



CONGRESS NOT IN A HURRY.

A CIPHER INQUIRY CALLED FOR. THE HOUSE, HOWEVER, LETS MR. POTTER'S RESOLUTION GO OVER... THE DEMOCRATS HOLDING IMPORTANT BUSINESS BACK FOR THE SAKE OF AN EXTRA SESSION—GENERAL NEWS.

A SIGNIFICANT CAUCUS.

THE CONFEDERATES OF THE SENATE ALREADY BEGIN TO DELIBERATE THE POLICY OF THEIR PARTY—AN OPEN FIGHT AGAINST FAIR PLAY IN THE SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A caucus of Democratic Senators was held this morning. It was not attended by all the Senators of that party, and although the results are quite significant no great interest was manifested in the caucus itself.

MR. POTTER OFFERS HIS RESOLUTION.

A DEBATE ON THE CIPHER TELEGRAMS IN VIEW—THE HOUSE SHORT OF MONEY TO INVESTIGATE WITH, BUT THE DEFICIENCY TO BE SUPPLIED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The beginning of the cipher investigation is postponed another day, but Mr. Potter's resolution now holds such a position in the House that it is sure to receive attention to-morrow.

A LEGAL OBJECTION TO A LAND GRAB.

THE WASHINGTON RAILROADS ARE SEEKING TO PUT UPON THE INDIANS OF INDIAN TERRITORY PLACED IN A CLEARER LIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—It is a subject of complaint by the representatives of the civilized tribes in the Indian Territory, who are here opposing the efforts to survey a Territorial government upon them, and deprive them of their property rights.

A STURDY HAYES DEMOCRAT.

A GEORGIA MAN WHO BELIEVES IN TAKING UP MR. HAYES FOR 1880.

next campaign is to nominate President Hayes for a second term. The cooperation of the Senator in the measure was asked for. He was answered that the Senator is in favor of nominating a straight-out Democrat in 1880, and cannot consider the plan in question.

Such resolutions as these, or such as that of Senator Edmunds, for which the Democratic resolutions are intended to be a substitute, are without meaning, except in the light of current events. The most significant of these events are the developments in the South Carolina, Louisiana, and other Southern States, showing an organized effort on the part of the Democratic party to deny the right of suffrage to the colored men.

Should the doctrine laid down in the new resolutions become a controlling principle of the Government, it would do for the South nearly all that which it failed to accomplish by rebellion. The right would remain with Congress to prevent State Governments from depriving citizens of the United States of their rights under the Constitution.

It is not probable that there will be any Republican opposition to the Potter resolution, although that party may adopt the tactics of the Republican members of the committee and refuse to vote. General Butler is understood to have prepared a speech against the resolution, in which he will take the ground already indicated in a dispatch to THE TRIBUNE.

A new obstacle may stand in the way of an immediate opening of the cipher investigation, even after the Potter resolution has been passed. The contingent fund of the House, from which it is proposed to pay the expenses of the inquiry, is all used up. A resolution was passed by the House to-day to pay the expenses of the John J. Davenport and Judge Biologid investigations by the Judiciary Committee from the same fund, but the Sergeant-at-Arms says that he will not start with a committee on either of these expenditures until the contingent fund is replenished.

THE CONFEDERATES IMPATIENT.

ANXIOUS TO ENTER UPON THEIR LEASE OF POWER—APPROPRIATION BILLS BEING HELD BACK TO MAKE ANOTHER SESSION NECESSARY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Democratic caucus to-day took a very important step bearing upon the question of a called session of the XLVth Congress.

It was agreed informally to request the Democrats of the House to amend the bill already passed in the Senate just before the recess, in regard to jurors, by adding to the repeal of Section 820 of the Revised Statutes, making participation in the rebellion a ground for challenge, a repeal of Section 821, also giving United States attorneys discretion to administer the oath, in case the bill as amended cannot be forced through the House, it was further agreed to ask the Democrats of that body to attach to it some important appropriation bill, and thus either secure its passage or a failure of the bill and an extra session of the new Congress, when the Democrats think they will be able to carry the repeal.

Profound Republican members of the House express the conviction that the appropriation bills may be held back for the purpose of controlling the question of a called session. It is said that sections are in course of preparation for appropriation bills abrogating all the powers which the General Government now has of supervising elections for members of Congress, or for President and Vice-President.

EDMUNDS ON THE FISHERIES.

A SPEECH IN EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLING FOR ABROGATION OF THE TREATY ON THIS SUBJECT.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 21, 1879. The subscriptions to the 4 per cent loan to-day amounted to \$6,956,350.

