

SPEAKER REED

Announces His Standing Committees for the House.

Chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee Goes to Dingley.

Hitt Chairman of Foreign Affairs—Cannon Appropriations, Walker of Banking and Currency—Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky Are Well Represented.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following is the full list of committees of the house of representatives as announced by Speaker Thomas B. Reed Saturday:

Rules—The speaker; D. B. Henderson, Ia.; John Dalzell, Pa.; C. F. Crisp, Ga.; Benton McMillin, Tenn.

Ways and Means—Republicans 11, Democrats 6: Nelson Dingley, Jr., Me.; Sereno E. Payne, N. Y.; John Dalzell, Pa.; Albert J. Hopkins, Ia.; C. H. Grosvenor, O.; Charles A. Russell, Ct.; J. P. Deliver, Va.; George Steele, Ind.; M. Johnson, N. D.; Walter Evans, Ky.; J. A. Tawney, Minn.; Charles P. Crisp, Ga.; Benson McMillin, Tenn.; Henry G. Turner, Ga.; John C. Tarnsey, Mo.; Joseph Wheeler, Ala.; J. J. McLaughlin, S. C.

Committee on Appropriations—J. J. Cannon, Ill.; H. H. Bingham, Pa.; W. W. Grout, Vt.; S. A. Northway, O.; Wm. A. Stone, Pa.; W. O. Arnold, R. I.; E. J. Feltus, N. Y.; Richard Blue, Kan.; Mahlon Pitney, N. J.; James A. Hemingway, Ind.; John E. McCall, Tenn.; Joseph D. Sayers, Tex.; A. M. Lockery, Mo.; L. L. Livingston, Ga.; Samuel Robertson, La.; F. C. Layton, O.; F. Bartlett, N. Y.; D. C. Hooper, N. C.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Republicans 11, Democrats 6: Seth L. Milliken, Me.; Elijah A. Morse, Mass.; D. C. Mercey, Neb.; J. D. Hicks, Penn.; S. C. Hilborn, Cal.; A. R. Kiefer, Minn.; Charles W. Gillett, N. Y.; George E. White, Ill.; Samuel C. Hyde, Wash.; Charles Henry, Ind.; A. H. Woodard, N. C.; Abbott, Tex.; Harry Skinner, N. C.; Stephen M. Sparkman, Fla.; John S. Little, Ark.

Military Affairs—Nine Republicans, six Democrats: John A. Thull, Ia.; Newton Curtis, N. Y.; Bobb P. Marshall, Ill.; Stephen M. Sparkman, Penn.; Marshall Griffin, Wis.; George N. Southwick, N. Y.; Richard W. Parker, N. J.; R. W. Bishop, Mich.; Lucien J. Penton, O.; Del T. B. Cannon, N. M.; John Torney, Mo.; D. Gardner Tyler, Va.; Charles B. McCallan, N. Y.; E. Washington, Tenn.; Joseph J. Hart, Penn.; James A. Lockhart, N. C.

Inter-State and Foreign Commerce—Eleven Republicans, six Democrats: Wm. P. Hepburn, Ia.; Loren Fletcher, Minn.; James S. Sherman, N. Y.; Ira D. Sanborn, Pa.; W. B. Ewing, Wash.; Thomas S. Nease, N. C.; J. Frank Ardich, Ill.; Charles F. Joy, Mo.; George H. Noonan, Tex.; J. B. Corliss, Mich.; Chester G. Bennett, N. Y.; James P. Stewart, N. J.; Andrew Price, La.; Jostiah Patterson, Tenn.; Franklin Bartlett, N. Y.; Harry W. Ruskin, Md.; Thawell Elliott, Va.

Claims—Nine Republicans, six Democrats: Charles N. Brown, Pa.; D. B. Heiner, Pa.; Francis B. DeWitt, O.; J. Frank Binley, Ind.; Jos. V. Graft, Ill.; Horace G. Snover, Mich.; Jas. E. Watson, Va.; Edward S. Minor, Wis.; D. G. Colson, Ky.; N. G. Tompkins, N. C.; Woodard, N. C.; Finis E. Dowling, Ill.; Walter M. Denny, Ark.

