

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Senators Pass the Venezuelan Commission Bill Without Amendment.

Action Taken After a Day of Patriotic Speeches by Notable Men.

President's Latest Financial Message Not Favorably Received.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States senate, by unanimous vote and without the formality of a roll call, has passed the bill already adopted by the house of representatives, empowering the president to appoint a commission to determine the Venezuela-British Guiana boundary.

This action was the culmination of a debate adding a memorable page to congressional history. It was a day of noble speeches by notable men. The subject of war between the United States and Great Britain was the prevailing theme which found expression in truly patriotic sentiments, in stirring appeals for preparation and defense, in graphic portrayals of the horrors of war, and, at times, in defiant warnings to the people across the water.

At all times during the four hours of discussion the galleries were besieged by an eager crowd, whose patriotic impulses found frequent expressions in applause, which the presiding officer sought vainly to suppress.

Day of Notable Speeches.

The most notable utterances of the day were those of Senators Sherman, Teller, Mills, Lodge, Platt, Turpie, Chandler, White, Caffery, Call and Stewart, representing the three shades of political sentiment, and yet, in the main, uniform in urging the support of the president's vigorous assertion of the Monroe doctrine and, if need be, any action essential to maintain the national dignity. There were strong expressions also, against the panic in American stocks and securities which it was said the London commercial houses were seeking to bring about. Throughout the debate there was an undercurrent of feeling that while the country would not shrink from war, if it must come, yet that such a calamity was not imminent. Shortly before 4 o'clock Mr. Morgan unexpectedly withdrew the amendments to the bill, leaving it in its original form. There was no demand for a roll call.

As the sentiment of the Senate was clearly an unit and by a loud viva voce vote the bill was passed without a dissenting vote. This completed the legislative enactment of the measure which, with the signature of the president, has the full force and effect of a law.

The passage of the bill was not, however, the only exciting event of the day, for at 4:30 o'clock the president's message urging the gravity of the financial situation and calling on congress not to adjourn for the holidays until relief was afforded, was presented to the senate.

Its reading was followed with close attention, but the senators, absorbed with the stirring events of the debate, were ready to adjourn without immediate consideration of the message.

WILL REMAIN IN SESSION.

President's Message Changes the Plans of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president's anti-recess message took both houses of congress by surprise. It produced a number of conferences, the result of which will probably be a complete change of plans for a holiday recess, and the inauguration of the real work of the session two or three weeks in advance of the time when it would have been, but for the message.

In the senate an offer will be made to secure a reconsideration of the adjournment resolution, and the house will proceed to business as if no adjournment resolution had been adopted. The speaker will appoint his committees, and it appears most probable that if the senate fails to reconsider the adjournment resolution and sends it to the house, that body will decline to accept the senate amendments and thus leave the whole question suspended in the air between the two bodies for the time being.

Senate Favorable to Silver.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The first silver vote in the senate has just been taken. It was on a motion to refer to the finance committee Allen's resolution directing an inquiry into the advisability of opening the mints to free coinage in view of the strained relations over Venezuela. The motion was de-

feated—ayes, 24; nays, 36, the silver men voting nay. The resolution was then adopted.

The House Did Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The session of the house was purely a perfunctory affair. The speaker was ready to announce the committees and the house was ready to adjourn for the holiday recess but the fact that the senate had not yet acted on the bill for the appointment of the Venezuelan commission forced the house, after waiting an hour and a half for the senate to act, to adjourn.

American Securities Unsaleable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Post's London cablegram says: There was a severe panic in the Stock Exchange here during the day. All American securities, shares and bonds alike, are practically un-saleable here.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. Cleveland Gives Congress His Views on Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president has just sent to congress a message on the Venezuelan boundary matter. He gives the attitude of the British government, as outlined in Salisbury's recent note, and recommends the upholding of the Monroe doctrine. He thinks a commission should be appointed to determine as speedily as possible the merits of the case, and that then every resistance to the acquisition of territory by Great Britain by force should be made.

Senators, while standing by the president in the Venezuela matter, protest against hasty action.

The house passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a commission to investigate the Venezuelan boundary.

Lord Salisbury is preparing a statement on the Venezuelan question which bids fair to be an English back down.

Indications are that a Pan-American convention will be held to form a political alliance on the basis of the Monroe doctrine.

SPORTING NEWS.

