

# A HOTEL FIRE.

The Guests Escape but a Servant Is Burned.

## A TOWN IN PANAMA WASHED AWAY.

A Tidal Wave Inundates Santa Maria—Cincinnati Visited by a Blaze—Three Persons Drowned—Seventeen Firms Burned Out.

REDFIELDS, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Fire at five o'clock yesterday morning resulted in a monetary loss of \$50,000, one man's life and the severe injury of several others. The fire originated in Tomany's bakery and quickly spread to R. C. Cohen's clothing store and the Central hotel, entirely destroying the three structures. The scene in the burning hotel was an exciting one. The guests all escaped with their lives, but saved little else. Eli Stevens, a servant at the hotel, was burned to death. S. L. Ritz succeeded in rescuing a woman and three children and then to save himself had to jump from a fourth-story window. He is fatally hurt. George W. Blues, Misses Sallie Combars and Emma New jumped from the second story, and all are severely injured, but will probably recover.

A TOWN IN PANAMA WASHED AWAY. PANAMA, Dec. 23.—The New York Herald's correspondent at Cartagena sends word that news has arrived there from Santa Marta to the effect that a tidal wave destroyed a great part of the town. Many lives were lost. Santa Maria is in the department of Magdalena, and is the capital of the province. A tidal wave inundated the same region in December last.

CINCINNATI VISITED BY A BLAZE. CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—The five-story brick building, 214 and 216 Walnut street occupied by W. W. Thomas & Co., wholesale dealers in teas, coffees, spices and baking powder, burned last night. The Standard Oil Co. owned the building. Their loss is only \$10,000, fully insured. Thomas & Co. lose \$100,000 insurance \$50,000.

THREE PERSONS DROWNED. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 23.—News has reached here of the drowning in Forebee creek of Mrs. Jennie Whitard, of Bismarck, Mo., her infant and her sister, Ada Hardage, while attempting to ford the stream a few days ago. The infant's body has been recovered.

SEVENTEEN FIRMS BURNED OUT. HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—At Kossea, Tex., fire this morning destroyed seven brick buildings used for business purposes. Seventeen firms lost their stocks. Outside towns rendered prompt assistance and the entire town would have gone. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$30,000.

## SATURDAY'S CONGRESS.

Senator Dubois' Pointed Statement—The Speaker Announces the House Committee. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The session of the senate Saturday was notable in bringing out a very pointed statement from Mr. Dubois, of Idaho, who was understood to voice the views of the silver element in the senate, that no financial legislation was possible along the lines desired by President Cleveland. It was patent to every senator, Mr. Dubois said, and should be understood by the country, that the president's desire for the retirement of the greenbacks, or the authorization of a bond issue, were utterly impossible of accomplishment. The only action the senate would take, if it was given the opportunity to vote, he said, would be to adopt the resolution of Mr. Vest, of Missouri, offered earlier in the day, directing the coinage of silver bullion in the treasury and the payment of government obligations in silver. The only immediate response to the president's message was in the presentation of the two resolutions favorable to silver, one by Mr. Vest and another by Mr. Butler, the new populist member from North Carolina, proposing gold payments while the metals were at a parity and silver payments when gold went to a premium. Both the resolutions were laid over and the senate went into executive session.

When the doors were reopened Mr. Stewart took the floor for a sharp criticism of the president's financial message and concluded by saying: Let the president once announce that United States obligations would be paid in silver, and there would be no further raids on the treasury. If London wanted a financial war we could meet it.

The senate adjourned until Tuesday. In the house Saturday the president's message was referred to the ways and means committee and Speaker Reed then announced the membership of the house committees. Mr. Dingley called up the holiday resolution and it was referred and an adjournment was taken till to-day.

DEADLY COLLISION. Two Trains Near Philadelphia Come Together with Fatal Results. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The local northbound train on the Reading railway started from the Frankford station without waiting, as is customary, for the down train, and the result was a head-on collision, in which Daniel Hart, aged 70 years, and George Anderson, 16 years, both of Frankford, were killed, and Edward Stott, Samuel Silvers and George Lee, of Frankford, fatally injured. Several others were badly hurt.

