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THE WORLD AT LARGE. Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate met at noon on the 6th and was called to order by the presiding officer, Senator Sherman, who laid before the Senate the several annual reports of heads of departments...

Is the Senate on the 7th Mr. Cheney appeared and took the oath of office as successor to the late Senator Pike, of New Hampshire. Mr. Beck introduced a bill to provide for the retraction of the national bank bills of small denominations...

On the 8th Mr. Plumb introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to certify lands for agricultural purposes to the State of Kansas, and also to provide for the sale of certain portions of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation...

WASHINGTON NOTES. The President has appointed George A. Allen United States Attorney for the Western district of Pennsylvania, vice William A. Stone, suspended for offensive partisanship.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, has sent to President Cleveland a copy of the edition of Dante recently printed for Victor Emanuel, Italian Prince Royal.

THE SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO has ordered the disbarment of H. B. Johnson and L. A. Gopen of the Denver bar. A few days ago they lodged a complaint in the United States courts charging Judge Rodgers of the Superior Court with having received a bribe for having decided against them in a case which they were defending.

THE EAST. ARCHBISHOP RYAN, of Philadelphia, has prohibited balls for charitable purposes in his jurisdiction. The recent municipal elections in New England generally resulted in victories for the "no license" people.

PROSECUTIONS have been commenced in Harrisburg, Pa., against the railroad and coal pools of Pennsylvania. There was a riot with the striking operatives of Kline & Hubbs' mill at Amsterdham, N. Y., recently.

In the United States Circuit Court at New York recently it was decided that lace composed of threads, known in the trade as torchon lace, must pay forty per cent. duty as torchon lace.

SIBLEY & HOLMWOOD'S five-story candy factory at Buffalo, N. Y., the largest in the city, took fire recently and burned to the ground, together with an adjoining block. The loss aggregated \$280,000.

MICHAEL J. HESS, a New York laborer, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge the other night for a bet of \$25. He was uninjured. The main building of the Gilbert Manufacturing Company, at Bainbridge near Albany, N. Y., was destroyed by fire recently, throwing nearly 100 hands out of employment.

BIDGET MCCARTY and John Toole, a young couple, were instantly killed recently by a train striking them at Broad dock, Pa.

JUDGE BUTLER, of the United States Circuit Court, sitting in Philadelphia, has appointed receivers for the Fishers' and Merchants' Telegraph Company.

A. M. SCHUBA, for the past fourteen years a national bank examiner, of New York City, has been asked by Comptroller DeLoach to resign. No charges were preferred.

REV. DR. McLENN, who supported Henry George in his recent efforts to obtain the majority of New York, has been summoned to Rome to answer for his political utterances.

Fire in Dunlap & Co.'s hat factory, Brooklyn, N. Y., the other night caused \$30,000 damages.

The Western Union Telegraph Company directors have decided to pass the stock quarterly dividend.

The Western National Association at its recent meeting in Cincinnati advanced the price of nails to \$2.46 per bag.

FRED, THAYER & Co., an old shoe firm of Boston, failed on the 26th for \$300,000.

DR. BARTH, the Liberal leader of the German Reichstag, was on the floor of the House recently and was cordially greeted by Representatives Hawley, Cox, Morrison, Phelps, Long and others.

ABOUT twenty-five leading citizens of Chicago, Marshall Field presiding, met recently and subscribed \$1,500,000 to build an opera house greatly exceeding the usual size. The idea is to provide an auditorium more suitable for national gatherings than the often-crowded Exposition building.

The jury in the case of Paul Grotzka, charged with leading a riot in Milwaukee last spring, were unable to agree and were discharged.

JUDGE GRESHAM, at Chicago, on the 7th removed Solon Humphreys and Thomas E. Tutt from the receivership of the Washabaw railroad for misconduct. The Judge severely censured the receivers, who were accused of having acted in concert with Jay Gould, Dillon and Sage, but was carefully concealed the latter's names.

On the San Francisco Stock Exchange on the 6th R. Dinsmore & Co. stock brokers, assigned. Their liabilities aggregate \$300,000. Three other failures of stock brokers were announced during the day. C. P. Anderson suspending with \$150,000 liabilities and nominal assets, Fred P. Franks with liabilities estimated at \$250,000 and F. P. Gray with unknown liabilities and assets.

