

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE. THURSDAY, Jan. 17.—Bills were introduced as follows: By Hays, to furnish for the operation of the Interstate Commerce Commission...

HOUSE. Bills were introduced as follows: By Davis, of California, to restrict Chinese immigration...

FRIDAY, Jan. 18.—Bills were introduced as follows: By Voorhees, reviving and continuing the Court of Commissioners on the Alabama claims...

MONDAY, Jan. 21.—A large number of petitions in favor of re-nomination was presented. The Vice President presented a communication from the Secretary of the Interior...

TUESDAY, Jan. 22.—Petitions for the re-nomination of various officers were presented. The House passed a bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods...

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23.—A large number of petitions were presented from the workmen of various parts of the country, remonstrating against the reduction of duties on certain goods...

THURSDAY, Jan. 24.—A bill to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Bradwood, Ill., passed. The Senate then considered the resolution of the House...

FRIDAY, Jan. 25.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

MONDAY, Jan. 28.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

TUESDAY, Jan. 29.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

THURSDAY, Jan. 31.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

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SATURDAY, Feb. 2.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

SUNDAY, Feb. 3.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

MONDAY, Feb. 4.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

TUESDAY, Feb. 5.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

THURSDAY, Feb. 7.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

FRIDAY, Feb. 8.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

SUNDAY, Feb. 10.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

THURSDAY, Feb. 14.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

SATURDAY, Feb. 16.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

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MONDAY, Feb. 18.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

TUESDAY, Feb. 19.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

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TUESDAY, Feb. 26.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

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SUNDAY, Mar. 1.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

MONDAY, Mar. 2.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

TUESDAY, Mar. 3.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 4.—A bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on certain goods, passed. The House then considered the resolution of the Senate...

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Nebraska. A city directory of Lincoln is to be published. Nebraska has 137,000 acres of University and Agricultural College lands.

Grazing in the western part of the State is excellent, and cattle are in fine condition. The trial of Dr. George St. Louis at Fremont, promises to be a long one. Sixty-nine witnesses have been subpoenaed.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, late United States Minister to France, lectures at Lincoln, February 6th. Subject: The Siege of Paris. Reuel Nim and V. S. Ashman, late clerk and deputy clerk of Richardson county, have opened a bank at Falls City.

Mrs. Harding, a widow, near Fremont, had sixty tons of hay destroyed by a prairie fire a few evenings since. The loss is more serious to her from the fact that she is engaged in the dairy business, and dependent upon this hay for her cows during the winter.

Mrs. E. V. Clark, of Omaha, who was recently terribly burned at Grand Island by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, has since died. Her daughter, Mrs. Ackerman, who was sick in bed at the time, was so badly burned that her recovery is considered doubtful.

The State Agricultural Society met at Lincoln, January 15th. It was decided to hold the next State Fair at Lincoln. The annual election of officers resulted in the election of M. Dunham, president; Charles Mathewson, first vice-president; C. C. Winslow, second vice-president; D. H. Wheeler, secretary; C. Hartman, treasurer. A committee of seven was appointed on the premium list.

Carroll county has reduced her bonded debt \$8,000 during the past year. Atlantic has organized a Reform Temperance Club with 900 names enrolled.

Wm. Hoyt, a 13 year old son of Frank Hoyt, Ottumwa, was drowned at that place recently by breaking through the ice. A boy was born in Hardin county recently minus one leg. Where the leg ought to have been, projecting from the hip, are six toes.

A two and a half year old son of Daniel Confare, near Lyons, was fatally scalded a few days ago by falling into a pall of hot water. Father Brophy, a French Catholic priest, now at Boone, will be 100 years old next March. He is able to get around, but is quite feeble.

A man named Cramer has recovered, after having the suit tried four times, \$7,500 of Burlington, for injuries received from a defective sidewalk. James Dows was run over while coupling cars at Waterloo, January 10th, losing one leg and receiving other injuries, from which he died in a few minutes.

