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CONGRESS.

A Request Made of Olney.

Call Spoke Upon His Resolution in
Condemnation of Americans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Less than a score of senators were in the senate chamber when the session convened. Hale, of Maine, secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of state to send to the senate a statement as to the action of the president or secretary of state touching the recognition of any foreign people or power as an independent government and the corresponding action of other branches of the United States government.

Pettigrew, of South Dakota, secured an agreement to a resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for a statement of the amount of the subsidies paid by the Union and Central Pacific railroads to the Pacific Mail steamship line.

Call, of Florida, spoke on his Cuba resolutions introduced yesterday concerning the condemnation of Julio Sanguilly, at Havana. Call said the report from the state department as to the killing of Charles Govin, omitted many important features, which would have disclosed that Consul-General Lee believed Govin had been tied to a tree and chopped to pieces. To show the fact, Call read a letter from a gentleman in Havana, whose name was withheld.

At the close of Call's Cuban speech, the senate agreed to his resolution asking the secretary if state for all correspondence in the case of Julio Sanguilly. The senate then went into executive session for the purpose of considering two treaties.

PACIFIC ROADS DISCUSSED.

The house committee on Pacific railroads arranged the details of a debate which was begun today, on the Powers bill. The time will be equally divided by its supporters and opponents, Chairman Powers beginning the debate. Hubbard, of Missouri, is to control the time for the minority. Harris, of Alabama, who is considering the proposal of a substitute or amendment, to take the place of the settlement question in the hands of the commission, spoke of his plans, and one or two other members said

they considered it a practical method but considered it their duty to support the committee bill, to which they were already pledged.

POSTPONED.

In the absence of Senator Cameron the senate committee on foreign relations did not take up the Cuban question today. When the committee adjourned the opinion was expressed by some members that the Cameron resolution would not be pressed by the senate.

The committee agreed to favorable reports on extradition treaties with Argentine Republic and the Orange Free State.

COMMITTEE TO MEET.

It is expected a meeting of the Republican steering committee of the senate will be held as soon as Alston, the chairman, arrives, to accommodate the committee on Pacific railroads, which is anxious to have an early day fixed for consideration of the refunding bill. It is probably the committee will also consider the general order of business, as several bills are pressing for consideration.

MUST WAIT.

A joint resolution requesting Great Britain to pardon Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick was indefinitely postponed in the senate.

HOMESTEAD BILL DISCUSSED.

A bill providing for free homesteads to bona fide settlers in Oklahoma territory caused a lengthy discussion in the senate today.

APPROVED BY CLEVELAND.

The president has signed the act recently passed relative to dramatic and musical copyrights.

Crocker in a New York Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Private advices from New York state that George Crocker, the San Francisco millionaire, who yesterday purchased \$1,500,000 worth of property in New York, has become a member of the New York banking firm of Price, McCornick & Co. Mr. Crocker is one of the sons of the late Charles F. Crocker who, with Stanford and Huntington, built the Southern Pacific, and he inherited several millions from his father.

Scared Off.

HARRISBURG, Ky., Jan. 7.—The Lexington and Harrodsburg militia companies, ordered out by Governor Bradley under secret orders to repulse a rumored attack of raiders on the remaining Mercer county tollgates, fled into town in the early morning, cold, tired, hungry and mad. The raiders were undoubtedly scared off by the soldiers, and abandoned their plans.

RECIPROCITY.

General Gomez Retaliates.

General Weyler is to Remain in Cuba.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 7.—A letter received here from Ciego de Avilla on the old trocha between Jucarro and Morona, says that General Gomez attacked this place this week. Gomez asked Spanish commander to surrender the town. He said he would not, but would fight. The result of the fight was that the town was captured by Gomez, who took 145 prisoners. All of these he killed.

This was according to a manifesto he issued directed to Spanish authorities a few days ago saying that as the Spanish had refused to agree to conduct a humane war, it was now an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, just as Weyler had treated the pacifists.

Charged With Piracy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A special to the Herald from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

It is likely that J. M. Barris, attorney for the owners of the Three Friends, the Cuban filibuster, Captain Lewis, commander; John Dunn, Engineer; Captain John O'Brien, the veteran filibuster, and J. A. Huan and Henry P. Fritot, agents of the Cuban junta here, will be prosecuted by the United States government on a charge of piracy. Such a prosecution is foreshadowed in a libel which was filed today against the Three Friends by United States District Attorney Clark.

