FAIR PLAY.

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EX-POSTMASTER-GENERAL J. A. J. CRESSWELL, died suddenly at Elkton, Md., on the 23d.

GERMANY, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Greece have signified their willingness to continue their present commercial treaty relations with Spain.

THE duke of Devonshire, who died at Holker Hall, Milnethorpe, England, on the night of the 21st, owned 193,000 acres of land lying in fourteen counties. The rent-roll of the estate amounts to over £170,000 per year.

THE Indiana state fair grounds at Indianapolis were sold, on the 22d, for $275,000. A syndicate will subdivide the land into town lots, as it is located in the interior of the city. A new fair site will be purchased.

THE remains of Senator Plumb arrived at Topeka, Kas., on the 23d, and were escorted from the depot to the capitol with all proper ceremony. The public schools were adjourned, immediately after the opening exercises, out of respect to the memory of the dead senator.

GOV. HORACE BOIES of Iowa, has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of that state for contributions for the relief of Russian famine sufferers. A committee, of which H. C. Wheeler, late candidate for governor, is a member, has been appointed to have charge of the matter.

LYDE CLARK, the largest grand army post in Iowa, has adopted resolutions against the building of a soldiers' monument or a memorial hall with Iowa's share of the direct war tax. The post favors, instead, the building of cottages at the soldiers' home at Marshalltown for soldiers, their wives and widows.

A MONTREAL special says: The new treasurer of the province of Quebec, on taking possession at once instituted an investigation and soon announced that there had been found an item of $1,600,000, called "special expenditures," which swells the total deficit or excess of expenditures over receipts to $2,223,000.

AS THE steamer Corona from Southern California was approaching San Francisco through the Golden Gate, on the 21st, a big wave swept her deck, carrying overboard J. C. Bailey, a business man of Los Angeles, and a waiter, name unknown. Several passengers were knocked over and washed along the deck.

FATHER KROEGER, priest of St. Vincent's parish of Elkhart, Ind., has fled the town, and is thought to be in Canada. He has left debts amounting to about $15,000, and his creditors can find but little to liquidate their claims. Many of his parishioners are sufferers, and it is thought that the church funds have suffered by misappropriations.

MR. STICKLER, one of the World's fair commissioners from Germany, landed in Hoboken, N. J., on the 22d, having in his possession what is said to be the sword carried by Christopher Columbus at the time of his discovery of America. The sword belongs to the museum of Salzburg, Germany, and has been lent for exhibition at Chicago.

THE Osborne-Hargreaves libel suit in London was suddenly terminated, on the 22d, by the discovery, beyond a doubt, that Mrs. Osborne was really the thief who stole Mrs. Hargreaves' pearls. Sir Charles Russell, counsel for Mrs. Osborne, at once withdrew from the case and the jury, under instructions, found a verdict for Mrs. Hargreaves.

THE first full car-load of American tin ever produced from an American tin mine was received by W. W. Stewart at San Diego, Cal., on the 22d, from the Temescal mines. The shipment consisted of over 26,000 pounds of tin. The output of the Temescal mines is being rapidly increased, and American tin will be regularly put on the market in car-loads.

THE business failures occurring throughout the country during the six days ended on the 24th number, for the United States, 257, and for Canada 35, or a total of 292, as compared with 335 the previous week. For the corresponding week of last year the failures were 333, representing 303 failures in the United States, and 30 in the Dominion of Canada.

MR. LE FABRE, one of the Canadian fisheries commissioners, in an interview published in L'Reclair, of Paris, is quoted as saying that he is certain that Canada will secure a union with Newfoundland on the fisheries question, and that there is no doubt that the imperial government will exercise its authority to assure the triumph of the federal principle.

THE Mexican government has amended the tariff tolls so as to make the tariff duty on rag paper, except colored wrapping paper, fifty cents per 100 kilograms in weight; unsized paper, except for cigarette wrappers, fifty cents per 100 kilograms in weight, and colored wrapping paper, of native manufacture and unsized paper for cigarette wrappers of native manufacture free of all duty.

THE dissolution of the Roumanian chamber is considered a victory for Russian intrigue. The Russians have been laboring with unusual earnestness of late to secure a predominant influence to Roumania. It is said in Vienna that Russia is only waiting to be sure of Roumania's neutrality or cooperation to attack Bulgaria. The recent attempt to drive King Charles into abdication is attributed to Russian influence, the Russians being jealous of the presence of a German and especially a Hohenzollern, on the throne of the leading Balkan state.