O'Brien county has ordered the following exemptions: For each acre of forest trees, \$500; for each acre of fruit trees, \$500; for each half mile of hedge, \$250. The failures in Iowa in 1877 were 350 in number, with \$2,604,000 liabilities, against 461 in 1876, with \$3,009,080 liabilities—a very encouraging showing for this State.

Keokuk is crowding over a \$2,000,000 law suit between the shareholders of the old M. V. & W., and the new incorporation of that company under the name of the St. L. E. & N. W. R. R.

Chester Chitman, 40 years of age, whose family, consisting of a wife and four children, in destitute circumstances, was found dead in one of the streets of Cedar Rapids, a few mornings ago, having perished from exposure caused by strong drink.

The Keokuk Northern Line has done the blue ribbon. At the annual meeting of stockholders it was resolved that the sale of intoxicating liquors on the boats of the company is strictly prohibited. Of the 7,474 shares of stock represented in the meeting, all but 104 shares voted for the resolution.

The Des Moines Register says: "According to Iowa insurance statistics, the Burlington Insurance Company, of Burlington, Iowa, has the largest ratio of assets to liabilities, and the smallest percentage of losses to income, of the one hundred and six fire insurance companies doing business in this State."

A stranger, who gave three names and said he had no friends before he died, was run over January 17th by a switch engine on the C. M. & St. P. Track in McGregor. His legs were crushed so that it was necessary to cut them off, and he died in a few hours from loss of blood. He had considerable money, so he received a good burial.

The Stuart Locomotive says: Mr. S. O. Osborn and wife, who reside south of Stuart, have a little girl baby born to them who has six straight and perfect fingers on each hand, and six perfect toes on each foot, four and twenty in all. These good people have several other children also, who have six fingers on each hand, and one boy has six toes on one foot. They take this peculiarity from their father, who has six fingers on each.

On the morning of January 12th the body of W. P. Fox, the geologist, was found dead in the park known as the "Governor's Square," in Des Moines. He was well known in Iowa as the man who in 1876 sent a geological collection to the Centennial Exposition, on which he was awarded a medal which was found on his person. The circumstances of his death were such as to leave no doubt that he committed suicide by poison.

A train was wrecked on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota railroad near Elmira, on the morning of January 12th; and twelve persons were hurt, but only two were seriously enough to need the attention of a physician. Senator Nicholas, of Benton county, was among the injured; but not very seriously.

SA knocking murder was committed at Council Bluffs, Jan. 24th. During the temporary absence of her husband, Mrs. Sarah J. Smith, wife of a farmer living in the suburbs, had her throat cut from ear to ear. The perpetrator of the deed is believed to be a half-breed Indian named Charles Fisher, who has been in the employ of the Smith family for two or three months. He is known to have occurred in the house about the time the affair occurred, and has not been seen or heard of since. Every effort is being made to capture him.

General. A fire at Greenview, Miss., Jan. 23d, destroyed several stores. Loss, \$25,000. Palmer, Hubbell & Co., the largest mercantile firm in Monticello, Ill., has failed. Samuel Bowles, of the Springfield, Mass., Republic, died on the night of Jan. 16th.

John Mansons's flouring mill at Chester, Pa., burned Jan. 16th. Loss, \$15,000 to \$20,000. Bliss & Co., grocers, Chicago, have failed. Secured debt, \$14,000; unsecured, \$114,000.

The pork packing house of S. Sessel & Co., Waterloo, was destroyed by fire on the morning of Jan. 16th. It was a four story building erected at a cost of \$25,000. There were six or seven car loads of hams in the building, which was all lost.

The Marine Association of New York, consisting of merchants, bankers marine us-

Joseph Lakner, of Allamakee county, was instantly killed by a runaway team near Lansing, Jan. 16th.

On the night of Jan. 23d, several fires in Oshkosh, Wis., resulted in damage to the amount of \$30,000.

The banking house of Chester & Dubois, Carlinville, Ill., has suspended. Liabilities, \$205,000; assets, \$285,000.