JOHN T. LESTER, the Chicago millionaire, has agreed to pay the duties and costs, amounting to \$1,000 and a penalty of \$8,000 for undervaluing a lot of imported paintings.

REXLEY HILL and his three sons were killed near Laporte, Ind., on the Grand Trunk road recently by a train striking their wagon as they crossed the track.

THE dead bodies of three Indians who perished in the late storm have been found near Ashland, Mont. Several more Indians are believed to be lost and to have met the same fate. The dead Indians are supposed to belong to the Fort Berthold agency.

THE wine season in California, just over, was the most favorable ever known.

A DANVILLE, Ill., special of the 8th says: "One hundred and fifty colored miners at Grape Creek struck yesterday, the superintendent having offered only sixty cents per ton, powder and tools to be furnished by them, or \$2 with three and one-half tons output, powder free. It is expected other miners will follow."

THE bank of Gold Hill, Nev., has suspended.

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THE business failures during seven days ended December 9 numbered for the United States 232, for Canada 22, a total of 254 against 242 the week previous.

THE Quartermaster General has certified to the Secretary of the Treasury that the Christian Brothers' College of St. Louis is entitled to \$10,000 for the use of its building by troops during the war.

A SENIORS riot broke out in Traverse County, Minn., recently, consequent upon the removal of the county seat from Brown's Valley to Wheaton.

IT is reported, from Tascosa, Tex., that extensive prairie fires prevail on the ranches twenty miles northwest of Clarendon. The burned district covers about 3,800,400 acres.

THE steambot St. John dropped her guards near Monroe, La., recently and precipitated 1,000 bales of cotton into the river. The cargo was recovered.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FAIRCHILD, of the G. A. R. has issued an order relieving A. E. Sholer of the position of department commander for Tennessee and Alabama, and appointing Hon. H. R. Gibson, of Knoxville.

CARDAZA & Co., dry goods, Richmond, Va., have made an assignment with liabilities amounting to about \$98,000; assets to about \$50,000, and preferences to \$54,000.

JOHN C. OWENS, the comedian, died at his residence near Baltimore, Md., on the 7th.

GOVERNOR LEE, of Virginia, has resigned. Cluverius, the convicted murderer of William Madison until the 14th of January.

COAL in immense quantities from under the surface has been discovered in Hampshire and Smith Counties, Texas. One vein is twenty feet in diameter.

THE committee on the English Wesleyan Conference has sent to the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Church in America and the presidents of the conferences in Canada, Australia and the West Indies copies of a circular intimating that the second Ecumenical Conference will meet in America in 1901.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Reports of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury—His Views Upon the Silver Question—The Public Debt—National Finances Displeased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary Manning's annual report to Congress is largely taken up with his well known views on the silver question, to which he has devoted his entire budget, and which he has endeavored to make as complete as possible.

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LAMAR'S LOG.

The Secretary of the Interior on the Operations of His Department.

Steady Improvement in the Condition of Indians—Public Lands—Receipts.

Bureau of Labor—Lamar's Reflections on the Tariff—Suggestions for Revision—Inequalities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The annual report of Secretary Lamar regarding internal affairs was made public yesterday. Mr. Lamar had prepared the matter almost entirely with his own hand, and the work therefore bears additional weight. He discusses the Indian question at great length and devotes much space to suggestions as to the future of the "Government's wards."

He also deals exhaustively with public lands and similar topics, and in fact touches upon every subject in his charge. The more interesting portions of the report are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 1896.—Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the operations of this department for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1896.

Full and detailed information as to the operations of the Indian Bureau and the various Indian agencies, will be found in the accompanying report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which presents an interesting report of the work for the past year and who makes valuable suggestions for the improvement and conduct of this important branch of the public service.

There is at this time a general feeling of gratification in the operations of this department for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1896.

There has been a steady, though not rapid improvement in the moral, material and intellectual condition of the mass of the Indian population during the last twelve months. These are more tractable; fewer crimes and depredations are charged against them; more are seen to be engaged in useful and profitable industries; more have been located upon individual homesteads; more have been educated in the schools.

There are other evidences of a different condition of affairs, showing that the work of the Indian Bureau is progressing under the present management of the Indian Bureau. The estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, shows a surplus of \$22,382.28 less than that of last year, and \$1,719,165.58 less than that of the year previous. This is a very gratifying result, and shows that the work of elevating the Indian race is being fruitfully carried on.

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