

DAY OF EXCITEMENT.

EVENTS MOVED WITH RAPIDITY IN WASHINGTON.

Two Cabinet Sessions Held, Unprecedented in Recent Years—Senate Passes the Venezuela Commission Bill Unanimously—Notable Speeches Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Yesterday was a day of excitement and surprises in Washington. Events moved with rapidity, and when the sun went down public men in all branches of the service were nervous and worn out from the tension.

At the other end of the avenue the President and his Cabinet received prompt advices of the course of events here and on the public exchanges.

In the Senate.

Dec. 9.—The Senate, by unanimous vote and without the formality of a roll call, passed the bill already adopted by the House of Representatives empowering the president to appoint a commission to determine the Venezuela-British Guiana boundary.

RUSSIA IS WITH UNCLE SAM.

One Paper Suggests a Vote of Censure Against Salisbury.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Novoe Vremya says: "If it comes to a war between Great Britain and the United States the former will have to encounter internal as well as foreign foes, for the Irish are not likely to look on passively at such a conflict."

The Boerse Gazette remarks: "The one honorable means for England to extricate herself from this affair is a vote of censure against the Marquis of Salisbury, and a new Cabinet might be able to rectify the blunders of its predecessors."

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 21.—The Brazilian Senate and Chamber of Deputies have adopted a resolution approving President Cleveland's message.

CANADA TALKS DEFENSE.

Thirty Thousand Troops Ready for Action if Needed—Alarm Not Yet Felt.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 21.—Officials of the government claim that in case of war between Great Britain and the United States Canada could in twenty-four hours put 30,000 fully equipped men into the field and hold any force the United States is likely to bring against this country in check for a couple of months at least.

Driven Into Tree Tops.

MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Parties from Spring River report having rescued five men, one woman and two children, who were water-bound. The men were in tree tops and the woman and children were on top of a shanty.

To Tax the Cattlemen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Delegate Flynn introduced a bill yesterday to force the cattlemen in the Wichita, Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Otoe, Missouri, Ponca and Osage reservations to pay taxes.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

President Cleveland's Venezuelan Message to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Soon after both houses of Congress met yesterday, the President sent, by Executive Clerk Pruden, the expected message in regard to the British-Venezuelan complication.

To the Congress: In my annual message, addressed to the Congress on the 3d inst., I called attention to the pending boundary controversy between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, and recited the substance of a representation made by this government to Her Britannic Majesty's government suggesting reasons why such dispute should be submitted to arbitration for settlement and inquiring whether it would be so submitted.

Lord Salisbury declines to submit the matter to arbitration and repudiates the applicability of the Monroe doctrine to the question.

The course to be pursued by this government in view of the present condition does not appear to admit of serious doubt. Having labored faithfully for many years to induce Great Britain to submit this dispute to impartial arbitration, and having been now finally apprised of her refusal to do so, nothing remains but to accept the situation, to recognize its plain requirements and deal with it accordingly.

In order that such an examination should be prosecuted in a thorough and satisfactory manner, I suggest that Congress make adequate appropriation for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the Executive, who shall make the necessary investigation and report upon the matter with the least possible delay.

In making these commendations I am fully alive to the responsibility incurred and keenly realize all the consequences that may follow. I am nevertheless firm in my conviction that while it is a greivous thing to contemplate the two great English speaking people of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march of civilization and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the arts of peace, there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self respect and honor, beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness.

FORTY KILLED.

Terrible Coal Mine Disaster in North Carolina—Fire Damp Explosion.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, shortly after the day force, numbering sixty-seven men, had gone on duty at the Gumlock coal mines, six miles west of here, a terrible fire damp explosion occurred, with fatal effects.

After considerable delay the searching party entered slope No. 1, where they were greeted by a most horrible and ghastly sight. Dead men, fearfully mutilated, were found, some of them partly covered with pieces of coal, timber and other debris.

The searching party came up and reported what they had found. At 4 o'clock ten or twelve miners went down to bring up the dead bodies, but at last accounts none of the dead had been recovered. It is believed forty three men were killed.

PURCHASED HIS LIBERTY.