The thrasher manufactory of Stevens, So. & Co., Genoa, N. Y., burned Jan. 23d. Loss, \$200,000; insurance small.

E. K. Collins, the founder of the first American steamship line to Europe, died at home in New York, Jan. 23d.

A receiver has been appointed for the People's Savings Bank of New York. Liabilities, \$200,000; assets, \$157,000.

Waterhouse Bros., woolen manufacturers, Passaic, N. J., have failed. Liabilities, \$100,000; nominal assets, \$60,000.

Five business houses were burned in Carrollton, Ill., a few days since. A number of persons were injured by a falling wall.

A half dozen masked men recently went to a saloon at Sloan, tore down the bar fixtures and spilled the liquor.

Humiston House and Gow's brewery at Idaho, Colorado, were burned Jan. 19th. Loss, \$15,000. Cause, defective fuse.

Rhodes & Sarver, produce merchants, New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets very small.

Gen. John C. Williams has been elected United States Senator by the legislature of Kentucky, to succeed Thomas McCreary.

Officer Kunkle, of the regular patrol, Cincinnati, was killed by burglars on the morning of Jan. 24th. The murderers escaped.

Davale & Co., New York, one of the oldest houses in the South American shipping business, have failed. Liabilities, \$300,000.

The banking house of J. M. Patterson & Co., Sterling, Ill., has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$60,000; assets, \$12,000.

F. B. James, the well-known manufacturer of boilers, Cincinnati, has committed suicide. Cause, financial embarrassment.

Geo. L. Walrus & Co., jobbers in hats, furs and straw goods, New York, have assigned. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets not known.

A fire at Wheeling, West Virginia, Jan. 20d, destroyed the oil refinery of Warren & Co., including 500 barrels of refined oil. Loss, \$20,000.

A fire at Chapin, Ill., January 16th destroyed Cooper's drug store, the postoffice and Dr. Bates' residence. Loss, \$14,000; insurance \$5,000.

Royal N. Hilliers, postmaster at Athens, Mo., has been arrested for hypothecating postage stamps and embezzling post-office funds.

The State Prohibitory Convention of New Hampshire has nominated A. S. Kendall for Governor. Strong prohibitory resolutions were adopted.

Francis Calligan, a second-hand store man, was found dead in his store in Davenport a few days since. Intemperance and exposure were the causes.

J. J. Jones, a reputed wealthy farmer and stock raiser of Wyand County, Mo., has failed. Indebtedness, \$50,000; assets less than one-third that amount.

Bear & Sons, fancy goods dealers, New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$185,000; nominal assets, \$112,000; actual assets, \$40,000.

Mark M. Parmer's private banking house, Yankton, Dakota, has closed its doors. Liabilities, \$60,000, which Mr. Parmer claims, can be fully met by the assets.

Powers, Garton & Co., jobbers in boots and shoes, New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$245,000; nominal assets, \$385,000; real assets, \$150,000.

The legislature of Maryland has chosen ex-Gov. James B. Grooms United States Senator, to succeed George R. Dennis, whose term expires March 4, 1878.

The wife of McConville, who was assassinated in Chicago a few nights ago, died Jan. 24th, partly from the effect of the shock occasioned by her husband's death.

Dr. Volkamer, of Burlington, for the murder of Chris. Range last summer has been found guilty of manslaughter. Sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and \$100 fine.

Four persons, attaches of the Holiday street theater, Baltimore, were fatally injured a few nights ago by the explosion of a cylinder containing gas for the calcium light.

Mrs. Caroline Roberts, who suicided at Dubuque because of her inability to leave liquor alone, was the wife of the church sexton of the Episcopal and Christian churches there.

The house of George Cole, of Appanoose county, was burned during his absence a few days ago, and his little three year old girl was so badly burned that she died the following evening.

The Ohio Senate has passed a joint resolution favoring the re-nomination of silver dollars and favoring the passage of the Bland bill without the amendment restricting free coinage.

The greoback men in convention at Hartford Conn., Jan. 16th, passed resolutions favoring the re-nomination of silver, and appointing a delegation to the National convention at Toledo, Feb. 23d.