Fitzsimmons has signed an agreement to fight Maher Feb. 14.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Hon. W. A. McKeighan, ex-congressman from the Fifth Nebraska district, is dead.

Baron Dunleath (John Mulholland, LL.D.) is dead at the age of 77 years. He was a member of parliament from 1874 to 1885.

NEWS OF LEGAL NATURE.

Five heirs of Peter Cassidy at Princeton, Ill., are suing for the site of South Omaha.

The Colt divorce case and Colonel Colt's suit against J. J. Van Alen have been dismissed.

Erastus Wiman, accused of forgery, has been liberated by the New York court of appeals.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Bishop Bonacum notified Catholics in Nebraska that if they did not renounce Fathers Murphy and Fitzgerald they would be excommunicated.

Less than 200 people heard Herr Ahlwardt's denunciation of the Jews at Cooper Union. The speaker was frequently interrupted with hisses and groans.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

A North Carolina mine explosion killed 40 men.

Three lives were lost in the burning of the Cushman block at Winnipeg.

A passenger train on the Denver, Pacific and Gulf ran into a Denver street car, killing the motorman and seriously injuring the conductor and one passenger.

Hon. Edward McPherson, ex-congressman, and clerk of the house for many years, died from the effects of an overdose of nux vomica taken Friday night by mistake.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Reed and Alger are said to have made a combine against McKinley.

The Democratic national committee will meet in Washington Jan. 16.

The candidacy of ex-Governor Brown of Kentucky for the presidency is announced.

The Indiana Democratic committee recommended Governor Matthews to the country as a candidate for president.

Levi P. Morton is declared to be a willing, but not an active candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

Harvey's new silver party, "Patriots of America," was launched, with the "Daughters of the Republic" as an auxiliary.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain Prices at Milwaukee.

FLOUR—steady.
WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 55½¢; No. 1 Northern 57½¢; May, 5 ½¢.
CORN—No. 3, 25½¢.
OATS—No. 2 white, 18½¢; No. 3 white, 17½¢@18½¢.

Grain Prices at Minneapolis.

WHEAT—December closed at 52½¢; May 55½¢. On Track—No. 1 hard, 53½¢; No. 1 Northern, 52½¢; No. 2 Northern, 51½¢.

Price of Wheat at Duluth.

WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard, 53½¢; No. 1 Northern, 52½¢; No. 2 Northern, 50½¢@49½¢; No. 3 spring, 48½¢@46½¢; rejected, 41½¢@36½¢.

Live Stock Prices at St. Paul.

HOGS—Receipts and demand good. Three times as many hogs wanted. Range of prices, \$3.30@3.35.

CATTLE—Market steady; good butcher stuff and light stockers sell best; heavy feeders slow and not much demand for heavy feeder stuff.

SHEEP—Good sheep and lambs steady and in good demand. Market steady and active.

Receipts: Hogs, 2,300; cattle, 400; calves 20 sheep, 200.

Live Stock Prices at Chicago.

HOGS—Market slow and barely steady at yesterday's closing.

Sales ranged at \$3.40@3.55 for light; \$3.40@3.60 for mixed; \$3.40@3.60 for heavy; \$3.40@3.45 for rough.

CATTLE—Market firm and 10c higher. Beeves, \$3.10@4.85; cows and heifers, \$1.70@3.75; Texas steers, \$2.70@3.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.30@3.45. Christmas cattle, \$1.80@2.10.

SHEEP—Market slow and weaker.

Receipts: Hogs, 36,000; cattle, 9,000; sheep, 11,000.

Grain and Provision Prices at Chicago.

WHEAT—December, 57½¢; January, 55½¢; May, 59.

CORN—December, 25½¢; January, 25½¢; May, 27.

OATS—December, 16½¢; February, 17½¢; May, 19½¢.

PORK—December, \$7.55; January \$8.50; May, \$8.55.

A Queer Lawsuit.

The Chicago News tells of a queer case that will soon come up in the Minnesota courts. In that state the moose is protected game. While out shooting, a man named Phair was attacked by a moose. Owing, he says, to the fact that the shooting of moose was prohibited by law, Phair did not attempt to use his gun. The consequence was he was seriously injured by the animal. Phair is now instituting damage proceedings against the state on the ground that the animal is a ward of the state, and that he was thus handicapped from defending himself.

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