THE court at Fargo, S. D., has decided that the child of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., is a ward of the court pending the decision in the divorce case, and therefore can not be removed from the jurisdiction of the court until the case is concluded.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

IN the senate, on the 21st, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and Senator Peffer, of Kansas, feelingly announced the death of his colleague, Preston B. Plumb, and presented the customary resolutions, which were adopted. Senators Peffer, Dolph, Ransom, Paddock and Palmer were appointed a committee on the part of the senate to accompany the remains of the deceased senator to Kansas. A recess was taken until 1 p. m., and upon reassembling the official services over the remains of Senator Plumb were conducted by the chaplain in the presence of the president and representatives of the cabinet, house of representatives, diplomatic corps, officers of the army and navy, and other distinguished personages, at the conclusion of which the senate dispersed, but was subsequently formally adjourned for the day....The house was not in session.

IN the senate, on the 22d, the vice-president laid before the body a communication from the acting secretary of war, transmitting a report of the chief of engineers relating to obstructions in navigable waters of the United States. Clerk Kerr of the house announced the passage by that body of the concurrent resolution to adjourn on the 23d until the 5th of January. A number of new bills were introduced. Senator Stanford, of California, took the oath and his seat, and presented a batch of bills. The senate passed the concurrent resolution to pay employes their month's salary on December 24, and to adjourn on the 23d to January 5. After a short executive session the senate, out of respect to the memory of Representative M. H. Ford, of Michigan, adjourned....The house was not in session.

IN the senate, on the 23d, Mr. Frye, from the committee on commerce, reported back the bill prohibiting monopoly in the transportation of meat products, which was referred to a special committee. Mr. Sherman reintroduced the bill pending upon the last session, incorporating the Nicaragua Canal Co., which was referred to the committee on foreign relations. A number of other bills were presented. A resolution calling on the secretary of agriculture for information as to the progress of the artesian and overflow irrigation inquiry was passed. After a short executive session the senate adjourned until January 5.... In the house the only business transacted was the reading of the speaker's list of committee assignments. Mr. Meredith announced the death of his predecessor, Gen. W. H. F. Lee, and the customary resolution was offered and the house adjourned to January 5.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

ALBERT JOHNSON kidnaped a 6-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, of Boston, on the 21st, and took him to Exeter, N. Y., where Johnson and a woman named Watkins were arrested and the boy recovered. It is believed the object of the kidnaping was to secure a ransom, as Ellis is wealthy.

THE bishop of Sodor and Man, Rt. Rev. John W. Bardsley, has been appointed bishop of Carlisle.

THE British steamer Cavalier from Gibraltar for Fastnet has been lost, and it is feared all on board were drowned.

THE steamship Abyssinia, of the Guion line, with 135 souls on board, was reported by the steamship Spree, on the 22d, to have been burned at sea. Passengers and crew are thought to have been rescued by the Teutonic.

BISHOP FROPPEL, the noted clerical leader in the French chamber of deputies, died in Paris on the 22d.

THE tusk of a large mastodon has been discovered at Darlington, ten miles north of Crawfordsville, Ind. The find proves to be much better than was at first thought, and promises to be one of the finest ever made in this country.

SUPERVISOR THOMAS J. WELCH, of Sycamore, N. Y., was, on the 22d, fined $250 and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty days for contempt of court. Welch is the man who took the third ward returns to Albany when he should have given them to the inspectors for correction.

DR. PLUMB, of Ames, Ia., jumped out of a third-story window of the Keeley institute in Des Moines, Ia., on the 22d, and died from the effects of injuries received.

REV. JOS. DWENGER, bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., who has been dangerously ill for some months, was reported, on the 22d, as lying at the point of death. There was no hope of his recovery, his death being only a question of a few hours. The prelate was suffering from heart disease, and was being kept alive by large doses of strychnine and other powerful drugs.

COL. ANDREW H. DAWSON, of New York, is in Chicago in the interest of Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman who was sentenced to death in Liverpool, England, on the accusation of having murdered her husband, and whose sentence was subsequently commuted by the home secretary to imprisonment for life.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTA of Chili has sent a reply to the letter of the Argentine minister, Senor Urriburn, in regard to the Chilian police espionage upon the American legation. Senor Matta promises to withdraw the detectives from the neighborhood of Minister Egan's house, but says that he will continue to maintain the uniformed police around the legation.