Jacobs and John Hunter, late president and Cashier of the Miner's Trust Co., Pottsville, Pa., have each been sentenced to two years' solitary confinement and to pay a fine of \$500, also to refund \$30,000, with costs.

Hugh McConnell, who, while returning home with his niece in Chicago, a few evenings since, was stabbed in the abdomen, died Jan. 21st. The desperadoes were captured and proved to be Patrick Sherry and Jerry Conley.

The finance committee of Cook county, Ill., has decided to enter suit against L. C. Haddock, late county treasurer, for the recovery of \$100,000, the amount which the Third National Bank of Chicago, owed him at the time of its failure.

The Danville, Ky., Banking & Trust Company has closed its doors. It is stated that its only assets are bonds of the Paris and Danville railroad, which was built by the bank. If this is correct the depositors will be out about \$200,000.

A commercial agency here reports: The failures in Chicago during 1877 were 351, with liabilities aggregating nearly \$21,000,000. Fourteen banks failed, with liabilities of \$7,000,000, and twenty-seven real-estate men for \$2,000,000.

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The Marine Association of New York, consisting of merchants, bankers marine us-

derriers, representatives of steamship companies, &c. have signed a memorial to congress against any legislation that will make silver an unlimited legal tender.

A man named Gribbi was recently found dead on his farm in Palo Alto county. He had gone for a load of hay, and it was thought he fell from the load and was dragged to death by the team, as when found the lines were fast to his legs.

Frank Blair, Charles Oswald and Jesse Tetum were arrested near Nora Springs, January 14, and taken to Dubuque to answer the charge of counterfeiting silver. The metal and implements necessary for the work were also captured. Held in \$1000 bail to appear before the U. S. District Court.

In accordance with the ballots taken by the Chicago Board of Trade in 1874, and the rulings of the Supreme Court of Illinois, W. N. Sturges has been formally expelled from the privileges of membership. He has been one of the heaviest operators on 'Change for many years.

One of the richest discoveries was made the 12th of January, at the Ranta mines, a short distance west of Pueblo, Col., by Mr. Munn, an old prospector, who struck a hole which assays \$12,000 in gold and \$1,100 in silver per ton. There was great excitement in the camp, and everybody rushed to the scene of the new discovery.

The Charleston, S. C., Chamber of Commerce has resolved that the effort in congress to re-nominate and defer re-summation of specie re-actatory, and designed to reverse the action taken when the intelligence and wealth of the south was not represented in congress, and that it cannot be possible for the government honestly to pay the notes or bonds except in gold.

Married in Denver, Colorado, at the bride's residence, on Thursday night, Jan. 31, 1878, by Rev. Chas. C. Salter, pastor of the Congregational church, Mrs. R. E. Tyner and Mr. J. F. C. Poulton, editor of the Cheyenne Daily Sun, formerly of Fairfield, Iowa. Mr. Poulton was well known in Iowa as the author of letters from Washington in several leading Iowa papers some years ago over the signature of "Potomac."

Mrs. Caroline Roberts suicided at Dubuque on the 16th inst., by hanging herself in her own cellar, being suspended from the joists by a piece of rope. Liquor did it. She had attended the temperance meeting Sunday night, and appeared greatly affected, saying to a friend, "I know I'm a drunkard, but I can't help it." Her husband is a kind and industrious man.

A railroad wrecker named Ephraim Day, has been captured near Creston, and his confession shows that he has been guilty of many depredations to the C. B. & Q. R. R. during the past year. Telegraph poles have been cut down and used to obstruct trains, and rolling stock injured. Day justifies himself because of the killing of two horses by the cars on the road some time since.

Benj. V. Page and Wilbur Sprague, constituting the wholesale glass, paint and oil firm of Page & Sprague, Chicago, have filed a petition in bankruptcy. Secured liabilities, \$195,000; unsecured debts, \$50,000; liabilities on bills discounted, \$195,000; assets, \$30,000 in lands and \$50,000 in personal property. The individual liabilities of Page are \$54,000; assets, \$40,000. Sprague's liabilities are \$11,000; no available assets.

