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THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Cuban Affairs Receive Lots of Attention.

MONEY IN ELECTIONS, QUESTIONS

A Settlement of the Pacific Railroad Funding Bill Will be Accomplished Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage delivered a prayer in the senate today. Frye occupied the chair. Hale of Maine reported the pension appropriation bill without amendments, and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow. The house concurrent resolution for a holiday adjournment from December 23 to January 5, was agreed to. Morgan of Alabama presented the credentials of Edmund Winston Pettus as senator from Alabama for the term beginning March 4 next.

Allen of Nebraska offered a resolution for a committee of nine senators "on the use of money in elections." The resolution directs the committee to thoroughly investigate the extent to which money was used in connection with the recent presidential election, either in promoting nominations or influencing the choice of presidential electors, and to inquire whether such expenditures were excessive, illegitimate, corrupt or unlawful, and to especially inquire and ascertain to what extent for such purposes, the owners of silver mines, gold mines, bankers, manufacturers, railroads or other incorporations and millionaires of all classes made contributions, and if contributions were made by any persons or corporations residing abroad. The resolution empowers the proposed committee to send for persons and papers and directs that a report be made by the first Monday of December, 1897.

Allen sent to the clerk's desk and had read several newspaper clippings containing charges of irregularity in connection with the recent election. The resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses, Allen remarking that he earnestly desired a speedy report.

The bill validating some New Mexican bonds, passed and now goes to the president.

Morgan of Alabama took the floor to make a pre-Cuban speech, taking the ground that as the president had made no recommendations and gave no indication of his intentions, congress must assume responsibility on the matter of most serious gravity. Morgan used very strong language concerning the conduct of the Spaniards in Cuba, characterizing them as "robbers, cutthroats, assassins, ravishers and pirates."

Morgan closed at 2:10 p. m. The senate then agreed to his resolution calling for information on the Comptroller and other cases.

The Day in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Woodman, of Illinois, today introduced a joint resolution directing the president to intervene in Cuban affairs.

The resolution, after reciting Maceo's assassination and Spanish cruelties in Cuba, says the president having failed to carry out the wishes of the people, the honor of the United States is at stake, and history gives no precedent on which to base a hope that the Spaniards will consent to compliance with civilized warfare.

The president is directed to express severe condemnation of Spanish methods of warfare, especially the murder of Maceo; recognize the independence of Cuba and demand of Spain the withdrawal of all troops from Cuban soil. He is also directed to take proper steps to see that this demand is carried out.

ITS IMPORTANCE IS RECOGNIZED

Venezuelans Generally Accept the Boundary Protocol.

CARACAS, Dec. 15.—Many persons of education and position in the republic have begun to realize the importance of the protocol arranged between the governments of the United States and Great Britain for the settlement of the boundary dispute in Guiana. This statement is given on the authority of politicians of prominence.

It may be added, on authority, that President Crespo will not yield to any popular demand, but will hold firm to his purpose to accept the proposed Anglo-Venezuelan treaty. Serious people, in fact, according to the best information, are beginning to understand that it might be unwise to reject the protocol, and they are fortified in their belief by the attitude of the government. The more the protocol is studied, poli-

ticians say, the more certain becomes the prospect that the sentiment of the people will uphold the efforts of the United States in their behalf.

In order to foster this sentiment it is semi-officially announced that statesmen of prominence will publish articles on the protocol, and the proposed treaty, emphasizing their efficacy in the determination of the question and advisability of acquiescing in the terms.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAYS.

Movement Toward Securing Early Action by Congress Upon Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on Pacific railways today agreed that in view of the fact that the mortgages of both the Union and Central Pacific are now practically due it was important to secure action by congress at the earliest practicable date.

Senator Morgan was the only senator present who dissented. He said he did not desire a delay. He expressed the opinion, however, that further testimony should be taken. He was overruled.

The committee decided to ask for a day for the Sioux City bill immediately after the disposal of the immigration bill and make an effort to get up the Union Pacific and Central Pacific bills immediately after recess, providing Senator White of California has arrived. The committee agreed not to press these bills in his absence.

Remorse Overtook Her.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 15.—Governor Richards has granted a free pardon to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, serving a 17-year term each in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge for the murder of John P. Stewart by poisoning. They have already served a year.

