States artillery, fifty insurgents were killed, and private Parks of 1st California wounded in the picket firing.

Advices from Iloilo say that Chaplain Leland of 1st Tennessee died there of smallpox.

Rebels are very active in Caloocan, Malebon, and they evidently intend mounting a battery, as they can be seen throwing up earthworks.

Hot Language.

Lima, Peru, March 1—(Special).—Tiempo, semi-official organ says editorially:

"We consider it useless to send delegates from Peru to the Philadelphia Museum Congress in view of the unfavorable result to negotiate a commercial treaty with the U. S. on account of the rasping, imperative, monopolizing tone of Yankee commerce."

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Hot in Manila.

Manila, March 2.—The hottest day of the season and many volunteers prostrated. Fortunately all quiet inside and outside the American lines, the majority of the men being kept in the shade.

The transport Morgan City arrived to-day but the wives of officers and other women passengers were not allowed to land, the authorities considering conditions ashore too uned.

The Spanish Newspaper Union Iberica was suppressed yesterday on account of objectionable utterances, among the statements being one that the Filipinos hold over a thousand American prisoners.

The State Guard Gets \$16,000 Annually.

Raleigh, March 1.—The House to-day voted \$16,000 annually to the State Guard, and arranged that only white troops should compose the Guard.

The Adjutant General is to be commander of the brigade in addition to his other duties, with \$1,000 salary. The Quartermaster General is to receive \$500. Every company in the Guard will get \$250 yearly, and the Guard will consist of three regiments, twelve companies to the regiment, and eight divisions of Naval reserves. The enlistment is for three years and provisions are made to compel members attend drills.

The Pope Passed Good Night.

Rome, March 2.—At midnight the Pope took a little soup and brandy, and shortly after fell asleep, his fever increasing somewhat during the night. Dr. Lappeni says this is usually the case after such an operation, and his sleep did most to restore his strength. He passed a good night altogether. Dr. Mazzoni dressed his wound this morning, and does not consider the condition of the Pope grave.

Cardinal Oreglia and Cardinal Selschowski, who will govern the Papal See ad interim in the event of the Pope's death, had a conference this morning.

Today is the 89th birthday of the Pope.

The Pope Suffered.

Paris, March 1.—A special from Rome to the Figaro says that, before yielding himself to the surgeons in yesterday's operation, the Pope had strength enough to kneel and offer a short prayer.

During the operation he suffered severely and his piteous cries could be heard in the adjacent rooms. After the operation, turning to Dr. Lappeni, the Pope said, in a tone of paternal reproach, "What a hard heart you must have to make an old man of ninety years suffer like that."

Agoncillo a Coward.

Tobermary, Scotland, March 2.—The steamer Labrador, while off the Scottish coast, came in contact with a rock and appeared badly damaged as soon as struck. Agoncillo, the direct representative of Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader, was on board the Labrador and showed great cowardice. The panic-stricken passengers rushed for the boats and Agoncillo headed the rush.

DYSPEPSIA is the cause of untold suffering. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla the digestive organs are toned and dyspepsia IS CURED.

In the House To-day.

Washington, March 1—(Special).—The House will have disposed of all great money bills to-day, if the General Deficiency bill passes, as expected, under the suspension of the rules. The House will then devote the balance of the week in consideration of the Senate amendments.

The principal matters still unsettled are the Army bill and the River and Harbor bill. Action on both is expected to-day. The House Committee on Military Affairs were considering the Army bill this morning and is expected to report sometime to-day.

Later—The House Committee on Military Affairs disagreed to Senate amendments to the Army bill, and decided to report to the House, and under suspension of the rules to move nonconcurrency and submission of report to a reference conference committee.

The conference report on the Naval Personnel bill came before both houses to-day.

The Senate to-day passed the \$20,000,000 appropriation which goes to Spain to pay for the Philippines, as stated in the peace treaty.

Conference has been ordered on the Sundry Civil bill.

The House has adopted the conference report on the General Claims bill.

Rudyard Kipling Better.

New York, March 1—(Special).—Drs. Janeway and Dunham, the physicians of the noted English author and poet, gave out their bulletin this morning saying that Kipling had a better night, and his symptoms showed marked improvement. His delirium was replaced by natural sleep. He is still seriously ill, and his fever, though less, continues.

Six Men Will Settle Its Fate.

Washington, March 2.—Nearly all business before Congress till Saturday noon will be done in Conference Committees. The fate of the Nicaragua Canal bill is thus in the hands of six men representing the two branches of Congress, and unless the compromise suggestion yesterday is accepted by the Senate Committee a conference agreement on the canal proposition is not likely to be reached.

Terrific Snow Storm.

Leadville, Col., March 2.—For the last twenty-four hours there has been a terrific snow storm raging here, which was preceded by a furious blizzard. The railroads west of here are blocked by the snow. Families in the interior live on one meal a day, consisting of bread, potatoes and water. No coal can be gotten, and timber is being dug out from under the snow for fuel.

Transports to Leave Today.

San Francisco, March 2—Special.—The transport Portland is scheduled to sail today at 3 p. m. and the Valencia to leave Saturday but it is thought the Valencia may be held to await the arrival of the officers delayed East by the snow blockade.