MRS. ADA THORPE LOFTUS, who it is alleged came over from Europe with the avowed intention of killing President Harrison, has been adjudged insane and taken to Bloomingdale (N. Y.) lunatic asylum. Dr. Douglas, of Bellevue hospital, says she is suffering from a type of insanity similar to that of Guiteau.

THE Crescent pottery, at Trenton, N. J., covering five acres and employing over 500 men, was burned on the 23d. Estimated loss, $12,000. The owners are Cook & Hancock.

IN court at Reading, Pa., on the 23d, Reuben Rhodes, night watchman in the Berks county jail, who pleaded guilty to gross negligence in helping in the release of two prisoners, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and $800 fine; and Warden Henech, under whose administration it was alleged the jail has been the scene of some gross irregularities, in which the female prisoners played a prominent part, was removed from office.

THE executive council of Massachusetts, on the 23d, advised the pardon, by the governor, of James Dunlap, the bank robber. Dunlap was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment in 1878 for the robbery of the Northampton bank, and with remission of time for good behavior, his term would have expired in February, 1894.

A DISPATCH to the London Times from its correspondent at Santiago de Chile says that Gen. Campo, with a force of 350 men, has attacked the town of Santa Victoria in the province of Rio Grande do Sul.

A MYSTERY is connected with the appearance of a freight car which is carried between Manchester and Portsmouth, N. H., and which arrived in Portsmouth on the 23d. The outside of the car near the door was spattered with blood, and inside the car were found two large pools of blood and a handkerchief and a man's hat covered with blood stains, and a piece of pipe with blood stains on it.

A TODDLING babe of W. T. Rudolph, of McCracken county, Ky., fell into a kettle of boiling water, on the evening of the 22d, and was scalded so that it died in a few moments. The child in its agony rolled from the pot, or it would have been boiled to death, it being alone.

PURSUANT to the directions embraced in a letter from the president to the head of each department, dated December 4, 1891, the secretary of the treasury has completed a plan, which will take effect on the 1st, under which all promotions in the treasury department will hereafter be made on a basis of merit only, and as the result of competitive examinations.

WHILE skating on the bay at Ashland, Wis., on the 25th, Joseph Slosson, a senior at the Faribault (Minn.) academy, and Mabel Shores, of Ashland, broke through the ice, and the former was drowned. He sustained his companion until help reached them, but was himself so exhausted that he fell back and floated under the ice.

WARNED of the approach of burglars, Mrs. Willard W. Searle, of Lansingburg, N. Y., ran into her room, caught up a box of jewels containing several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, and opening a window jumped 16 feet to the ground, breaking her arm, but saving her stones.

THE receiver of the Maverick national bank of Boston has now on deposit with the subtreasury in that city $2,989,362. The cases against the Maverick directors will be presented to the grand jury when it assembles on February 2, and will then have precedence.

THE funeral of the late Senator Plumb, of Kansas, took place at Emporia on the 24th. All places of business were closed and business houses and residences were alike draped with emblems of mourning.

A DISPATCH from Buenos Ayres says that Gen. Roca has reiterated his decision not to be a candidate for the presidency of the Argentine Republic in the coming presidential campaign.

MRS. MAY HELEN BAIRD, the widow of the late Spencer F. Baird, the distinguished secretary of the Smithsonian institute, died in Washington city, on the 23d, aged 71.

A PROMINENT naval officer is authority for the statement that the United States government will soon take steps to bring the Chilian matter to a crisis.

MR. GLADSTONE and Mr. Morley have been unanimously elected members of the English club of Biarritz, France.

MR. R. P. FOSS, the owner of the Clinton dynamite works which exploded at Haverstraw, N. Y., a few weeks ago, gave a Christmas present of $1,000 each to the four widows who lost their husbands in the disaster.

LOWENTHAL, LIVINGSTONE & CO., of San Francisco, have failed, with liabilities of about $220,000, which is nearly all due to English firms. A fall in the price of shipping and in the value of salmon is said to have caused the failure.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Rome Diretto says it is the intention of the pope to confer the Grand Order of the Cross of Christ upon the archbishop of Aix as a token of the sympathy of his holiness with the archbishop in the latter's recent trial, conviction and fine for writing a letter, classed as insulting, to M. Fallieries, the French minister of public worship.