At Milwaukee, on the evening of Jan. 23d, Frank Volk, aged 23, son of the brewer, Franz Volk, was out riding with the Misses Helen and Emma Jacobs, daughters of the cashier of the Second Ward Bank, when a backing freight train on the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad struck the carriage, demolishing it, killing Mr. Volk; Helena Jacobs lived about fifteen minutes, and Miss Emma is probably fatally hurt. All were prominent and highly respectable residents of Milwaukee.

A dispatch from Deadwood of Jan. 23d says: Major D. H. Conkling returned from his second trip to the newly discovered oil regions near Jenney's stockades. He reports the people from every section of the Hills arriving to secure land. There are at present twenty-two claims located. Messrs. Bascom and Randall, who have had much experience in other oil regions, have claims, and pronounce the indications for oil the best they have ever seen.

For two months past United States detectives have been shadowing a man named Carl Namuth, in Chicago, suspected of taking letters from mail-boxes in various parts of the city, and they effected his capture, together with over two thousand letters, which he had taken from the boxes and had in his house, after having rifled them of their valuable contents. His stealings which have extended over a period of some ten months, must have been very considerable. He is a German, highly educated and fine looking, and has been here a year and a half. He is now in the hands of the United States Marshals.

A Bismarck special to the Pioneer Press says that official information from Gen. Miles post at Ft. Keogh says news has been received there that Sitting Bull is at Frenchman's Creek with over 1,000 lodges, including the escaped Nez Percés and refugees from agencies. These last number about 800 warriors, and Sitting Bull's own camp about 300 all well armed. The principal hostile chiefs are with him—Black Moon, Four Horns, Long Dog and Red Bear. Two companies of infantry have been sent to Ft. Peck to hold it. Indians from Sitting Bull's camp have been seen within ten miles of Peck, and an attack upon both that and Keogh is among the possibilities. Gen. Miles has only 500 men.

On the 3d of January, in San Francisco, a large body of unemployed working-men marched to the mayor's office, and a committee waited on the mayor and demanded work or bread, suggesting that they be set at work on the streets or other public improvements. The mayor addressed the crowd, stating his inability to take such action, and counselling application when necessary to the various benevolent organizations. His speech was received with sullen silence. The crowd, to the number of several thousand, then marched to the new city hall lot, where they were addressed by the agitators, the speeches being to the effect that they must help themselves by force if other means failed.

The second annual meeting of the Northern Iowa Butter and Egg Association will be held at Manchester, Delaware county, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1878, commencing at 10 a. m. of the 27th. Addresses will be made, essays read and discussions had on topics pertaining to the dairy interest. The attendance of all persons interested in this important element of commercial and agricultural wealth is particularly requested. Persons having appropriate facts or papers are invited to present them. If the numbers cannot possibly be present, their communications can be forwarded to the Secretary, or to any member of the Executive Committee.

The government has commenced suit against John McArthur, late postmaster at Chicago, and his bondsmen, for \$300,000, the sum in which he is charged to be deficient in his accounts. The bondsmen have set up a counter-claim which alleges that the government was cognate with the suit, and approved the deposit by McArthur

of the funds in the bank, and that the sureties are not, therefore, liable for the amount lost by the failure of any bank in which the funds were deposited; also that the postmaster general knew three years ago that McArthur was taking funds from the department for his private business, and knew that he was being practically a defaulter, and that he had failed to bring suit against him at the time that he held liable for the postmaster general's neglect of duty.

The Eastern War. The Turkish Parliament has voted to issue a declaration stating that the Sultan has come to the conclusion of peace, or if that is made impossible by the onerous character of the Russian conditions, to organize resistance to the latter end. A St. Petersburg dispatch says: From all information derived from well informed quarters, it appears that the latest advice from London via Vienna, are of a rather satisfactory character, and the relations between Russia and England are now on a better footing. The Agency says that the Sultan was well informed in announcing in a telegram from Vienna that Austria seemed entirely reassured as to the protection of her interests in the approaching negotiations for peace. This consideration has probably had something to do with the improvement which has taken place in the situation at London. A Constantinople dispatch says: The international committee, composed of European consuls and notables, have been forwarded to assist refugees pouring into the capital. The committee appeals to the charity of the people.

