

It was General Campos who put down the last insurrection in Cuba, but the Spanish government seems to think he has lost his rabbit's foot this time, and so has turned the business over to another man.

LAUREATE AUSTIN has put the Jameson raid into verse. The poem doubtless falls as far short of the "Charge of the Light Brigade," as the Jameson fiasco does of the historical occurrence that inspired Tennyson's immortal poem.

A FOUR million dollar failure occurred in Philadelphia last Monday, a big leather establishment going to the wall with liabilities which may even exceed that sum. Even in these days of multi-million dollar business transactions, such a failure seems colossal. A quarter of a century ago it would have been almost impossible.

BARNEY GIBBS has stirred up considerable commotion in Texas political circles. The fact that his charges upon the last legislature and the state administration contain a good proportion of truth makes certain persons somewhat restless under them. Taking out his free silver tendencies, his state reform platform is not at all bad.

THE HERALD recently published an item from the El Paso Herald about a big canaigre plantation in West Texas, as related by a gentleman visiting El Paso, but unintentionally omitted the credit. The item has been copied by several papers and credited to this paper. We regret the oversight on our part, and make this acknowledgement, lest our up-river contemporary may think its lower Rio Grande "tocayo" guilty of intentionally filching its news.

WASHINGTON women have voted Senator Hill a rusty, crusty old bachelor, for expressing the opinion that the fair sex should be packed away and sent out of Washington. The Senator was evidently afraid the leap year season in the capital may be too much for him, and no doubt he feels easier now that he has succeeded in stirring up the whole petticoat brigade against him. Invitations will not burden the New Yorker's mail to such an extent as formerly.

PROHIBS CAMPAIGN. Special to THE HERALD. Taylor, Tex., Jan. 18.—The party prohibitionists of Williamson county in mass conference at Hutto Thursday afternoon, decided by unanimous vote to put out a full county ticket in Williamson County from Representative down to constable, and will at once begin and active canvass for the approaching campaign.

THE GOLD RESERVE. Special to THE HERALD. Washington, Jan. 18.—The treasury lost \$59,000 in gold today, leaving the true amount of the gold reserve \$59,742,168.

ARANSAS PASS BILL.

Substitute for Mr. Crain's Bill Favorably Reported.

Special to THE HERALD.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—The rivers and harbors committee has favorably reported a substitute for Mr. Crain's bill extending the limit of time for completion of the Aransas Pass improvement. The text of the substitute is as follows: "that the time within which Aransas Pass harbor company was required by an act entitled 'An act to amend an act of congress,' approved May 12, 1890, granting to the Aransas Pass harbor company the right to improve Aransas Pass, to obtain the navigable depth of twenty feet over the outer bar, is hereby extended until Jan. 22, 1899."

Congressman Hooker, chairman of the committee, in his report printed today says: "the effect of the substitute, if adopted, will be to extend for three years the time within which the work undertaken by the Aransas Pass harbor company was required by act of congress to be completed. The work being done is of great importance, costs the government nothing, and but for difficulties unforeseen would have been completed within the time specified originally."

The bill goes to the calendar and will pass without objection when reached on committee call.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Special to THE HERALD.

Frankfort, Ind., Jan. 18.—Charles H. Anderson a sergeant of Co. E. 23rd Inf. stationed at Fort Clark, Texas, attempted suicide on the eastbound Clover Leaf Flyer when he heard this city this morning. Anderson was a passenger on the train out of St. Louis and soon attracted the attention of the passengers and train crew by his strange actions. He took a razor from his grip and while the train rushed along proceeded to sharpen it. He then unbuttoned his coat and acted strangely. Just before reaching this city the porter of the car found him lying on his back with his throat cut. His windpipe was severed and yet lived, breathing through the wound in his throat. As the train came to a stand still at the depot Anderson got up with the blood still pouring from his wounds. The bloody razor lay on the car floor and he picked it up. A panic ensued among the passengers, as the report had spread that he was an escaped lunatic.

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION

Special to THE HERALD.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Venezuelan commission did not meet today, but is expected to hold a session next Monday and Tuesday, when its quarters in the Baltimore Sun building will probably be ready.

TO VOTE FOR MCKINLEY.

Special to THE HERALD.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 18.—The republicans of the county this evening instructed delegates to the congressional convention to vote for McKinley delegates.

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WASHINGTON TALKS.

About the Davis Definition of the Monroe Doctrine.

Special to THE HERALD.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Davis resolution enunciating the Monroe doctrine, the main features of which were published today, has caused considerable comment among senators and others. It is known it is the intention of the senate committee to make the resolution declare what is the utmost limit to which the Monroe doctrine can be applied. In answer to the report that there is some opposition to the declaration by the United States of what the Monroe doctrine covered, it is said by advocates of the Davis resolution that every time a question arises in which the Monroe doctrine is involved, some foreign government interested makes the point that the Monroe doctrine is not approved by the American people, but if once formally adopted by congress, it will forever settle the question of foreign aggression on the American continent.

The reports concerning the British flying squadron stirred up the friends of the resolution and they declared, if the report that it was bound for the Bermudes were confirmed, efforts should be made to call up the Davis resolution and rush it through the senate as soon as possible, even to the displacement of the silver.

It is said by men prominent in foreign affairs in congress that England could make no greater mistake than to send her fleet to Bermude. One of the most pronounced advocates of the Monroe doctrine said today that the American people were slow to rise, but they would resent with their whole strength anything that could be considered a menace. Continuing, he said that in the Transvaal and other troubles, the United States had refrained from adding to Great Britain's embarrassment, but if the great fleet assembled at Port Louis was to be sent to waters adjacent to America, instead of serving to make the United States hesitate in the matter of a declaration and enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, it would have an opposite effect. "The United States," he added, "would by the Davis resolution make it clear that under no circumstances will any violation of the Monroe doctrine be allowed."

It is agreed by all senators that the most important part of the Davis resolution is that which asserts that the United States shall be sole judge as to whether the Monroe doctrine has been violated in any arbitration or agreement or in the settlement of a boundary dispute between a foreign government and one on the American continent. It is said by those favoring this clause that it meets the criticisms made on the portion of the president's message stating that any agreement made between Great Britain and Venezuela could not be objected to by this government. Extreme advocates of the Monroe doctrine say this is necessary in order to prevent any de facto government which may be in power in some South American country for a short

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time from bartering away a portion of their territory. It was also stated in this connection that the time may arrive when Spain would agree to sell Cuba to England, and congress should proclaim in advance that such a sale or cession would be contrary to the Monroe doctrine and an act unfriendly to the United States on the part of the country making the acquisition.

The Davis resolution will be presented to the senate Monday, but may not be called up for several days.

CZAR REED ISSUES AN UKASE.

Special to THE HERALD.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Speaker Reed has issued an ultimatum. It is a secret order and its existence is known officially only to the committee on rules. Mr. Reed is somewhat alarmed over the growth of sentiment in favor of silver, especially in the senate. He fears the effect of any addition to the strength of the silver men and consequently he has passed the word the no states shall be admitted at this session of congress. The delegates representing Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico are clamoring for action on the bills introduced by them for the admission of these states and territories. The committee on territories is understood to favor the admission of all three, but in view of the opposition, it is not likely that any new states will be admitted.

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