The libel is based upon the expedition from Fernandina on December 1. While trying to land the expedition, it is said, the Three Friends used two 12-pound Hotchkiss guns against pursuing Spanish gunboats. It is charged that the men named mounted the guns and provided shells for the purpose of making war upon the king of Spain.

Throughout the document the Three Friends is referred to as an "armed cruiser" fitted out by the men named for the purpose of making war on Spain in the interest of the Cuban insurgents.

This is the first time names have been used in a libel against the Three Friends.

The case also differs from previous ones in that the violation of no particular section of the United States revised statutes is specified. Attorneys here think the libel was drawn under Secretary Olney's instructions, and assert that its terms foreshadow the prosecution of the men named on a charge of piracy.

That the government will push the case is evident from the fact that the five newspaper correspondents who have written much about the Three Friends have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury to tell what they know about the vessels, last trip.

Weyler's Edict.

HANANA, Jan. 7.—Captain-General Weyler issued another edict, giving orders that within a period of eight days all owners of estates, managers and tenants, in the province of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Mantanzas, shall appear before the mayors of the nearest fortified town and exhibit a police passport and document proving their ownership and the payment of their last taxes. They must show the number of hands employed by them, with police documents to prove each. These papers being found all in order, they will be allowed to return, upon showing their certificates and documents to the troops which they pass on the way. These who do not comply with the above requirements must concentrate in the town.

At the expiration of the term of eight days, the troops will pass through the farms and will conduct to the towns those not presenting the above required certificates, and they will be proceeded against according to instructions received.

Foreigners engaged in cultivation or pursuing any industry under the conditions above required must prove their nationality, as well as show the number of employees under their control, and must guarantee all information as to their origin, and must show their police documents under the same terms as natives. An owner of livestock must present documents proving his ownership, and the location of the stock.

The formalities having been complied with, the mayors will deliver certificates to applicants. These certificates must be exhibited upon demand to troops passing after the expiration of the term of eight days. They will capture all stray cattle unclaimed, and they will be brought to the towns.

There was a numerously attended meeting at the Spanish casino, the gathering being largely made up of merchants, planters, etc. Considerable excitement developed over a proposition to send a long dispatch to the Madrid government giving assurance of support and expressing regret at the attacks made upon Captain General Weyler by the Madrid press, and asking the government to let Weyler remain here, as his presence is necessary for the pacification of the island. The discussion over this was hot, and it was only after considerable opposition that it was adopted.

To Stay in Cuba.

MADRID, Jan. 7.—Epoca publishes a formal denial that the government has any intention of superseding General Weyler as captain-general of Cuba.

Convent Fire.

ROBEVAL, Lake St. John, Que., Jan. 7.—The lives of seven Ursuline sisters were lost in a fire that destroyed the convent of Our Lady of the Lake, at St. John, controlled by the Ursules of Quebec, a cloistered order, and the oldest religious sister-hood in Canada.

The dead are Sisters Providence, Ursula, Anna, Louise, Antonia de Padua, Demique and Paul. Family and Christian names: Miss Eliza Gosselin, St. Jean Chrystostome, Miss Emma Lestourneau, Quebec; Miss C. Garneau St. Joys; Miss Hudson, Herberville; Miss Bouille, Des Chambault; Miss Louise Girard, Roberval.

Were it not that most of the students of the convent had gone home for the holidays, the loss of life might have been greater. The students were to have returned tomorrow.

Mrs. Gladstone's Birthday.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the great statesman, was of unusual interest, owing to the presence of Armenian deputations, and the unveiling, by Mrs. Gladstone, of a memorial window in Hawarden church to the martyred Armenians. In returning thanks, Mr. Gladstone said:

"While up to the present the career of the sultan, who is the greatest assassin, of the world, has been triumphant, all these triumphs of wickedness and iniquity are doomed."

Missouri Legislature Meets.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—The Missouri legislature convened at noon yesterday, and after temporary organization was effected adjourned until tomorrow. The Democrats have a safe majority in each house, and will elect all the officers and a United States senator to succeed Vest. Vest will have no opposition.