Agriculture—Eleven Republicans, five Democrats, one Democrat: James W. McLaughlin, N. Y.; James A. Stahlke, Pa.; W. Warner, Ill.; J. S. Willis, Del.; E. H. S. Henry, Ct.; Edward Sauerherring, Wis.; J. D. Lehigh, Ind.; Wm. R. Baker, Md.; D. F. Wilder, N. Y.; E. J. Murphy, Ill.; Horace G. Snover, Mich.; Chas. F. Moore, Ga.; John S. Williams, Miss.; John D. Clardy, Ky.; N. G. Tompkins, N. C.; Alonzo C. Shuford, N. C.; delegate, Frank G. Cannon, Utah.

Mines and Mining—Nine Republicans, four Democrats—D. D. Atken, Michigan; Robert Conin, Ia.; C. F. Hartman, Mont.; J. C. Leisenring, Pa.; W. M. McCallan, N. Y.; R. O. Conner, Mich.; J. V. Graft, Ill.; P. M. Eddy, Minn.; A. M. Hardy, Ind.; Delegate, F. G. Cannon, Utah; F. C. Tate, Ga.; J. W. Cookrell, Tex.; Robert Nell, Ark.; Joseph M. Kendall, Ky.

Foreign Affairs—Eight Republicans, five Democrats: Charles A. Wickert, N. Y.; W. F. Draper, Mass.; R. Adams, Jr., Pa.; L. M. E. Quigg, N. Y.; Robert Cousins, Ia.; Charles P. Taft, O.; Wm. A. Smith, Mich.; Joel P. Hearwood, Minn.; Richmond Pearson, N. C.; J. B. McCreary, Ky.; Andrew Price, Ia.; H. St. G. Tucker, Va.; H. A. Dismore, Ark.; Herndon D. Money, Miss.; F. C. Newlands, Nev.

Banking and Currency—Eleven Republicans, six Democrats: Joseph H. Walker, Mass.; M. A. Barrett, N. Y.; H. U. Johnson, Ind.; Henry C. Van Voorhis, O.; J. H. McCreary, Minn.; Chas. M. Fowler, N. J.; Jacob LeFevre, N. C.; George Spaulding, Ill.; W. A. Caldwell, Texas; Kas. E. Hill, Ct.; E. D. Cooke, Ill.; Nicholas Cox, Tenn.; Seth W. Cobb, Mo.; James E. Cobb, Ala.; J. C. Black, Ga.; Francis G. Newlands, Nev.; John K. Owen, Md.

Indian Affairs—Eleven Republicans, five Democrats, one Democrat: J. F. Lacy, Ia.; S. M. Stephenson, Mich.; G. D. Melkioja, Neb.; Wm. W. Bowers, Cal.; Wm. R. Ellis, Ore.; S. S. Barney, Wyo.; C. Curtis, Kans.; E. Wilson, Ida.; M. H. Culp, Penn.; J. F. Shafer, Col.; D. W. Flynn, Okla.; delegate, T. McBas, Ark.; A. C. Lattimer, S. C.; F. E. Downing, Ill.; O. W. Underwood, Ala.; W. A. Jarvis, Va.

War Claims—Eight Republicans, five Democrats: Chester A. Chickering, N. Y.; S. C. Cook, Wis.; John Leisenring, Pa.; W. Warner, Ill.; Wallace Wood, Pa.; Y. John P. Lacey, Ia.; Thomas McEwan, N. J.; Wm. A. Calderhead, Kan.; J. L. McLaughlin, S. C.; Jas. A. Lockhart, N. C.; L. C. McCann, Ill.; Wm. R. McKesney, Va.; Peter J. Otey, Va.

Public Lands—Eleven Republicans, five Democrats, one Democrat: J. F. Lacy, Ia.; S. M. Stephenson, Mich.; G. D. Melkioja, Neb.; Wm. W. Bowers, Cal.; Wm. R. Ellis, Ore.; S. S. Barney, Wyo.; C. Curtis, Kans.; E. Wilson, Ida.; M. H. Culp, Penn.; J. F. Shafer, Col.; D. W. Flynn, Okla.; delegate, T. McBas, Ark.; A. C. Lattimer, S. C.; F. E. Downing, Ill.; O. W. Underwood, Ala.; W. A. Jarvis, Va.

Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—Six Republicans, four Democrats: Elijah A. Morse, Mass.; Chas. Daniels, N. Y.; Eugene J. Hallen, Neb.; Andrew R. Kiefer, Minn.; Orlando Burrill, Ill.; John S. Willis, Del.; L. F. Livingston, Ga.; J. B. Cooper, Tex.; H. A. Woodard, N. C.; Jas. G. Spencer, Miss.

