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Old-fashioned and Self-rising Buckwheat.—Try a can of Anderson's Tomato Soup, two cans for 25c.—1020 POUNDS FANCY AND STICK CANDY.

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N. P.—We Lead Tables and Chairs for Entertainments at Reasonable Rates

SENATOR TELLER ON EXPANSION.

He Says the United States Is Doing Right to Buy the Philippines.

SAME WAS DONE WITH MEXICO.

Believes in Granting All the Rights of Citizenship to Filipinos if They Are Worthy.

DEWEY SAYS THEY CAN BE CONTROLLED.

Mr. Proctor Read Parts of a Letter From the Hero of Manila Bay, in Which That Statement Was Made.

Washington, Dec. 20.—At the opening of the session of the house today Mr. Cannon called up the conference report of the army and navy deficiency bill. He moved the adoption.

Mr. DeArmond asked whether the appropriation balance of \$50,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the president would in any way sanction or authorize the payment out of that fund of \$100,000 each to Mr. Reid and Judge Day for services on the peace commission. Mr. Cannon said he knew nothing about it and on his statement of this appropriation made no change authorizing such an expenditure. The report was adopted.

The house then took up the agricultural appropriation bill. The house resolution, providing for the adjournment of congress from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4 was adopted without division by the senate.

Mr. Teller, in the course of his remarks in the senate, said the purchase of territory from Mexico after the Mexican war was parallel with the recent purchase from Spain. In that case Mexico was prostrate at our feet and we said we want some of your territory and we will pay you for it. We held it first by conquest and then by purchase. "No matter what was the provocation, for that was the case. It was a great, grand acquisition," he said, "secondly the Louisiana purchase which made American purchase possible. This is what we proposed to do with Spain. We had conquered her and now proposed to purchase some of her territory and pay her \$20,000,000, a mere bagatelle." Mr. Teller said he would ask the people of the Philippines what they wanted in the way of government and give it to them. The sooner the people governed themselves the better. He believed the people of Luzon were capable of self-government. In answer to the question by Mr. Tillman he said he would not permit revolutions like those which occurred in South America.

Mr. Proctor read a letter from Admiral Dewey saying the people of the Philippines can be easily governed. He also read a portion of a letter from an army officer to the same effect. Admiral Dewey's letter said he had not the slightest difficulty in dealing with the Filipinos.

Mr. Teller said that he would have the people given all the encouragement possible, and if they developed qualities of statehood he would grant them that. Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire favorably reported Mr. Proctor's resolution providing for a committee of senators to visit Cuba and Porto Rico, with a view of ascertaining the condition of the islands, but on Mr. Hale's objection for present consideration, the resolution was placed on the calendar.

The bill authorizing General A. E. Bates, of the United States army, to accept the decoration of the Legion of Honor, conferred upon him by the president of the French republic was passed.

In the house yesterday several bills were passed, the most important of which was the bill appropriating \$350,000 for the Philadelphia exposition of 1899. The vote was exceedingly close.

It had but two votes more than the necessary two-thirds.

Bills were also passed to authorize the distribution of the assets of the Freedman's bank, to enlarge the scope of the fish commission so as to include game birds and for the relief of the Fourth mounted Arkansas infantry.

Mr. Bailey of Texas, introduced a resolution in open house directing the judiciary committee to investigate and report on the question as to whether the members of the house who accepted commissions in the army had forfeited their seats in the house. He made the resolution the text for some remarks, in the course of which he took occasion to bitterly denounce a newspaper statement to the effect that in his attitude upon this question he had been made a cat's paw of by certain prominent Republicans in the house. He denounced the statement as an infamous lie, and challenged him to furnish it. There was no reply to Mr. Bailey's statement and the resolution was referred to the committee on rules.

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Henreux Reported Assassinated.
Paris, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Cape Haytien says it is rumored that the Dominican president, Ulysses Henreux, has been assassinated while attending a christening inogonita.

TO RAISE SUNKEN SHIPS

Government Will Advise For bids to Raise the Maine and Colon.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Long, Acting Secretary Allen and Captain A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, have been giving a great deal of attention to the number and character of ships to be distributed under the north Atlantic, European and south Atlantic stations. It is desired to retain a strong force on the home station and to send a respectable naval force to Europe, but the ships available, in view of the strengthening of Rear Admiral Dewey's command, are very few.