THE revolutionary movement in Mexico under the leadership of Catrina Garza has assumed such serious proportions during the past few days that President Diaz views the situation with great alarm. It is a noticeable fact Garza is becoming more popular among the masses in the northern states of Mexico every day.

A FRIGHTFUL panic, causing the loss of ten lives and the serious wounding of a large number of persons, was caused, on the night of the 20th, by the cry of fire in a Gateshead (England) theater. The fire was extinguished with a couple of buckets of water.

IN two or three weeks, perhaps sooner, the Minneapolis (Minn.) flour mills will have to shut down on account of the scarcity of freight cars, and the inability of the trunk lines east of Chicago to handle seaboard business.

THE Northumberland (England) miners have rejected, by a vote of 8,720 against 2,889, the proposition to advocate the passage of a measure providing for a legal day's work of eight hours per day for boys.

IT is announced in Berlin that the committee of the German commercial diet, appointed especially to consider the subject, has declared itself in favor of holding an international exhibition in Berlin.

IT is said in Paris that the czarina will visit that city in February and proceed thence to England for the purpose of attending the wedding of the Duke of Clarence and Princess Victoria of Teck.

THE laying of the corner-stone of the first battle monument in New Jersey, on the 26th, the anniversary of the battle of Trenton, was observed with imposing ceremonies.

THE Carpenter steel works, located in the northern limits of Reading, Pa., were destroyed by fire on the 26th. Several men were badly injured.

GEORGE E. CADDEN, a New York actor, aged 35 years, died, on the 26th, from the effects of laudanum taken with suicidal intent.

SILVEIRA MARTINEZ has been appointed governor of the province of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A Christmas Well Spent.

Perhaps never in the history of St Louis were more hearts made genuinely happy than at the poor children's shoe, stocking, candy and orange Christmas at Grand Music hall, Exposition building. Carried on under many difficulties, the affair was a magnificent success—another of the splendid schemes for helping children which have endeared the Sunday-school Superintendents' union to the hearts of the people. As in all cases where the organization took charge of the matter, it was not done by halves, and 4,000 little ones left the building in swarms bearing packages of precious Christmas cheer. The stage was cleared of chairs and a huge wood and canvas shoe labeled "Children's Shoe Christmas," was wheeled out. A young lady dressed to represent "The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe," sang that well-known ditty, and then "I Have a Secret. From inside the shoe came a gruff voice, singing:

Somebody is coming, who can it be?
Somebody's coming, just wait till you see.

Santa Claus suddenly appeared, and at once a score of children came falling pell-mell out of a crack in the shoe—a crack which the "Old Woman" had made to ease one of her bunions. One hundred and fifty shoe-fitters then took their places, and 4,000 children—all poor, many fatherless and motherless—gathered from the highways and byways of the city, were each given a pair of good, stout shoes and warm stockings. Then they were given candies and oranges, and the went away happy.

Interest on the State Debt.

State Auditor Seibert drew his warrant on the state treasurer the other day for $143,115 to meet the semi-annual interest on the bonded debt of the state falling due January 1, 1892. A draft for the amount has been transmitted by Treasurer Stephens to the National bank of commerce of New York, the state's fiscal agent, under the law directing its transmission at least ten days before the interest may become due. The warrant for the semi-annual interest falling due January 1, 1891, amounted to $168,490, the decrease being attributable to the retirement of $1,450,000 of the bonds during the present year. These amounts are both exclusive of the amounts required to meet the interest on the certificates of indebtedness held by the state in trust for the benefit of the school and seminary fund, which are not treated as a part of the state debt proper.

Missouri and the House Committees.

Speaker Crisp has made the following disposition of Missouri congressmen on committees:

Arnold—Mines and mining and land claims.
Norton—Levees and improvements of the Mississippi river, pensions and revision of laws.
De Armand—Public lands and election of president and vice-president.
Cobb—Banking and currency, railways and canals and war claims.
Heard—Patents and District of Columbia.
Mansur—Territories and claims.
Fyan—Invalid pensions and immigration and naturalization.
Tarsney—Labor and public buildings and grounds.
Wilson—Post offices and pensions.
O'Neill—Commerce and expenditures in the treasury department.
Byrnes—Rivers and harbors and claims.
Bland—Coinage, weights and measures.
Hatch—Agriculture.
Dockery—Appropriation and expenditures in the navy department.

Death of Judge James Carr.