Ann-Gold.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 7.—Governor Turney, in his message yesterday, advises the legislature to enact that no obligation hereafter executed payable in gold alone be enforceable in Tennessee in the courts, and that judgments on such contracts shall be discharged in any legal-tender currency.

An Ice-Skating Race.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A 10-mile scratch race between Joe Donoghue, of Newburgh, and John Lawson, known as the "Terrible Swede," was decided at the ice-skating palace last night. The Newburgh man won easily, with six laps to spare. Time, 34 minutes.

CRIMINAL.

Several Persons Are Arrested

Upon Suspicion For the Lienen Murderer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Two women and four men are locked up at South Chicago police station, and it is alleged they are wanted in connection with the murder of John Lienen, the West Hammond saloon-keeper who was found dead New Year's day with a gun shot wound in his side.

One of the women under arrest is thought to be Lienen's wife and the other his daughter. The police refuse to allow the prisoners to be seen and would give no particulars. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Lienen had probably been murdered, but were unable to connect any one with the crime. It is said there was some difficulty among the family about property to which Lienen was an heir.

Robbers Confess.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Joseph Stanley, alias Har, and Joseph McLaughlin, True, the men arrested for complicity in the robbery of the Home brewery office on December 3, of more than \$1000, have confessed and laid the whole story before Chief of Detectives Desmond. This was only brought out after the chief had spent a greater part of the day sweating his prisoners. The third man in the deal, Billy Wolf, a barber, was arrested later. He also confessed.

The first two men were captured in East St. Louis by Detective Desmond as they were about to board a train for Indianapolis. The chief got his clew of the robbers from True's mistress, and effected their capture in a very clever manner.

The robbery in question was one of the boldest in the history of St. Louis. It occurred at 2:30 in the afternoon when Chahler Robert Hofferkamp and an assistant were in the office alone. The three men entered and at the point of their revolvers compelled the cashier and his assistant, whom they afterward tied and gagged, to hand over what money they had in the safe.

Assaulted.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 7.—Owing to the prominence of the parties, considerable excitement was created at 4 o'clock this afternoon by an assault made by Col. Henry Landes, president of the First National bank, upon J. Will Lyons, editor of the Daily Leader. An article published in the Leader, which Landes thought reflected on his family, was the cause of the trouble.

Books Stole.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—New and startling complications are forthcoming as a result of the National Bank of Illinois failure. Col. W. V. Jacobs, who conceived the Calumet Electric Railway Co., and was forced out of control in 1892, is unable to push his claims against the officers of the National Bank of Illinois because all the papers and books relating to his connection with the Calumet electric railway have been stolen.

Journalists Sentenced.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The writer Schmachagen has been sentenced to one year, and the publisher, Sedlatzek, to four months' imprisonment, for libeling Baron von Mirbach.

A Fraud.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A fraud order has been issued against the Washington Farming Land company of Seattle, Washington.

Donoghue Won.

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STATE BLIND INSTITUTE.

Some Information Gathered From Supt. Carter's Report.

Superintendent Carter, of the state blind school, has submitted to the board of trustees a report of the 10th biennial term of that institution. The report shows the total enrollment to be 33, while the actual attendance is 21. Superintendent Carter says of the maintenance fund: "I find there will be a deficit in our fund of about \$500 over the appropriation."

Fault is found with the bedding, which is said to have been of poor material in the first place, and the superintendent says the carpets and table linen are badly worn, and the supply of crockery rather meager. One of the institution's pianos is declared old and only fit for class work, leaving only one for general purposes. A new piano, the superintendent says, is much needed, and it is asked that the appropriation be increased from \$13,000 to \$15,000.

It is estimated that less than \$100 will be left of the improvement fund, and the superintendent suggests that some grading be done on the front yard, and then a coating of soil or loam used, so that the grass or shrubbery may grow thereon. The school is located in a gravel bed.

It is further recommended that two buildings one on each side of the main new building, be removed and that a new building be erected on the north side of the grounds for a laundry and storeroom. A painting is suggested for the building used as a dining hall.

It is estimated that about \$800 will be left in the electric light fund, and that the amount required for lighting hereafter will be \$800 a year. The \$3,000 appropriated for a home for the blind was not expended, for the reason the board held it to be illegal.