Stewart was a wealthy man. Suspicion first fell upon his wife, Mary Stewart. She was arrested at Spokane and tried in Missoula. To save herself she accused her mother and step-father. They were convicted by her testimony of murder in the second degree. Remorse overtook Mrs. Stewart and she finally confessed to an attorney and to ex-Governor Toole, but committed suicide before the written statement could be signed.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations: John H. Rogers, district judge of the western district of Arkansas; William B. Childers, attorney for the United States, territory of New Mexico; Charles C. Nott of New York, chief justice of the court of claims; John E. Garland, district judge for the district of South Dakota; Benjamin F. Kimberly, receiver of the Denver land office.

Magician Hermann Dead.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Hermann, the magician, died today of heart disease in his private car at Great Valley, near Salamanca, on his way to Bradford. His remains will be forwarded to New York.

Herrmann completed his engagement at the Lyceum theater in this city last night, and later was entertained at the Genesee Valley Club.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

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Amendments Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The tenth annual report of the interstate commerce commission, sent to congress today, sets forth the necessity for amending the law so as to give greater force and finally to the findings of the commission. The report strongly recommends that ticket brokerage be made a penal offense and that the issuance of passes be prohibited.

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Try Schilling's Best; if you don't like it, your grocer will pay your money back in full.

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SAYS MACEO IS ALIVE

Sensational Rumors Current in Havana.

THE CASE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Festivities in the Capital City to Celebrate His Death Have All Been Stopped.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 16.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well, and is in the province of Matanzas. The passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped, since it has become known that he is alive.

DENVER, Dec. 16.—A News special from Key West, says:

Advices from Havana tonight by the steamer Olivette state that the alleged death of Maceo is still shrouded in mystery, and a majority of the Cubans refuse to believe that the great chief is dead. The body has not been discovered, and contradictory statements made by the Spaniards lead the Cubans to believe Maceo is still alive. Even the people who live at Punta Brava, where Maceo is said to have been killed, do not credit the story. Dr. Zertucha continues to make conflicting statements. He says now that the knife which the Spaniards have belonged to young Gomez, and not to Maceo. They say this proves either that Maceo is still alive or that if he is dead, his death will not injure the rebellion.

There is a multiplicity of theories current in regard to Maceo. One report in Havana is that the Spanish officer at Cabezas, province of Matanzas, has informed the Havana authorities that Maceo passed that place recently with a large force. Then, too, it is claimed that a letter has been received in Havana from Aguirre, the insurgent leader, dated December 11, in which no mention is made of Maceo's death.

Weyler is now in a quarrel with the marine authorities because of the charge that Maceo passed the trocha in a boat. The marine authorities deny the story positively, and have cabled the facts to Spain. All these contradictory statements render it difficult to believe that Maceo is really dead.

SNOW STORM IS RAGING.

Cold Wave Strikes the New England States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A violent storm struck this city last night, which was born on the gulf of Mexico. The storm moved very slowly northward during the day, and in the evening was central over Norfolk, Va., and still moving northwest. There was rain along the southern coast, and at Norfolk there was 1.4 inches. Hurricane signals floated along the greater part of the coast, for the storm threatened great danger to shipping.

In this city the temperature was at freezing point, and the wind blew at 36 miles an hour. At Sandy Hook it was 42 miles, and at Nantucket 45, while at Block island, which is always the point on the coast where the wind is strongest when there is a big storm, it was blowing at 60 miles an hour.

From Egg Harbor, N. J., it was reported that the storm promises to be one of the worst ever known there. The thermometer has fallen 24 deg., and the wind is blowing 40 an hour and constantly increasing. Constant flurries of snow fill the air.

Everything along the coast has been made ready. The life-saving patrols have been doubled in anticipation of wrecks, and every man notified to be on duty.

Snow Still Falls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The snow storm which began yesterday afternoon still continues. At 9 o'clock Sandy Hook reported the wind blowing from north-northeast 40 miles an hour and very thick off shore. The telephone line connecting Sandy Hook with the life saving stations off the Jersey coast is down, preventing reports from the life-savers.

Telegraphic reports from Long Branch and Ausbury Park say nothing has been abandoned yesterday after the rescue of her crew by the steamer Yorktown.

The thick atmosphere caused by the snow storm interferes materially with river and harbor navigation. Only two steamers reached quarantine this morning, the Starlight, from Swansea, and the Aelonn, from China ports. No vessels have left port this morning.

EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS.

Amendment Introduced by Mitchell in the Senate Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, today introduced a bill to amend section 175 of the Revised Statutes.

That section, as passed in 1865, provided that persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred for appointment to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for a proper discharge of the duties.

The amendment gives the preference to all honorably discharged persons from the military or naval service without regard to reason for such discharge, provided they have served ninety days or more in the war of the rebellion or any Indian war.

Mitchell supported the bill with a brief speech on his motion. It was referred to the committee on civil service and retrenchment.

REFORM IS THE OBJECT.

National Civil Service League Meets at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League was begun today. Delegates represent the principal cities of the United States. The executive committee chose George McEnany and A. S. Friess, both of New York, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Robert B. Brooker, civil service commissioner of New York, reviewed the great political movement of the country in which self-organizing power was made manifest from the revolution to the last national campaign, dwelling especially upon the splendid uprising "which resulted in the Indianapolis gold standard convention." The history of the civil service reform movement, he declared, is in itself proof that effective political organization does not depend on office-holders.

Charles Richardson discussed the new charter of Philadelphia. Silas W. Burt of New York spoke on the "New System in New York."

RECRUITS FOR CUBA.

Three Hundred Men Enrolled in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Already over 300 Cuban recruits have been enrolled in this city, and Colonel Harriman, head of the local movement, states that there are as many more in Kansas City and vicinity willing and ready to go to the front. The men average in age between 18 and 35 years, and are generally unmarried. The enrollment is going on in Harriman's office and no secrecy is made.

"Should congress take action," said Colonel Harriman, "that would permit armed men to go to Cuba without molestation, these men will be notified and sent in a body from Kansas City."

Activity at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—In the house at 202 Elm street, in this city, a company is being organized to go to Cuba and join forces with the insurgents. Edward Hastings is the head of the scheme, and is eager to join forces with other Cuban sympathizers who are in the city. He has the names of 20 men who have joined his company, and thinks he will have 100 men before the end of the week.

Hastings visited the city hall to learn if the authorities would interfere with him. He was told the blind could not see, and if he organized quietly and did not make it too public no one would either see or hear the movement.

Action by New York Aldermen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A petition to congress to put an end to the revolution in Cuba was signed by all the aldermen of this city last night and a copy forwarded to Washington.

Sympathy in Brazil.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16.—A meeting to express sympathy for the Cuban revolutionists was held in this city attended by 5000 persons. Senor Patrocinio spoke. There was great enthusiasm.

Cuban Demonstration Planned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Three thousand members of the organization known as the American Friends of Cuba will march next Monday evening in a body to Cooper Union to participate in the demonstration in sympathy with the Cuban patriots. President Frank Mayer, who is one of the few survivors of the Virgin expedition, will head the line.

Three Friends Escaped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The cruiser Newark returned to Key West this afternoon. She reported to the navy department that she had been unable to over-haul the filibuster Three Friends.

ENGLAND IS SHAKEN

Johnny Bull's Island Has An Attack of Ague.

STREETS OF HEREFORD ARE ABLAZE

Even a Noble Earl Gets Shaken Out of His Little Bed, Just Like Common Folks.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shire from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed about 5:30 this morning, and lasted from four to five seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced. The most severe shocks were felt at Cheltenham, Ledbury and Deanforest.

The earthshaking was accompanied by a loud rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture shifted, doors thrown open, pictures and other ornaments upset. The inhabitants were panic-stricken and fled from their houses.

The earthquake also visited Birmingham and various points in Shropshire, and was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding that city.

The shocks were followed by a tremor of the earth. The greatest alarm prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overturned, windows, etc., smashed. At some points on the country road persons were thrown down; a number of people were thrown out of their beds. Hereford cathedral was injured. The dull, rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two loud crashes and a terrible lifting and rocking.

The panic at Hereford was so great that one woman died from fright. People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing into the thoroughfares. All the pinnacles of St. Nicholas' church toppled over and a part of the pinnacle of the cathedral fell.

At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt.

At Bridgenorth, near Shrewsbury, before the disturbance, the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire, and there was a violent rise accompanied by a shaking of the earth. People going abroad in that vicinity say they were unable to walk, owing to the vibrations. There was great excitement among the people about Poole, who thought the end of the world had come.