CALEB CUSHING.

A TRIBUTE TO HIS ABILITY.

HIS SHARE OF THE WORK AT THE GENEVA ARBITRATION—A PIECE OF EX-WRITER HISTORY—TWO MEMORABLE BREAKFASTS—MR. CUSHING'S WORTHY CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS—HIS STRONG ANTI-PATHY TO ENGLAND.

THE TRIBUNE'S REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] PRINCETON, Jan. 20.—For the last few days the sleighing around Princeton has been excellent, and the students have been endeavoring to enjoy it. A large four-horse sleigh, accommodating about twenty, is the favorite vehicle of the students, and it has been carrying crowds of jovial fellows to the neighboring City of Trenton nightly.

When they arrived at the police station the students were hustled roughly into three cells, six each in two, and the remaining twenty in a cell which was only made to accommodate a third of the number.

FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITY.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL IMPRISONED IN ALABAMA. SELMA, Ala., Jan. 20.—George Turner, United States Marshal, is in jail at Selma, in Dallas County, official papers relating to the last Congressional election, required by law to be kept in the Probate Judge's office in the said county.

THE LUDICROUS RUMOR OF A DUEL.

Police circles were agitated for several hours yesterday morning by a rumor that two prominent citizens had fought a duel. The report in substance was that John Hilton and H. B. Cushing had met at Clinton Hill, New-Jersey.

A BIRGE FOR BAYARD LAYTONS' FUNERAL.

About 300 members of the German Singing Societies of the city intend to sing an original funeral dirge at the absence of the late Bayard Taylor, which is expected to take place in the afternoon of the 24th inst.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—Master Corwin P. Ross, United States Navy, has been assigned to duty at the Naval Academy.

POLITICS IN FRANCE.

THE MINISTRY SUSTAINED.

DEBATE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOLLOWED BY A COMPROMISE AND A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

The ministerial declaration was debated in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, the Cabinet professing a willingness to accede to the reasonable demands of the Republican leaders. A compromise was finally effected, and a vote of confidence was offered by Jules Ferry and adopted by a vote of 223 to 121.

MINISTERIAL TRIUMPH IN FRANCE.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF DEPUTES ON THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION—A COMPROMISE EFFECTED AND A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE PASSED BY A VOTE OF 223 TO 121.

The public galleries and lobbies of the House were densely crowded to-day. The right was stated to be resolved to abstain from voting. The Left Centre was disposed to support the Cabinet. The Republican Union and Extreme Left were expected to vote against the Ministry. The Republican Left had prepared two orders of the day, one expressing confidence in the Ministry, to be brought forward if the declaration of M. Dufaure was satisfactory, and the other expressing a want of confidence, should the ministerial statement appear incoherent. These orders were intrusted to Jules Ferry. Among the Republican majority there was a desire to support the Ministry if the declaration should prove sufficient. All the Ministers breakfasted to-day with M. Dufaure. It was asserted that M. Dufaure was disposed to admit the justice of the demands of the Republicans relative to the changes in the Magisterial and Administrative staffs.

AFFAIRS IN GERMANY.

ANTI-SOCIALISTIC RESOLUTIONS—BISMARCK'S FISCAL REFORM.

THE THRONE OF BULGARIA.

The assembly of Bulgarian notables, which was to have met in this place on the 18th inst., to elect a Prince, has been postponed to the 25th or 27th. The death of a new heir to the throne of Baden-Baden, will be elected as the ruler of Bulgaria.

PERLS OF THE DEEP.

THE BRITISH STEAMER OBERON, CAPTAIN CAMPBELL, FROM NEW ORLEANS, DEPARTED FOR LIVERPOOL, AND WILL ENTER WHITE BAY, IN THIS HARBOR LAST NIGHT WITH ENTERING UNDER HER PROPELLER, WHICH SHE HAD LOST. HER CREW WAS SAVED. SHE IS IN A FAVORABLE POSITION.

MEXICAN NOTES.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 15.—Sefior Avila has finally left the Department of Foreign Affairs. Who will be his successor is not yet known.

THE COLLEGE SENATOR AT PRINCETON.

HOW THE TWENTY-FOUR STUDENTS CAME TO BE ARRESTED AT TRENTON FOR SINGING IN THE STREETS—THEIR TREATMENT BY THE POLICE.

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Had his critics known how much of the whole truth he withheld they might have taken, I will not say a more lenient view, for Mr. Cushing would have rejected their leniency with scorn, but a more just view of his book on the Treaty of Washington.

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