The only armorclads under the command of Rear Admiral Sampson are the battleships Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas and the cruisers Brooklyn and New York.

Only four protected cruisers are in commission on the north Atlantic coast, the Chicago, Cincinnati, Newark and New Orleans. The New Orleans will be placed out of commission to receive several improvements and the smoke-stack of the Newark is to be lengthened. The Cincinnati, upon arrival at New York, will also be placed out of commission.

It is expected that the cruiser Atlanta will be commissioned next month. The Newark will probably be sent to the south Atlantic as the flagship of that station and she will be reinforced by the Wilmington and the Castine. Most of the gunboats which are being prepared at the navyyards will be required for service in Cuban and Porto Rican waters and these will be attached to the north Atlantic squadron.

A FATAL FIRE.

Two Women Lose Their Lives and Two Other Persons in a Serious Condition.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two women killed, and another woman and a man were so severely injured that they will probably die as a result of a fire at the residence of C. H. Raymond.

Mrs. Underwood, a sister of Mrs. Raymond, leaped from a second story window. Her head struck the sidewalk, and death was instantaneous.

William Doerr, in trying to rescue Mrs. Underwood, sustained a fracture of the skull, which will probably result in death.

Mrs. C. H. Raymond followed Mrs. Underwood out of the window, and was picked up unconscious.

Mr. Raymond was carried from the house unconscious from smoke.

After the flames were extinguished the body of Harriet Poe was found on the third floor of the house. She had been overcome by smoke.

A superb collection of pictures and tapestries, owned by Mr. Raymond, was entirely destroyed.

WILL SUE FOR DAMAGES.

Volunteer Soldiers Will Seek Damages From the Louisville and Nashville.

New York, Dec. 20.—Joseph P. Bennett, William H. Travers and 25 other members of the Sixty-ninth volunteers, have begun action in this country to recover damages from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company for injuries suffered on Aug. 28 last by an accident when they were on their way to Huntsville, Ala.

While the train was en route to Huntsville, ten miles from Birmingham, the front car jumped the track and the others followed and were overturned. In several instances the men allege that their injuries will be permanent. Some of them recovered from their injuries after weeks of treatment in hospitals. The largest mentioned in the suits is \$20,000, and the smallest \$500. It is the contention that the accident was the result of negligence on the part of the railway company.

Dr. Wise Dead.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Daniel Wise is dead at his home in Englewood, N. J. He was born in Portsmouth, Eng., on Jan. 10, 1812, and came to this country in 1832, and became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. From 1856 to 1872 he was corresponding secretary of the Methodist Sunday School Union and Tract society and editor of The Sunday School Advocate. Dr. Wise was the author of more than 20 religious works for young people. Several of these books have been translated into other languages. In his early life he was a strong abolitionist.

More Negroes Reach Pana.

Pana, Ill., Dec. 20.—Another company of 20 negro miners arrived at Pana today. They were held up by soldiers and relieved of their arms before being

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permitted to proceed to the coal mine stockades. There are now about 400 negroes in Pana. The mines are operated about half time. White union miners remain out solidly for the state scale. Strike leaders claim the chance of winning grow brighter each day.

Acquitted of Late Charges.
Berlin, Dec. 20.—The provincial court has acquitted Frank Knaak of New York on a charge of less majesty in referring to Emperor William as a sheep's head because, as it appears, Mr. Knaak was intoxicated when he committed the offense. A member of the United States embassy was present during the court proceedings.

New York, Dec. 20.—Prominent members of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, hope that it will be possible to induce Rev. John Watson (Jan MacLaren) to accept the pastorate soon to be vacated by Dr. Lyman Abbott. Dr. Watson is pastor of the Sefton Park Presbyterian church, Liverpool.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

Our Holiday box has come, and we have secured a sort sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas. There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our

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Then we have an elegant assortment of CHINA GOODS, of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of ALBUMS, LAMP DESKS and CASES that will be sure to please you. We are not unmindful of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

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and other things that gladden the hearts of the Little Folks.
We cannot name Prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether Prices and quality are right. We are so sure BOTH ARE RIGHT, that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—COME, anyway.

During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our DRUG DEPARTMENT, as this is FIRST ALWAYS. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

BEN S. READ.