Education—Nine Republicans, six Democrats: Galusha Groves, Pa.; Samuel W. McCall, Mass.; Samuel M. Clarke, Ia.; R. C. McCormick, N. Y.; Charles L. Henry, Ind.; Wm. E. Barrett, Mass.; Samuel J. Pugh, Ky.; D. A. De Armond, Mo.; Charles E. Bell, Tex.; H. W. Orden, Ala.; Wm. Elliott, S. C.; Thomas G. Lawson, Ga.; A. C. Shuford, N. C.

Rivers and Harbors—W. B. Hooker, N. Y.; R. Herman, Ore.; S. M. Stephenson, Mich.; J. E. Reyburn, Pa.; H. C. Cooper, Wis.; T. E. Burton, O.; W. Barrett, Mass.; W. Reeves, Ill.; C. A. Towne, Minn.; D. B. Dovenor, W. Va.; C. M. Clarke, Mo.; J. A. Walker, Va.; T. C. Catchings, Miss.; E. E. Lester, Ga.; R. H. Clark, Ala.; P. D. McCallough, Ark.; A. S. Berry, Ky.

Naval Affairs—Chas. A. Houselle, Me.; John H. Robinson, Pa.; Geo. W. Hulick, O.; S. C. Hilborn, Cal.; Melville Bull, R. I.; Frank J. Hanley, Ind.; Francis H. Wilson, N. Y.; Charles Edward Foss, Ill.; A. G. Dayton, W. Va.; Amos J. Cummings, N. Y.; Adolph Meyer, La.; H. D. Macey, Miss.; U. S. Hall, Mo.; F. G. Tate, Ga.; Jos. J. Hart, Pa.

Coinage, Weights and Measures—Nine Republicans, six Democrats: Charles W. Stone, Pa.; Martin N. Johnson, N. D.; C. A. Hartman, Mont.; Henry C. Brewster, N. Y.; W. F. L. Hedley, Ill.; Addison S. McClure, O.; James H. Southard, O.; Benjamin L. Fairchild, N. Y.; H. C. Loudenshaver, N. J.; delegate, Frank J. Cannon, Utah; John W. Allen, Mich.; J. H. Hankland, Ala.; Thomas C. McFae, Ark.; S. M. Parkman, Fla.; James F. Spencer, Miss.; R. H. Clark, Ala.

Post Offices and Post Routes—Nine Republi-

icans, six Democrats: E. T. Loud, Cal.; Geo. W. Smith, Ill.; John J. Gardner, N. J.; W. J. Linton, Mich.; M. D. Sperry, Conn.; Thomas Settle, N. C.; George H. R. Penn, Wm. Lorimer, Ill.; J. E. Brownell, O.; E. L. Miller, Kas.; R. H. Mahoney, N. Y.; Deleante N. O. Murphy, Ariz.; John C. Kyle, Miss.; C. A. Swanson, Va.; W. E. Crain, Tex.; Henry W. Ogden, La.; George C. Pendleton, Tex.; U. S. Hall, Mo.

Elections No. 1—Charles Daniels, N. Y.; Lemuel W. Royce, Md.; E. D. Cooke, Ill.; P. E. Leonard, Pa.; W. H. Moody, Mass.; R. Z. Linyne, N. C.; Hugh A. Dismore, Ark.; Geo. E. Bartlett, Ga.; Omar M. Kim, Neb.

Elections No. 2—H. U. Johnson, Ind.; J. B. Strode, Neb.; Geo. W. Prince, Ill.; R. W. Kyles, O.; Warren Miller, W. Va.; Chester J. Long, Kas.; Geo. Harrison, Ala.; J. G. McGuire, Cal.; J. C. Kyle, Miss.

Elections No. 3—Samuel Wm. McCall, Mass.; Henry E. Thomas, Mich.; T. E. Burton, O.; James A. Walker, Va.; Jesse Overstreet, Ind.; James Coddling, Pa.; C. K. Bell, Tex.; D. A. Dearmond, Mo.; Wm. A. Jones, Va.