Judge James Carr, an old citizen and prominent member of the St. Louis bar, died a few days ago after a short illness.

[He had been a resident of St. Louis since 1832. He was of Scottish descent, but was born and educated in Pennsylvania. After graduating in law at Louisville, Ky., he removed to Paris, Mo., and was appointed attorney for the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad. He held that position until he removed to St. Louis. He practiced in the supreme court, establishing many precedents in railroad litigation. His knowledge of law was clear and comprehensive, and he has done much to shape corporation laws in this state, having been engaged in many of the important cases that came before the supreme court. He was a member of the masonic order, the Knights Templar and I. O. O. F.]

Christmas Pardons.

The two pardons usually granted by the governor on a holiday went on Christmas to John Lawrence and Charles Thomas. The former is a white man 27 years of age and was born in Ohio. He was sent from Buchanan county for murder in the first degree and was received at the prison April 16, 1877, under a life sentence. Thomas is a negro 24 years old, sent from a Saline county for ninety-nine years for murder in the second degree. He was received October 6, 1889.

The World Still Turns.

Mrs. C. T. Johnson, of Kansas City, whose prediction that the world would come to an end Christmas, 1891, at 5 p. m., gave her so much notoriety, spent Christmas day at her home behind closed doors. She refused to see any of her numerous callers. In response to an inquiry sent into her room she wrote: "Watch and pray; the Lord has willed it."

Christmas in the Missouri Penitentiary.

A Jefferson City special to the St. Louis Republic has the following to say regarding the way Christmas was observed in the state penitentiary:

The usual festivities were indulged in. There were poker, faro, craps and gambling galore, and pugilism, and other athletic sports, into all of which the convicts entered with great spirit and enthusiasm. They were given a grand breakfast and dinner.

Death of Francis Cornet.

Francis Cornet died in St. Louis aged 71. He had been a resident of St. Louis for over fifty years, and established the house of Francis Cornet & Co.

Pushing Industrial Investments.

James Craig, Jr., of St. Joseph, son of the late ex-congressman, James Craig, is said to be pushing important industrial investments for St. Joseph.

Death of a St. Louis Banker.

Mr. John C. H. D. Block, president of the Fourth national bank of St. Louis, died of asthma, after a brief illness. He was a native of Hanover.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Full List of House Committees of the Fifty Second Congress as Announced by Speaker Crisp.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following is the list of house committees as arranged by Speaker Crisp:

Judiciary—D. B. Culberson, chairman; W. C. Oates, W. D. Bynum, F. R. Stockdale, S. H. Goodnight, J. J. Boatner, J. A. Buchanan (Va.), A. C. Chapin, F. C. Layton, S. P. Wolverton, E. B. Taylor (O.), James Buchanan (N. J.), G. W. Ray, H. H. Powers, Case Broderick.

Inter State and Foreign Commerce—R. Q. Mills, chairman; G. D. Wise, Andrew Price, Isadore Raynor, O. S. Brickner, T. J. Geary, G. W. Houk (O.), S. R. Mallory, Josiah Patterson, J. J. O'Neill (Mo.), Charles O'Neill (Pa.), John Lind, C. S. Randall, Bellamy Storer, J. H. Ketchum.

Banking and Currency—Henry Bacon, chairman; Scott Wike, W. H. Crane, W. H. Cate, W. W. Dickerson, Louis Sperry, M. K. Gantz, N. N. Cox (Tenn.), S. W. Cobb (Mo.), R. H. Walker (Mass.), M. Brosius, Hosea Townshend, T. J. Henderson (Ill.).

Coinage, Weights and Measures—Richard P. Bland, chairman; Charles Tracey, J. R. Williams, H. B. Kilgore, S. M. Robinson, Rice Pierce, J. F. Eppes, O. F. Williams (Mass.), W. A. McKeighan, H. H. Bartine, Abner Taylor (Ill.), T. W. Stone (Pa.), M. N. Johnson (N. D.).

Rivers and Harbors—Newton C. Blanchard, chairman; T. C. Catchings, Charles Stewart, R. E. Loster (Ga.), R. H. Clarke (Ala.), A. E. Haynes, T. A. L. Weadock, W. A. Jones, Charles H. Page, Samuel Byrnes, T. J. Henderson (Ill.), Binger Hermann, S. M. Stephenson, W. A. Stone (Pa.), J. A. Quackenbush.

Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Samuel Fowler, chairman; M. W. Fithian, L. W. Moore, A. C. Caruth, J. A. Buchanan (Va.), Robert E. Deforest, T. F. Mangner, Harman Stump, H. H. Wheeler, (Mich.), A. J. Hopkins (Ill.), L. E. Atkinson, J. H. Wilson (Ky.), G. D. Perkins (Ia.).

Elections—Charles T. O'Ferrall (Va.), chairman; L. W. Moore (Tex.), J. E. Cobb (Ala.), T. R. Paynter (Ky.), Jason B. Brown (Ind.), D. N. Lockwood (N. Y.), T. G. Lawson (Ga.), N. F. Gillespie (Pa.), George Johnstone (S. C.), Nils Haughen (Wis.), A. A. Taylor (Tenn.), R. E. Doan (O.), H. U. Johnson (Ind.), John E. Reyburn (Pa.), C. D. Clark (Wyo.).

Ways and Means—W. M. Springer, chairman; Benton McMillin, H. G. Turner (Ga.), W. L. Wilson (W. Va.), A. B. Montgomery (Ky.), J. R. Whiting (Mich.), R. P. Shipley (Ind.), W. Bourke Cochran (N. Y.), Moses E. Stevens (Mass.), W. J. Bryan (Neb.), T. B. Reed (Me.), J. C. Burrows (Mich.), Joseph McKenna (Cal.), S. E. Payne (N. Y.), John Dalzell (Pa.).

Appropriations—W. S. Holman, chairman; W. H. Forney, J. D. Sayres, W. H. Breckenridge, A. M. Dockery, W. M. Mutchler, C. R. Breckenridge, Barnes Compton, J. H. O'Neill (Mass.), J. F. Livingston, D. B. Henderson, Wm. Cogswell, H. H. Bingham, Nelson Dingley, W. W. Grout.

Agriculture—W. H. Hatch, chairman; Clarke Lewis, S. B. Alexander, H. M. Youmans, G. W. Shell, W. S. Forman, F. E. White, Anthony Camanetti, Charles L. Moses, J. P. Long, E. H. Funston, E. H. Wilson (Ky.), J. L. Jolley, Daniel Waugh, H. P. Cheatham.

Foreign Affairs—J. H. Blount, chairman; J. B. McCreary, C. E. Hooker, L. E. Chapman, A. P. Fitch, J. F. Andrews, R. T. Cable, Isadore Raynor, T. J. Geary, R. R. Hitt, A. C. Harmer, Jas. O'Donnell, John Sanford.

Military Affairs—J. H. Outhwaite, chairman; Joseph Wheeler, W. C. Newberry, D. H. Patton, H. H. Rockwell, J. L. Mitchell, Oscar Lapham, E. F. McDonald, J. C. Crosby, H. H. Bingham, C. E. Belknap, W. W. Bowers, J. A. Thull.

Naval Affairs—H. A. Herbert, chairman; William Elliott, J. A. Cummings, S. A. Geissenheiner, W. F. Daniell, Adolph Myer, J. W. Lawson (Va.), William McAleer, Henry Page, C. A. Boutelle, H. C. Lodge, J. P. Dolliver, B. W. Wadsworth.

Post Offices and Post Roads—John S. Henderson (N. C.), chairman; J. H. Blount, B. A. Enloe, R. P. C. Wilson, E. J. Dunphy, J. D. Alderson, E. V. Brookshire, J. C. Kyle, J. M. Pattison (O.), J. C. Crosby, A. J. Hopkins, J. A. Caldwell, J. L. Wilson (Wash.), C. A. Bergen, E. F. Loud, John T. Caine.

Public Lands—Thomas C. McRae, chairman; J. A. Pendleton, S. H. Tucker, L. Amerman, J. W. Bailey, D. A. Dearmond, J. J. Seerley, D. D. Hire, B. G. Stout, John A. Pickler, Hosea Townshend, Willis Sweet, C. D. Clark, (Wy.).

Indian Affairs—S. W. Peet, chairman; J. M. Allen, L. A. Turpin, H. Y. Rockwell, W. H. Brawley, Thomas Lynch, T. D. English, B. H. Glover, O. M. Kem, J. L. Wilson (Wash.), Joseph McKenna, W. B. Hooker (N.Y.), A. Chopins (Pa.), D. A. Harvey (Okla.).

