

## GENERAL STAFF LAW CRITICISED.

Senator Hale Says it Makes the  
Secy. of War a Figurehead;  
His Authority Usurped.

## IT FINDS ABLE DEFENDERS.

Proctor and Cockrell Unite in Its De-  
fense—The Army Bill is  
Passed.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the senate today Mr. Smart presented the certifi-  
cate of election of George Sutherland  
as senator from Utah.

The following bills and resolutions  
were passed:  
Transferring a portion of the Sierra  
forest reserve; authorizing the incor-  
poration of the trustees of the grand  
encampment of Knights Templar of  
the United States; authorizing the use  
of stone and timber on the public lands  
in the construction of public irriga-  
tion works in connection with the  
reclamation service.

When the army appropriation bill  
was taken up, Mr. Gallinger inquired  
the purpose of the committee amend-  
ment requiring the consent of Con-  
gress for the sale of government trans-  
ports, and Mr. Proctor replied that the  
recommendation was due to the con-  
viction of the members of the  
committee that the vessels might  
be needed, and that they should be  
so placed that no executive depart-  
ment could dispose of them speedily.  
In this connection he expressed the  
opinion that future trouble would  
occur in the event; hence the importance  
of holding the transports on the Pa-  
cific coast.

Mr. Gallinger opposed the main-  
tenance of a transport service, saying  
that as chairman of the merchant mar-  
ine commission, he had heard much  
complaint against the competition of  
the government with the private ship-  
ping. He thought at least the trans-  
ports out of commission should be  
sold.

Mr. Gallinger criticised the house  
provision excluding privately owned  
ships from engaging in the transpor-  
tation of government supplies between  
the United States and the Philippines,  
and Mr. Hale agreed with him, that  
the provision, if adhered to, would be  
unworkable. "It is most remarkable,"  
he said, "for it strikes a blow in the  
face of American shipping."

Mr. Perkins supported the amend-  
ment requiring congressional endorse-  
ment before selling transports, saying  
that if it should be necessary to buy  
in time of emergency high prices would  
have to be paid. In the Spanish war  
more than 100 transports were sold for  
more than they were worth.

Mr. Alger, who was secretary of  
war at that time, warmly said:  
"I would like a bill of particulars.  
We bought no ships at that time."  
He went on to say that the best ship-  
builders and I feel that the business  
end of the transaction was properly  
conducted.

Mr. Perkins disclaimed any inten-  
tion to reflect upon the war or navy  
department.  
The amendment was assented to, as  
was also the amendment striking out  
the house provision prohibiting the  
use of private vessels in the transpor-  
tation of government supplies to the  
Philippines.

In connection with the amendment  
providing for succession to the office  
of assistant chief of the record and  
commission office, Mr. Cockrell offered  
the following:

"Officers holding permanent appoint-  
ments in the grades of major and lieut-  
enant colonel in the military secre-  
tary's department shall be entitled to  
promotion in order of their standing in  
their respective grades, to any vacan-  
cies that may occur in the grades  
next above them in said department."

Mr. Hale pointedly criticised the law  
creating a general staff.  
"The general staff," he said, "makes  
the secretary of war a figurehead; all  
his authority is usurped."

Asked by a senator what functions  
were left to the secretary, Mr. Hale  
replied:

"He has been on a trip to Panama,  
and is going to the Philippines. He  
is an active man, not given to lan-  
guorous ease, but he is compelled to  
leave exercise for his activities in other  
than the old line."

"The result is," he added, "to drive  
professional men in the army and navy  
to assume powers such as will result  
in eliminating civilians from all au-  
thority in those departments."

He declared that so long as he re-  
mained in the senate he would not  
consent to extending the system to the  
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## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is over sixty years old

This must mean merit,  
solid, genuine merit. It cer-  
tainly must be true that  
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral  
cures coughs, colds, croup,  
bronchitis, asthma. Ask  
your own doctor to explain  
why it strengthens weak  
throats and lungs.

In defending the staff system, Mr.  
Cockrell declared he was "astounded  
at the statement of Mr. Hale." He  
declared that the secretary had more  
power than he ever had before. There  
was, he said, no question for the secretary  
to do. Mr. Hale, he declared, "was not  
helpless in the hands of his staff; nor  
was Secy. Root."

Mr. Proctor suggested the following  
amendment to the bill:  
"The offices now designated by the  
title of assistant chief of the record  
and pension office and by the title as-  
sistant adjutant general, shall here-  
after be designated by the title of military  
secretary."

The amendment was accepted, and  
the amendment as amended was  
agreed to by the senate.

The senate then reverted to the con-  
sideration of the house provision regu-  
lating the pay of retired officers as-  
signed to active service, and Mr. Lodge  
read the following telegram to him  
from the governor of Ohio:

"Ohio is deeply interested in army  
appropriation bill. If it is desired to  
humiliate Gen. Miles, in which we  
have no sympathy here, it should not  
include splendid army officers on the  
retired list who are rendering splendid  
service to the national guard in the dif-  
ferent states. We are specially favored  
in Ohio and deeply interested."

"MYRON T. HERRICK."