W. P. Patterson Tells How He Happens to Be Enjoying His Freedom.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 21.—J. J. Thompson, a druggist of this city, has received a letter from W. P. Patterson, who was supposed to be shipped dead from the state penitentiary to his home about a year ago.

ANOTHER DISASTER.

Explosion of Fire Damp Costs Twenty-four Men Their Lives.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Twenty-four miners lost their lives yesterday in the Nelson mine near Dayton, Tenn., by an explosion of fire damp. The explosion was succeeded by a terrific crash, which indicated that the roof of the passage through which they had entered had fallen in.

Alarm Felt at Baxter Springs.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 21.—Spring river at this point is higher than ever known before. The flouring and planing mills are badly damaged, and the plant of the Baxter Springs Light and Power Company is literally ruined.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Dec. 16.—The Senate was in session about two hours, half of that time being given to Mr. Stewart of Nevada, in a vigorous assault on the gold "combine."

In the house Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior for his reasons for not appointing allotting agents for the Wichita Indian reservation as provided for in an agreement made between the Indians and United States commissioners last spring.

Dec. 17.—The President's message on the Venezuelan question occupied the main attention of the Senate during its brief session.

While the time of the House was mainly absorbed in debating the Republican plan to create three committees of nine members each to deal with the election contests, its interest was centered upon the President's message.

Dec. 18.—The session of the House did not last an hour, but it sufficed for the passage of a bill authorizing the president to appoint a commission to investigate the Venezuela boundary and appropriating \$100,000 for the expenses of the commission.

The Senate shared the general sentiment of his countrymen and from the first to the last the session the measures proposed breathed a spirit of patriotism and of preparation for an emergency that might arise concerning Venezuela.

Dec. 19.—The spirit of Americanism still brooded over the senate to-day, but although never stronger than when the subject in question was before the president, all expressed the opinion that war would not result.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—A marriage license was issued Monday to Samuel B. Major and Miss Elizabeth M. Simpson of Fayette, Mo., and they were married at Christ church cathedral, Mr. Major is county attorney of Howard county, Mo., and his bride is the daughter of General Simpson.

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FINANCIAL MESSAGE.

THE PRESIDENT URGES CONGRESS TO ACT.

More Heavy Gold Withdrawals and Our Venezuelan Policy Make It Necessary That Prompt Measures Be Adopted to Uphold Our National Credit.

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To the Congress: In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the causes and means of the depletion of government gold were explained.

It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the Government to protect our gold reserve by the issuance of bonds amounting to more than \$162,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$79,000,000, that about \$16,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of that message, and quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

ANOTHER WARNING TO CONGRESS.

We are in the midst of another season of perplexity, caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system.

Of course there can be no doubt in any thoughtful mind as to the complete solvency of our nation, nor can there be any just apprehension that the American people will be satisfied with less than an honest payment of our public obligations in the recognized money of the world.

The real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme. Pending that the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts nor abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain before the world American credit; nor will there be any hesitation in exhibiting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people.

PROMPT ACTION PLEADED FOR.

In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the Congress, in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance will not take a recess from its labors before it has by legislative enactment, or declaration, done something, not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing, affords sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs do not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of the Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give to prevent, in time of fear and apprehension, any sacrifice of the people's interest and the public funds or impairment of our public credit in an effort by the executive action to relieve the dangers of the present contingency.

RAINFALL BY TONS.

The Precipitation Equal to 750 Tons of Water to the Acre.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Missouri weather service reported last night the heaviest rainfall recorded since the establishment of the bureau. The total rainfall in the last forty-eight hours has been 6.29 inches. This is equal to four gallons to every square foot, or about 750 tons of water to the acre.

MASSACRE ORDERED.

The Porte Gives Directions for the Slaughter of 12,000 Armenians.

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LATE NEWS NOTES.

During a fight over a game of craps at Marshall, Mo., Albert Paxton shot Charles Collins dead.

The Rev. Alfred Moore, former Episcopal minister at Akron, Ohio, who committed forgery to secure a wedding suit, has been formally deposed from the ministry.