Pensions—Eight Republicans, five Democrats: Henry C. Loudenshaver, N. J.; Charles E. Coffin, Md.; David G. Colson, Ky.; Fred R. Halterman, Pa.; James R. Howe, N. Y.; N. A. Mosely, Mo.; J. B. Strode, Neb.; W. Alexander H. Hardy, Ind.; Chas. L. Mokes, Ga.; Jesse F. Stallings, Ala.; Wm. Baker, Kas.; J. C. C. Black, Ga.; Wm. Ellis, S. C.

Invalid Pensions—Ten Republicans, four Democrats, one Democrat: J. A. Pickler, S. D.; F. E. Thomas, Mich.; Benson Wood, Ill.; Cyrus F. Suloway, N. H.; T. L. Poole, N. Y.; S. T. Kirkpatrick, Kas.; Winfield S. Kerr, O.; W. C. Anderson, Tenn.; W. E. Andrews, Neb.; D. C. Crowther, Mo.; C. J. Edman, Pa.; F. C. Layton, O.; G. B. McCallan, N. Y.; J. W. Miles, Md.; A. Baker, Kas.

Labor—Seven Republicans, four Democrats, one Democrat: T. M. Phillips, Pa.; J. R. Walker, Mass.; L. D. Apsey, Mass.; J. J. Gardner, N. J.; P. McCreary, Minn.; W. Lorrimer, Ill.; Philip B. Low, N. Y.; E. J. Sorg, O.; O. L. McCann, Ill.; C. J. Erdman, Pa.; W. J. Talbert, S. C.; W. F. Stroud, N. C.

Manufacturers—Eight Republicans, three Democrats: L. D. Apsey, Mass.; C. E. Coffin, Md.; P. Halterman, Pa.; G. W. Paris, Ind.; R. O. Crump, Mich.; A. Stewart, Wis.; M. H. Culp, Pa.; C. B. Leach, O.; P. J. Sorg, O.; A. Meyer, La.; W. R. McKinney, Va.

Militia—Eight Republicans, five Democrats: B. P. Marsh, Ill.; C. Broderick, Kas.; C. B. Burton, Mo.; G. Spaulding, Mich.; I. J. Fenwick, N. Y.; W. Woodman, Ill.; W. Miller, W. Va.; R. Wayne Parker, N. J.; F. Bartlett, N. Y.; W. Elliott, S. C.; D. G. Tyler, Va.; J. G. Shaw, N. C.; Chas. H. Yoska, Tex.

CLEVELAND MINISTERS
In their sermons express their views on the dispute between the United States and England.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—Rev. Alonzo E. Winters, pastor of the Lorain street M. E. church, Sunday night projected his sermon by stating England and America should not go to war until every other means had been tried to peacefully adjust the difficulty. Mr. Winters added, however, that if, under the Monroe doctrine, England was an intruder, Cleveland's message was none too strong, and the United States would be justified in opposing England even to an armed conflict, as a last resort.

The subject was generally discussed throughout the churches in the city, and along very much the same lines laid down by Mr. Winters.

Death of Gen. Veatch.
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Gen. James C. Veatch died at his country home in Spencer county Saturday morning. He was breveted major general of volunteers after the battle of Shiloh and served through the war; was appointed collector of internal revenue for Sixth Indiana district in 1870; was a presidential elector in 1884 and has been a republican since the founding of the party.

Money for Pensioners.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the Interior Saturday drew upon the secretary of the treasury for \$10,275,000 to pay pensions for the next quarter. This amount will be distributed at pension agencies as follows:

Buffalo, N. Y., \$1,600,000; Chicago, Ill., \$2,575,000; Concord, N. H., \$750,000; Des Moines, Ia., \$2,000,000; Milwaukee, Wis., \$1,750,000; Pittsburgh, Pa., \$1,600,000.

Will Not Be Recognized by England.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Chronicle Monday morning says that the names of the gentlemen suggested as members of the Venezuelan high commission are above suspicion for integrity, experience and good judgment. Unhappily the body itself is in a diplomatic sense hors de concours. Its findings will not be recognized by Great Britain.

President Approves the Venezuelan Bill.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president Saturday afternoon approved the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the expenses of the committee to inquire into the Venezuelan boundary matter. The executive approval was given to the measure as soon as the official copy reached the president.

A \$100,000 Fire.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—The quiet of Sunday evening was broken by a fire that in the space of an hour destroyed about \$100,000 worth of property, and at the same time afforded excitement for ten thousand spectators. W. W. Thomas' tea house and spice mills, on Walnut street, burned. Other firms were damaged.