The Times' Bucharest correspondent, who has gone to Giurgievo to try and cross the Danube at that place into Bulgaria, telegraphs from Giurgievo as follows: Mortality among the Turkish prisoners at Fratesti is fearful. The station of Fratesti has become a terror to travelers between Bucharest and the Danube river. If there is nothing worse than this plus the mortality evidenced by the numerous graves in the plain surrounding the prisoners' camp justifies the apprehensions of travelers.

I saw Russian soldiers digging living graves near them fifty Turkish corpses lying in confused heaps, as they were emptied from the dead cars. Their ragged, half clad forms, and the frost bites visible on their naked limbs gave evidence of the hardships they have suffered in their dreadful march from Nikopolis. The Agency Russia, of St. Petersburg, repels the idea that Russia intends to refuse any European participation in the treaty of peace.

A Constantinople correspondent says: From the note of Earl Derby, British Foreign Minister, to Lavard, British Ambassador here, in forming him of the Russian reply concerning the armistice, the Porte inferred that it had only to propose an armistice for it to be concluded. Rouff Pasha, Minister of War, accordingly telegraphed yesterday to the Russian Grand Duke, proposing an armistice, and announcing that the commander of the Adriatic army had power to treat on behalf of Turkey. Up to the present time no reply had been received from Russian headquarters. A St. Petersburg dispatch of the 10th says: The Grand Duke Nicholas telegraphed the following to the Emperor on Tretcha, January 9th: "I am happy to congratulate your majesty upon a brilliant victory gained today. Gen. Radetsky, after desperate fighting, captured the whole Turkish army defending Schlipka Pass, consisting of forty-one battalions, ten batteries and one regiment of cavalry. Prince Murk-shipka has occupied Kozanik. Gen. Skobloff holds Schlipka. The Turks have defeated the Montenegrins at Sputz and driven them to Vinditch. A special from Constantinople says: Suleiman Pasha has been relieved of his command and summoned to Constantinople.

A London paper says that since the capture of Schlipka Pass Russia's condition has become severer, and instead of admitting the necessity of the previous agreement with the Powers, she now insists on separate peace. On the other hand, a St. Petersburg dispatch says: "It semi-officially announced that no such declaration as are attributed to England and Austria have been received here. In the purpose leading to negotiations for an armistice, England had the opportunity of convincing herself that Russia fully respects the sphere which has been defined of British interests, and Russia reserves to herself to seek England's participation in any alterations of international treaties. Austria expresses herself as highly conformably to her special friendly relations to Russia, and in official account of the capture of Schlipka Pass, the sum total as follows: Four Pashas, 280 officers, 20,000 prisoners, and 51 guns captured. The Russian loss in killed and wounded was 5,494 men. It is reported from Constantinople that should armistice negotiations fail, the Porte will unfurl the flag of the Prophet, or permit the English fleet to pass the Dardanelles. A Vienna correspondent telegraphs that the Porte has abandoned all hope of Suleiman Pasha being able to reach Adrianople, and the Turks are preparing to evacuate.

A Russian official dispatch, dated Kazanik, Jan. 19, says: "A reconnoitering party of dragoons has brought the information that Suleiman Pasha is at Philippopolis, and has given orders to burn everything. Tatar, Paganik and Philippopolis are reported to have been burned. Two squadrons of Cossacks have arrived at Timova, who were sent to escort the Turkish peace delegates to Kazanik. The Turkish commandant at the former place believed an attack was intended, and blew up the railway bridge. Queen Victoria's speech has caused considerable disappointment at Constantinople. The British Consul at Adrianople has asked permission to leave, but Minister Layard ordered him to remain