The Nebraska irrigation convention closed its session at Sidney, Neb., by electing A. W. Walfenbarger president and J. L. McIntosh secretary and adopting strong resolutions.

Governor Stone of Missouri has pardoned Thomas Mooney, William Chadwick and Richard and John Catlin convicted in St. Louis in 1893 of robbing John Dougherty of \$17. The governor holds that they were victims of perjury.

Allen G. Thurman left a \$100,000 estate to three children.

Erastus Wyman is a free man again, the Court of Appeals having ordered his release.

The late Samuel J. Tilden's personal property was auctioned off and netted about \$10,000.

Cleveland's message was enthusiastically received at Buenos Ayers. Only little Chili has registered a kick so far. Chili sides with old England.

Rejoicing continues at Caracas over the enunciation of the Monroe doctrine by Uncle Sam. Now that little Venezuela has the assurance that a big brother is at its back it is ready to uphold its claims by force.

Missouri State university football team will play with the Yale eleven at New York in November 1896.

Textile Manufacturers' association of the Southwest has issued a call for a conference to be held at Chicago January 14.

Assistant Cashier Samuel F. Sewall and Frank Harvey were convicted of robbing the First National bank of McGregor, Tex., of \$15,000.

Representative George D. Meiklejohn of Nebraska is a candidate for Governor before the Republican State convention.

Tirzo and Juan Gonzales were killed near Yuma, A. T., in a saloon brawl at the Gold Rock mining camp by Johnson Randolph, a miner.

Rafael Villegas, while prospecting near Rincon, Mex., discovered a cave with sacks of gold in it that had been hidden by robbers long ago.

Six masked robbers were put to flight by Lake Erie & Western trainmen headed by Conductor Doctorman, between Montpelier and Keystone, Ind.

Harry Hayward confessed the murder of five people—Carrie Hass of Pasadena, Cal., a Long Branch consumptive, a Chinaman, a Mexican and Miss Ging.

Mrs. Charles Grossman, wife of a prominent hardware merchant at Ann Arbor, Mich., committed suicide by jumping into a cistern with her 3-year-old child.

Although no formal agreement has been reached in regard to restriction of production of anthracite all of the large producers and carrying companies are independently restricting their output.

A Pan-American union on a political basis is now being considered.

Salisbury's next step will be the publication of his version of the Venezuelan controversy.

English papers are surprised at the unanimous support of President Cleveland by Congress, and concede that the situation is very serious.

The International Bell Telephone Company has declared a dividend of six per cent, payable January 3.

The locked out New York tailors believe they have won their fight. Thirty contractors have signed application blanks for the return of their men.

Indians from the San Carlos reservation, Arizona, have committed another murder, this time of a ranch foreman, who was shot while on a round of inspection.

Fire at Denver, Colo., destroyed the Riche block, corner of Sixteenth and Curtis streets, causing a loss of \$150,000, which was nearly covered by insurance.

The second floor of the Palace Clothing Company's big store at Minneapolis, Minn., collapsed under the weight of tons of wall paper. Gale Walters, a clerk, was killed.

Herr Ahlwardt has been told by Chicago Jews that he is not wanted in that city.

The incorporators of the Pacific Cable Company elected officers and directors.

Daniel Quinn, a politician, shot and killed Nancy Thurman near London, Ky., in self-defense, he says.

Anna Belle Steinberger was assassinated in Barren County, Kentucky, by her cousin Booker Steinberger, it is alleged.

Miss Margaret Young, queen of the Manua group of islands, is dead.

An uprising in Crete is feared. The governor has asked for more troops.

Associate Justice R. F. Bickerton of the Hawaii supreme court is dead. William R. Castle is named as his successor.

W. A. Sheridan and Dr. James Underwood are under arrest at Honolulu, charged with conspiracy against the government.

The United States cruiser Marblehead has arrived at Messina, Asia Minor, to which place several Americans have gone for safety.

The French wine product is much smaller this year than last, due to heavy rains early in the season.

Twelve soldiers were killed and sixty injured by the collapse of barracks at Buenos Ayers.