Houses shook for nearly a minute at Bristol and Clifton, causing much alarm. Railroad employes at Crewe report that they felt the rails oscillate. At Eversham the shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky.

Tuesday there was a sudden change from mild weather to a severe frost, followed by dense fogs and snow on Wednesday.

In the mining districts it was first thought the shocks were the results of colliery explosions. The disturbance was violent at Warwick Castle. The Earl of Warwick felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath it, and the furniture in the room shifted.

RACE WAR IMMINENT.

Battle Expected Between Blacks and Whites in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Dec. 17.—A race war is imminent at Perkins, twenty-five miles east of here, as the result of last night's double murder. Three hundred negroes have armed themselves to resist taking Knightsman, the negro accused of the crime. Five hundred men have gone from Perkins, Custing, Carney and the surrounding country to overpower the blacks and lynch the murderer. The persons murdered have been identified as Freeman Morrow and his 14-year-old daughter, who lived near Terrilton and were on their way to this city.

Sheriff Creel is reported to have telephoned to the governor, asking the First regiment, O. N. G., to be held in readiness to quell any threatened outbreak between the whites and blacks. The report, however, cannot be verified. Throughout the day there were many excited negroes and whites in the streets in Stillwater, and every threat to lynch the prisoner provoked the negroes to fresh declarations that any attempt upon the life of Laughlin would be resisted by the blacks.

McKINLEY AT CHICAGO.

The President-Elect Joined His Wife This Morning.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Major McKinley arrived here this morning, accompanied by his brother, Abner McKinley, Chas.



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Largest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., New York

Dawes and George B. Freze, editor of the Canton Repository. Captain H. O. S. Heistand, United States army, Captain Lafayette McWilliams, Mrs. McKinley's cousin, at whose home the president-elect will stop, met him at the depot.

"I will remain until the first of the week, captain," said the major when pressed to spend the holidays here. "I want to be home for Christmas dinner with mother."

During the hours after daylight the train was cheered at every station. In the train sheds at Chicago the major returned the salutations of hundreds. As he passed through the station a crowd of several hundred cheering and shouting people rushed after him.

ALIVE AND FIGHTING.

Antonio Maceo is Safe in Matanzas Province.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 17.—Passengers from Cuba last night report that General Pratt wired General Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had an engagement with Antonio Maceo's forces led by Maceo himself, and upon receipt of the telegram festivities in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo were ordered suspended.

The passengers further stated that a newspaper reporter who went to Punta Brava had an interview with the insurgent chief, Baldemero Acosta, who told him that Maceo was at the head of his army and moving towards Oriente. He stated that he accompanied Maceo to Matanzas, where he left him. Maceo was suffering from a slight wound.

Patterson on Cuba.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Congressman Josiah Patterson, from the Memphis, Tenn., district, was here yesterday. He said on the Cuban question:

"I believe it is about time in the interests of humanity and on behalf of American citizens on the island of Cuba who have property there, for intervention by the United States.

"It has reached that point now where we do not need to recognize Cuba's belligerency. She has not any permanent seat of government, but we should step in and stop the butchery in the name of humanity and then if the matter could not be settled any other way, why, fight. I believe something is going to be done very shortly."

The Czar's Turkish Policy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: The return of the Russian ambassador, M. Neidloff, created a mild flutter of speculative excitement, and he is the bearer of the latest directions of the czar for the future policy of Russia.

The general opinion here is that Russia has not changed her policy of firm moral pressure to obtain the necessary reforms in conjunction with the other powers, but will show equal firmness against force being used.

The powers will, in the opinion of a prominent diplomat, now formulate extensive demands, but are prepared to accept much less than they ask for.

A dispatch from Canaa, Crete, states that the gen d'armee reorganization committee has arrived there and has calmed the excitement that was prevailing.

Cuba in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It is stated that Secretary Olney will go before the senate committee on foreign relations tomorrow and give a great deal of confidential information relative to Cuba.

It is the expectation of all the members of the committee that a vote will be reached tomorrow on the Cameron resolution declaring for Cuban independence. Friends of the resolution have no doubt it will receive the approval of the majority.

Money loaned on personal security, or real estate near the city. Inquire of Joel G. Koontz. nov18-dlm