The amendment was modified at Mr.  
Lodge's suggestion, and was passed as  
follows:

"Retired officers of the army above  
the grade of major shall, when here-  
after assigned to active duty in con-  
nection with the organized militia in  
the several states and territories upon  
the request of the governor thereof, re-  
ceive their full pay, and also com-  
mutation of quarters, unless the gov-  
ernment quarters are available, and  
shall receive no further pay or allow-  
ances. Provided, further, that a lieut-  
enant colonel so assigned shall receive  
the full payment and allowances of a  
major on the active list."

An amendment appropriating \$50,000  
for the erection of the cable from  
Vladivostok to Seward, Alaska, offered by  
Mr. Proctor on behalf of the com-  
mittee on military affairs, was accepted.

The army bill was then passed. The  
conference session of the senate and  
executive and judicial appropriations bill  
was agreed to, as was also the confer-  
ence report on the bill transferring the  
control of forest reservations from the  
interior department to the war department.

The senate then, at 4:35 p. m., went  
into executive session, and at 4:47 ad-  
journed.

## ALLEGED PLAN TO UNSEAT GOV. ADAMS

Denver, Jan. 26.—Unsigned handbills  
calling for a mass meeting at the capitol  
on March 2, the date set for a decision by  
the legislature of the Peabody-Adams  
contest for the governorship, are being  
circulated throughout the state. "The  
deal is fixed," according to the circular,  
and the question is asked:

"Will you permit the purchased poli-  
ticians to veto the people's will?"

Chairman Milton Smith of the Demo-  
cratic state central committee, speaking  
last night for the Democratic cause, dis-  
avowed responsibility for the circular,  
and denounced its issuance.

The afternoon session of the joint leg-  
islative committee investigating the Pea-  
body-Adams gubernatorial contest was  
agreed to, and the committee will re-  
port to the legislature on the results of  
their investigation.

Seven precincts were reported on, and the  
elections in those precincts were only  
found in the boxes 50 were written by the  
same person.

The session of the joint committee to-  
night was occupied with testimony simi-  
lar to that of last night.

It was reported that they had  
canvassed as many precincts since elec-  
tion and found a total of 26 persons out-  
rightly voting at places where they did  
not live.

A third witness had made a partial  
canvass of another precinct, and that  
he had sent 37 registered letters to a  
rooming house, that number being  
representing the number of persons re-  
gistered at that place, and 31 of them  
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## DANGEROUS FEATURE OF AMERICAN LIFE

Is the Diminishing Birth Rate  
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ital Ties.

## SO SAYS THE PRESIDENT.

Questions of Tariff and Currency  
Trivial Compared With Preserva-  
tion of Unit of Social Life.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Bishop Doane  
of Albany and a committee of the inter-  
church conference on marriage and di-  
vorce called on the president today to  
confer with him in regard to some of  
the results of their deliberations. Bishop  
Doane, speaking for the committee,  
delivered a brief address to President  
Roosevelt, to which the president said,  
in part:

"Questions like the tariff and the cur-  
rency are literally of no consequence  
whatever compared with the necessity  
of having the unit of our social life, the  
home, preserved. It is impossible to  
overstate the importance of the cause  
you represent."

"While I do not know exactly what  
it is that you wish me to do, I can  
say in advance that, so far as in me  
lies, all will be done to co-operate with  
you toward the end you have in view."

One of the most unpleasant and dan-  
gerous features of our American life is  
the diminishing birth rate and the loos-  
ening of the marital ties among the old  
native American families.

"It goes without saying that, for the  
race, as for the individual, no material  
prosperity, no business growth, no ar-  
tistic or scientific development will  
count if the race commits suicide."

"Therefore, I count myself for-  
tunate in having the chance to work  
with you in this matter of vital impor-  
tance to the national welfare."

## MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

Senator Warren's Daughter Weds  
Capt. J. J. Pershing.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The marriage  
of Miss Helen Frances Warren, the  
daughter of Senator Francis Warren of  
Wyoming to Capt. John Joseph Pershing,  
general staff, U. S. A., took place  
at noon today at Epiphany Episcopal  
church in the presence of President and  
Mrs. Roosevelt and a large gathering  
of friends. Rev. Randolph McKim, the  
rector, performing the ceremony. A  
wedding breakfast at the new Willard  
hotel, where five or six hundred guests  
were asked, following the ceremony.

The captain and his bride left for a  
long honeymoon, their journey to be  
continued until they reach Tokio, Ja-  
pan, where the former has been ap-  
pointed to duty and in anticipation of  
which the bride enclosed in her father's  
invitation to the ceremony cards read-  
ing "At home after March 1, at Tokio,  
Japan."

The bride who is an exceedingly  
graceful girl and who came into the  
church with her father, was preceded  
by Miss Orr of Pittsburgh as her maid  
of honor. She wore a simple, but be-  
coming dress of soft white satin. The  
elbow sleeves were of lace and chiffon  
suffice, and a coronet of orange-bloss-  
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were all officers of the army in full  
uniform. Just before the arrival of the  
bride, President and Mrs. Roosevelt  
and Mrs. Roosevelt were escorted down  
the aisle to the front row. A pretty  
group of girls dressed in light silk and  
lace, with picture hats, former class-  
mates of the bride at Wellesley college,  
were among the guests. Others present  
included Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks,  
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