Dr. W. A. Cusick, the visiting physician, makes a report, showing as follows:

Total number of inmates, 21; males, 7; females, 14; totally blind, 7; able to distinguish between daylight and dark only, 2; able to distinguish form and color only, 12; congenitally blind, 12; blind from accidents, 3.

The visiting physician says the sanitary and hygienic conditions are not of the best, and suggests that a tiled drain be put in to carry water from the west front of the premises.

Fleeing For Their Lives.

BOMBAY, Jan. 6.—It is estimated that 325,000 persons have fled from the city in consequence of the spread of bubonic plague, scattering contagion in the country.

Aground.

HAMBURG, Jan. 7.—The Hamburg-American line steamship Hurbert Bismarck has gone aground at the town of Blankenose, on the Elbe. The ship is in no danger.

For Senator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—A special to the Bulletin from Sacramento says that Jas. A. Waymire is a candidate for the United States senate in opposition to George C. Perkins.

Assigns.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—The wholesale dry-goods house of McMaster & Co. has assigned for the purpose of liquidating. Assets, \$347,000; liabilities, \$213,000.

Disastrous Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—A Globe-Democrat from Vera Cruz, Mexico, says: Another disastrous fire has occurred here, destroying factories and business blocks to the value of \$200,000.

Burned to Death.

PICKENS, S. D., Jan. 7.—The dwelling of Rev. M. L. Jones was burned and two of his children perished in the flames.

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Is International Bimetallism

"The Last Ditch of the Silver Delusion."

"Subterfuge Is At An End."

"A Makeshift of Political Emergency."

Reply of M. A. Miller to the Daily Oregonian.

(Oregonian, Jan. 6.)

THE NAKED ISSUE STATED.

The Oregonian reprints the following from a letter that appeared in its columns Wednesday written by Mr. William Schneider, of Portland:

The opinion of the Oregonian about bimetallism, or, rather, free silver, by international agreement was manifest from the very inception of the campaign. "Ay, springs to catch woodcocks." That's how a knowing, stanch Republican put it; and it was the mind of thousands. To Mitchell, Butterworth & Co., the "international agreement" pledge was a convenient, or, rather, an indispensable mask, during the late campaign. An international convention will soon come off, but no "international agreement." And what then? There is a consideration that must make us pause. Shall any one be elected (to the senate) who will not support the financial plank of the Republican party, when once its "international-agreement" knot has dropped out.

The dubious position of Senator Mitchell on this question cannot be regarded with indifference. The "last ditch" of the silver delusion is "international agreement." It is the final form of the persistent fallacy that statutory law can make and regulate values. A parliament of commercial nations, it is asserted, can fix and maintain a ratio between gold and silver, so that the two metals may be used concurrently as money on that ratio. This is what is meant by international bimetallism. But it will never succeed. The nations will not agree to it; and if they should agree to it, no treaty, no law made by a parliament of nations, could control values against economic forces and the laws of commerce. The notion is simply chimerical.

When the "international" scheme shall have failed, as fail it must, then what? We think there will not even be an international convention, and our silverites will certainly continue their clamor for "free coinage 16 to 1, without asking the aid or consent of any other nation." When men like Senator Mitchell no longer have "international bimetallism" for an expedient or refuge, what is to be expected of them?

Persons of intelligence and candor have always regarded the international conference clause of the Republican platform as a makeshift for a political emergency. No doubt the McKinley administration will make a sincere effort to bring such conference about, but no person of sound information believes an international agreement possible. All subterfuges will soon be at an end; and the question, when it again comes up will stand on the naked issue whether the United States shall "go it alone" for free coinage, or not. The Republican party will not be in position to trifle any further with the question of international agreement.

England refuses to budge; Germany will not act without England, and France will do nothing that might give Germany an advantage over her. The position of Germany was stated not long since in a declaration made to the reichstag by the chancellor of the empire, to wit: "If from an economic and monetary point of view an advance and steadying of the price of silver seem advantageous, if that is the end to be attained, beyond question it can only be reached internationally, by an agreement between the chief civilized nations interested in the commerce of the world as to the ways and means to be adopted."

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