The Hassett Funeral Services.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The funeral services of the late Capt. Isaac Hassett, the venerable assistant doorkeeper of the senate, took place Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church.

Fire at Bluefields, W. Va.
BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Dec. 23.—The Central hotel, Cohens clothing store, Tomney's bakery and Evans & Thompson's meat market were destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The total loss is \$15,000.

The Vice President Signs the Bill.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The vice president has announced his signature to the Venezuelan commission bill. It now goes to the president for his approval.

HIGH RIVERS.

An Unprecedented Rise in the Mississippi River.

American Bottoms, Opposite St. Louis, Halt Under Water.

At Warsaw, Mo., the Osage River Floods the Town—At Taberville, Mo., the Osage is Fourteen Miles Wide—All the Bridges Were Carried Away.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Since Thursday night the Mississippi river at this point has risen 23 feet, which is unprecedented in the same length of time. The boatmen and dwellers on the river bank were taken unawares and the loss is already very great. A number of shanty boats were swept away. In one of these, the "Sandy Hook," a dance was in progress Saturday night and the revelers were not aware of their peril until the boat stuck in a tree. The American bottoms are half under water and the loss of stock is considerable.

At six o'clock Sunday night the gauge read 21 1/2 feet, whereas Thursday morning it was only 2 1/2 feet. Meagre reports, due to breaks in communication, show that the flood covers the Mississippi valley from the Iowa line to Cairo, Ill.

At Warsaw, Mo., the Osage river flooded the town, and the last dispatch was sent out by an operator perched on a desk four feet high, while a boat was moored to the door.

At Fairfield on the Osage the water is waist high in the stores, the tracks are gone and no mail has arrived since Tuesday.

At Taberville, the Osage was fourteen miles wide, and a mill and all the bridges were carried away.

In Union county, Joseph Eckert, a surveyor, went down with a bridge across the Bourbois, and was drowned. St. Louis mail reaches Carthage, Mo., by going 200 miles around through Kansas. All small streams have but commenced to pour their flood into the Mississippi and a repetition of the disastrous floods of former years is predicted.

PITTSBURGH MINISTERS
Preach on the Threatened War Between England and the United States.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—A number of ministers in their sermons Sunday preached on the threatened war between the United States and England over the Venezuelan boundary dispute.

Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, of the Second Presbyterian church, on the subject, "England and America," among other things said:

"Critique Grover Cleveland as he may, a manlier, truer, braver, more loyal president never sat in the white house, and if to-day England is trying to bully a helpless republic, 60,000,000 as brave patriots as ever froze at Valley Forge, or bled at Princeton and Yorktown, will make the same sacrifices and dig grave trenches and march and grapple undie."

Rev. J. S. Hutson, of the Union Street Baptist church, Allegheny, offered up a prayer for arbitration between the United States and England. He was joined in the prayer by the entire congregation.

RAPID FIRE GUNS.
Two of Them Burst While Being Tested by Government Inspectors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The report of the ordnance board charged with conducting tests of the four-inch rapid fire guns, submitted for acceptance by the army, have been received by the chief of ordnance, and shows that two of the guns tested burst during their trials. The other gun presented—that of the Driggs-Shoener type—stood the test well, and as a result of its inspection, the ordnance reports that the gun has shown itself to be a simple, safe and efficient mechanism for a rapid-fire gun of this character. In the rapidity that the total time for the 25 rounds fired was two minutes and thirty-four seconds.

COLLISION AT SEA.
Two British Steamers Collide and One Goes to the Bottom—All on Board Except Five Were Saved.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Alicia, from Middlesborough for Bilbao, has been sunk in collision with the British steamer Nettley Abbey, from London for Blythe. All the people on the Alicia, with the exception of five, who were drowned, were rescued by the Nettley Abbey. The latter vessel was somewhat damaged.

The Alicia was an iron, schooner-rigged, screw steamer of 907 tons. She was built at Hartlepool in 1880, and was owned by R. M. Middleton, jr.

Russo-Americans Tender their Services.
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 23.—John Glowa, president of the Russian National Society of the United States, stated that at a meeting of that association it was resolved to lend all aid possible to President Cleveland in case the United States became involved in war with England. There are said to be over 200,000 members of the society in this country, many of whom are trained soldiers.