Territories—J. H. Washington, chairman; C. B. Kilgore, C. H. Mansur, T. G. Campbell, W. F. Barnett, W. A. V. Branch, W. I. Terry, Jerry Simpson, D. D. Donovan, J. W. Rife, G. W. Smith (Ill.), C. D. Perkins, James O'Donnell, Antonio Joseph.

Railways and Canals—T. C. Catchings, chairman; P. G. Lester (Va.), W. E. Cale, W. H. Bentley, F. E. Beltzhoover, J. M. Causey, S. W. Cobb, S. K. Halversen, John Davis, C. R. Randall, C. T. Bergen, J. A. T. Hull, E. F. Loud.

Manufactures—C. H. Page, chairman; L. F. McKinney, M. D. Lagan, J. D. Warner, J. H. Beeman, Sherman Hoar, A. H. Williams (N. C.), M. D. Harter, E. B. Taylor (O.), E. A. Morse, J. E. Reyburn.

Mines and Mining—W. H. Cowles, chairman; G. W. Cooper, S. W. Peet, T. J. Campbell, J. O. Pendleton, A. Caminetti, Marshall Arnold, Thomas Bowman, L. B. Miller, Hosea Townshend, S. M. Stevenson, P. S. Post, G. F. Huff, M. A. Smith.

Public Buildings and Grounds—J. H. Dankhead, chairman; J. A. Abbott, Clarke Lewis, J. C. Tarsney, J. G. Warwick, W. M. McKaigh, W. C. Newberry, J. D. Warner, H. H. Williams (N. C.), S. L. Milliken, George W. Shork, W. H. Enochs, Willis Sweet.

Pacific Railroads—J. B. Riley, chairman; S. T. Lanham, Edward Lane, J. B. Brown, W. T. Ellis, J. W. Covert, James N. Castle, F. S. Coolidge, H. D. Snodgrass, John Raines, J. P. Flick, John Lind, D. A. Taylor (O.), John T. Caine.

Levees and Improvement of Mississippi River—S. M. Robinson, chairman; T. R. Stockdale, Rice Pierce, Richard Norton, W. T. Terry, R. W. Everett, M. D. Harter, S. B. Mallory, D. H. Patton, J. C. Burrows, Edward Schull, J. M. Wilson (Ky.), P. S. Post (Ill.).

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AN OMINOUS SILENCE

Maintained in Official Circles Respecting the News From Chili—Important Dispatches Said to Have Been Received at the State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An ominous silence is maintained in official circles respecting the news from Chili. It is everywhere conceded that important dispatches have been received from Minister Egan, but it is impossible to learn their contents, so close-mouthed are the officials who are in a position to know what they are. Chili's provisional government which still has control of affairs and is responsible for the events leading up to the political condition of things, has an existence limited to only about ten days longer, and it is not believed that this government, unless forced by extraordinary events not now foreseen or anticipated, will precipitate a crisis with it.

Nothing has recently been received from Valparaiso, it may confidently be asserted, indicating any worse treatment or more insulting demeanor than the United States representative and those under his protection have already previously received and which has been made public.

The administration, while not disposed to rush matters, in view of the speedy change, is closely watching the progress of events and making preparations to promptly meet any emergency which may arise. When the new cabinet is announced there may be a foreign minister who will pursue a different policy from that of the present minister and with whom a satisfactory settlement may be made without resort to unpleasant measures. But it is only fair to say that not much hope exist that the new government will be any more pacifically inclined that the present one. On the other hand, the feeling prevails that Chili is inclined to be fractious, and that it will be necessary for the United States to administer forcible rebuke.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

An Englishman Tell Us How Americans are Treated by Chilians in Their Public Places.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The steamer Keweenaw, New York for San Francisco, has arrived from Valparaiso. One of her passengers, an Englishman named Edmunson, in the course of an interview, said:

"The treatment which American citizens receive at the hands of the Chilians is outrageous and wholly unwarranted. England would not stand it a week. I know what I am talking about, and what I say to you is authentic. I have been going to and from Chili for years, and for the last year and a half I have resided in Valparaiso. You will be astounded when I tell you that the Chilians will actually spit in the face of Americans on the street. It is an actual fact. Resent it and you will be beaten to death by a mob. You surely can have no conception of the sneers, jeers and insults heaped upon your citizens there. German, French, English and other foreign nations represented there have commented upon the state of affairs, and I know that had it been one of these nations Chili would have paid dearly for it long ago."

A PHENOMENAL FOG.

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