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THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.
 The Work Being Done by Our Law-makers at Fifty-Sixth Session in Washington.

Senate Passes Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill—House Receives a Bill to Give Cuba and Philippine Soldiers a Bounty—Enjoins Upon Life of Vice President Hobart.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the senate yesterday the urgency appropriation bill was passed and Senator Hanna (O.) introduced a bill to give congressional recognition of the National Association of Manufacturers. Adjourned to Monday.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate yesterday passed 23 pension bills and decided not to reconsider the vote by which the Samoan treaty was ratified. In a speech Senator Mason (Ill.) condemned an alleged interview in which the British consul in New Orleans called him a "mountebank." Senator Tamm denounced the administration's Philippine policy. Charles C. Bennett, of New York, was elected secretary of the senate, and Daniel M. Randall, of Indiana, sergeant-at-arms. A bill was passed in the house yesterday granting pensions of \$50 per month to the widow of Brig. Gen. G. E. Auger. Senator Bacon (Ga.) argued in favor of self-government for the Philippines. W. V. Sullivan, senator from Mississippi, was sworn in.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) was branded as a traitor in the senate yesterday by some of his colleagues in connection with his persistent efforts to obtain recognition for Aguinaldo and the Filipino insurgents. The committee on Porto Rico voted to allow the island a delegate in congress.

Death of a Journalist.
 Dover, N. H., Jan. 30.—Joshua L. Foster, editor of Foster's Daily Democrat, of this city, died of inflammatory rheumatism, which attacked the heart, at his home here Monday. Mr. Foster was 75 years of age. He was one of the best-known editors in New Hampshire.

Exonerated.
 Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 30.—Mike Haines, charged with the murder of Andy Kean by thrusting a red-hot iron into his abdomen, was exonerated by the coroner's jury, the verdict declaring the deed was done in self-defense.

Blue Laws in Baltimore.
 Baltimore, Md., Jan. 30.—All cigar stores, groceries, bakeries and most drug stores in Baltimore closed Sunday, while police took names of boot-blacks for indictment. The blue law was enforced.

A Terrible Crime.
 Cincinnati, Jan. 29.—Charles Bart-ruff, a tanner, murdered his wife, five-year-old son and infant daughter in this city, and then attempted suicide by burning himself, but failed. He is demoted.

Kills Three.
 Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—A special from Battle Creek, Mich., to the Journal says a Chicago & Grand Trunk locomotive blew up at Edwardsburg, killing engineer, fireman and conductor.

Bank Robber.
 Madison, Wis., Jan. 29.—At Deerfield, 17 miles east of here, the H. B. Fargo company's bank was entered early Saturday morning by burglars, who secured \$8,100 and escaped.

Cuba's Population.
 Washington, Feb. 1.—The new census gives Cuba's population as 1,572,840, which is 50,000 less than in 1897. Porto Rico has 957,679, a gain of 150,000 since 1897.

Parliament Opens.
 London, Jan. 31.—The seventh session of the fourteenth Parliament of Queen Victoria opened yesterday. In her speech the queen declared that the war in South Africa would be continued until the empire wins. The ministry was sharply criticised by leaders of the opposition, and the Irish factions agreed to work in harmony.

Death of a Midget.
 McLeansboro, Ill., Jan. 29.—William McNabb, the smallest man in Illinois, died here Saturday morning of pneumonia, aged 49 years. He was 38 inches tall and weighed about 75 pounds. He was born and reared in this county.

Heavy Loss by Fire.
 Fairbault, Minn., Jan. 31.—The little village of Morrystown, ten miles west, was nearly wiped out of existence by fire Monday night. Twenty-three business firms were burned out and 2 1/2 blocks are in ashes.

Cold Brings Death to Two.
 Chicago, Feb. 1.—Two deaths were caused by the cold weather in Chicago Wednesday, and many persons suffered from frostbites of varying severity. Many homeless persons were sheltered in police stations.

Died Suddenly.
 Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 29.—Philip D. Armour, son of P. D. Armour, the well-known Chicago capitalist, died at Montecito, after a brief illness, aged 31 years. He leaves a wife and children.

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