Three Drowned in the Flood.
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 23.—News has reached here of the drowning in Forchec creek of Mrs. Tinnie Whitard, of Bismarck, her infant and her sister, Ada Hardage, while attempting to ford the stream Thursday. The stream was high by reason of recent rains. The body of the babe has been found in the drift. The others are still missing.

NO CHRISTMAS.

Congress Will Hold Sessions During the Holidays.

They Will Put in the Time Discussing the Financial Question.

No Issue of Bonds Will Be Authorized, But Relief Amendments to the Tariff Laws May Be Adopted as a Means of Replenishing the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For the first time since the short session of the 47th congress in the winter of 1883-3, congress will enter holiday week Monday with the intention of sitting through the season usually devoted to recess. The occasion for this unusual zeal and devotion to public interests was President Cleveland's message on Friday last, which asked the congress not to take its usual respite from labor at this season of the year, but to remain and provide the necessary legislation to relieve the financial situation of the government. The house will enter upon this work probably Monday, through its committee announced on Saturday. The ways and means committee will meet at 11 o'clock and proceed as rapidly as may be with the consideration and preparation of a bill or bills to meet the condition which confronts them. The measure of relief which it is expected the committee will propose will include, either in one bill or several, brief amendments to the tariff law, not involving general tariff revision, such amendments to expire at the end of thirty months, authority to the secretary of the treasury to issue a three per cent bond as a popular loan, to maintain the gold reserve, and for no other purpose, with a proviso that the redeemed greenbacks shall not be used to meet current expenses, but be retained as long as necessary as part of the redemption fund; authority to issue to the national banks, circulating notes up to par of the bonds deposited as security therefor, and reduce the tax on national bank circulation; and authority for the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet temporary deficiency in receipts until the revenue can be provided. It is estimated that these proposed tariff changes will add from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 to the income of the government.

Although there is some criticism of this scheme from the republican side of the committee, it is likely to manifest itself in any other form, and the proposition will receive the united support of the majority. One suggestion was that the Reed substitute for the issue of gold bonds, made in the last congress, when financial schemes were being considered, should be reported and passed.

While it is not probable that the committee will not be ready to report to the house before Wednesday or Thursday, there will be no adjournment for more than a day or two at a time until the proposed relief shall have been affected. Should this be accomplished this week, the house will probably then indulge in three day recesses over the new year holiday.

Speaker Reed, with some reluctance, admitted Sunday that the ways and means committee would bring in a tariff bill without unnecessary delay. He would not say that the McKinley schedule on wool would be reported, but admitted that the article would be especially provided for.

POSTAL ROBBERIES.
No Less Than Fifty of Them Have Taken Place in Pittsburgh and Vicinity.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Post Office Inspector Hoolin said Sunday that no less than fifty robberies in which the post office is concerned have occurred in Pittsburgh and adjacent towns within the past year and as a result of the robberies the railroad mail service and the Pittsburgh post office is being investigated continually. Special officers have been on duty at the Pittsburgh office for nearly a year.

It was decided Sunday at a conference of police and government authorities that the robberies were being committed by a professional who in some way got hold of a key to the letter boxes and who is working in confidence with a clever forger who does the work after the checks are stolen from the mails.

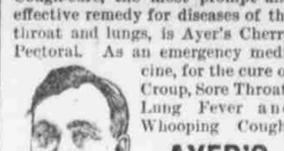
Best Hated Man in All England.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The financial and commercial war which England has virtually declared against the United States is being pushed rapidly to extremities. At a second conference of London bankers, it was decided to renew American obligations when they fall due. President Cleveland is denounced in language which is childishly abusive and unreasoning. He is the best hated man in London, an emulsion of which he may well be proud. Still it is universally declared that there will be no war and that there is no real danger of any.

Large Contract for Government Powder.
SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 23.—The powder works here are rapidly filling an order for 125,000 pounds of government powder ordered a month ago. Government contracts are frequently filled at the works, but no order so large as the present one has been received at this time of the year. Men are working night and day to fill it. Whether this rush has anything to do with the war scare no one is prepared to say.

An Outbreak at Tarragona.
MADRID, Dec. 23.—There was a serious outbreak at Tarragona Sunday. The trouble was connected with the levying of extra duties, the tax placed on provisions, etc., entering the city from other parts of the country. The crowd became very threatening and refused to obey the orders given them by the gendarmes to disperse. The latter then fired into the mob, wounding several of them. This had the effect of restoring order.

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