The Portland's cargo includes large quantities of drain piping to be put down in Manila in order to improve its sanitary condition.

TELEGRAPHLETS.

Reports from coal mining districts in western Arkansas indicate that the expected miners' strike has begun.

Freedmans, who controls the New York base ball team has offered his control for sale for \$65,000.

The police in Paris to-day searched the residence of many officials, members of various leagues and also that of Baron Legoux, President Bonapartist committee representing Victor Napoleon, and found many important papers.

The monitor Monterey sailed to-day from Hong Kong for Manila. The gunboat Castine left Suez for Aden by way of the Philippines.

Senator Hale presented the report of the conference committee on the Naval Personnel bill, which was agreed to in the U. S. Senate.

In an explosion of gas in the Kingston coal mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., last night, two miners were killed, one fatally burned and another severely injured.

Representative-elect Sibley, who went to Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday to take part in the Senatorial struggle, was taken ill last night at a hotel. He grew worse during the night and pneumonia is threatened. The vote to-day for U. S. Senator showed no change.

A special from Hong Kong says that the U. S. Philippines Commission left on the U. S. cruiser Baltimore for Manila late yesterday.

Today the U. S. House of Representatives passed bills appropriating half a million dollars each to the Buffalo, N. Y., and Toledo, Ohio, Expositions.

The conferees on the River and Harbor bill have agreed to allow the forty foot channel now in New York harbor to stand. The House conferees contested the Senate amendments every step.

The old Board of Directors of the Mullet road refuse to turn over the road to the new Board and keeper of the Capitol Burns refuses to give up his job to the new keeper. C. A. Cherry, saying he has two years more to serve.

The Edwards deal in trying to buy the A. & N. C. road for \$300,000 has struck a snag. They don't offer enough for the State's stock. Good judges say this is worth \$500,000, the full value of the road being one million dollars. The Edwards party want another offer allowed them, but the committee has about concluded not to deal with Edwards.

Lord Herschell Dead.

Washington, March 1—(Special).—Lord Herschell, High Joint Commissioner for Great Britain, died here this morning at 7 o'clock. Several weeks ago, while out on the street, he fell, on account of a slippery sidewalk, breaking some of the pelvic bones. This fall, it is thought, is the probable cause of his death.

Why allow yourself to be slowly tortured at the stake of disease? Chills and Fever will undermine, and eventually break down, the strongest constitution "FEBRI-CURA" (Sweet Chill Tonic of Iron) is more effective than Quinine and being combined with Iron is an excellent Tonic and Nervine Medicine. It is pleasant to take, is sold under positive guarantee to cure or money refunded. Accept no substitutes. The "just as good" kind don't effect cures. Sold by B. W. Hargrave.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND ABOUT RALEIGH.

News of Interest Picked Up By Reporters and Sent Out to the Four Corners.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 1.

The Election Law has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Yesterday the following important bills were passed by the House: The Insurance bill, providing for an Insurance Commissioner, a bill reorganizing the Department of Agriculture and getting rid of Jno. R. Smith; a bill to better govern the A. and M. college.

The Atlantic & North Carolina railroad matter was up again yesterday before the Senate and House committees. The testimony showed the roadbed to be in good condition, the equipment to be poor, but the business on the increase.

A stormy fight is being made to sell the road to private parties. In case this is done, Col. J. S. Carr gives assurance that an extension to Charlotte, Salisbury or Concord will be built.

William Watts, of Garner, N. C., yesterday became a naturalized American citizen. He was born in England and came to North Carolina in 1876.

The Railroad Commission in session here to-day established an agency at Sharpsburg, on the Atlantic Coast Line between Wilson and Rocky Mount. The Commission meets next on March 15.

RALEIGH, March 1, 1899.

Judge James E. Shepherd was to-day unanimously elected Professor of Law in the University of N. C., to fill the position made vacant by the death of Dr. John Manning.

Dr. Alderman reports 640 students on the University roll for 1899-99.

The joint committee on printing to-day awarded the contract for the State printing to the firm headed by Guy V. Barnes, a Populist, the lowest bidder. There is much criticism on the action of the committee. Only 7 votes were cast, 4 for Barnes and 3 against, two members of the committee being absent and one not voting.

It is said that Mr. W. E. Faison, of Raleigh, is slated as Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing. He is a practical printer. To night Capt. B. R. Lacy was named as Commissioner by the Democratic caucus, and J. R. Young, a well-equipped insurance man, was named as Insurance Commissioner. Mr. C. C. Cherry received the nomination for keeper of the capital. He was a brave Confederate soldier, lost a leg in the war, and is now farming in Edgecombe county.

Ham Jones, Republican ex-sheriff of Wake county, fractured his leg on Sunday last.

No more of the Railway Commission. Its been abolished and the N. C. Corporation Commission takes its place.

American Soldiers Killed.

Jackson, Tenn., March 2.—News has just reached here of a disastrous railroad smash-up near Tupelo on the Mobile and Ohio road. Six coaches of soldiers were overturned and two killed and six seriously hurt.

The blue-bird is hailed as a harbinger of Spring. It is also a reminder that a blood purifier is needed to prepare the system for the debilitating weather to come. Listen, and you will hear the birds singing: "Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla in March, April, May."