A Big Denver Firm Falls. DENVER, Col., Dec. 23.—The big dry goods house of Ballin & Ranshoff has been closed and Otto Mears, as agent for the mortgagees, is in charge. Chattel mortgages for a total of \$107,700 have been filed against the stock.

Gen. Coppinger Confirmed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The senate, in executive session, confirmed Col. J. Coppinger to be brigadier-general in the army.

# VENEZUELA.

Some Facts in Regard to the Work of the Proposed Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—This has been a day of excitement and surprise in Washington. Events moved with rapidity, and when the sun went down public men in all branches of the service were nervous and worn out from the tension. Reports came of decline in securities throughout the country, and here in Washington affairs moved with the rapid pace of a kaleidoscope. The house Venezuelan commission bill was amended in material respects by the senate foreign relations committee, and then by a sudden change in sentiment in the senate was passed unanimously just as it came from the house.

That the administration has not moved precipitately in the Venezuelan affair is evidenced by the fact, which has now become known, that Secretary Olney's famous letter defining the Monroe doctrine was considered for fully two months before being dispatched to Ambassador Bayard for delivery to Lord Salisbury. Moreover, it is a fact that the president's message, while perhaps hastily reduced to exact form, really was the subject for deep deliberation almost six months, for there is good reason to believe the adverse response of Lord Salisbury to Secretary Olney's note was expected by the president. It is noticed that the president's message is a distinct advance in our attitude upon the letter of the secretary, for, whereas, the latter was confined to a declaration of a doctrine, the former proposed action that went far beyond that point. It was this reason without doubt that caused the message to be most carefully considered for many months.

Further inquiry into the subject makes it appear that if the commission to be appointed to ascertain the acts respecting the Venezuelan boundary finds it necessary to visit the country and to personally locate the line, the work will consume much more time than is generally believed to be necessary. Outside of the voyage to Venezuela, which would consume not less than a month to and from, the journey through the wild interior of the country would be very difficult. With a small flying force of eight lightly equipped colonial police, the journey to the Uruman outpost, where the collision occurred, and which marks one end of the line claimed by Great Britain, could not be made in less than 23 days, so that if the commission is to make a proper examination of the country the task, including the sea voyage, will probably occupy almost six months.

## THE MISSISSIPPI'S RISE.

The Water Has Advanced at the Rate of One Foot an Hour.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The unprecedented rainfall of the past three days, which has been general throughout Missouri, has filled to overflowing all the creeks and rivers within its confines. Those streams tributary to the Missouri have added to the height of that river, which in turn has swelled the Mississippi. From Thursday morning until Friday morning the Mississippi, which had been very low, rose 10 1/2 feet, and by six o'clock yesterday evening the gauge showed a rise of 16 feet. According to weather bureau report, the water advances at the rate of one foot an hour, but there are no fears of a serious flood, as the danger mark is 30 feet.

Residents of Little Oklahoma, in north St. Louis, saw a houseboat capsized almost in midstream, directly in front of their settlement, and fears are entertained that its occupants were drowned. William Hudson, a farmer living in the Salt river bottoms, a few miles north of Louisiana, Mo., was drowned in Grassy creek while attempting to ford it. His body has not been recovered.

A report comes from Old Monroe, Mo., that six persons were drowned in the Culvre river near there in an attempted rescue.

## BAYARD WILL REMAIN.

Rumors of the Ambassador's Recall Positive Denied in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Reports were current here yesterday, due largely to the excited state of the public on the Venezuelan question, and to the prior attack on him in the house of representatives by Mr. Barrett and others, that the recall of Ambassador Bayard was imminent. Private Secretary Thurber, when asked about the matter, made an absolute denial, adding that the ambassador's recall was not contemplated. It is believed here that the president would not at this time make any change in the embassy to Great Britain, for it could not but aggravate the present situation.

## Dun's Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The strong Americanism of the president's message has given its character to the week. Popular feeling was profoundly moved, but excepting in stock and cotton markets, business was remarkably dull and scarcely affected. Selling of securities held abroad was a natural first impulse, though the sellers are not unlikely in time to discover that no other securities are safer from international complications than the American. Coming at a time when nearly all produce markets are inactive and industry unusually dull, the disturbance has affected values much less than might have been expected. Not because of any foreign question, but solely because of influences which have been in continuous operation for months, prices of manufactured goods continued to decline.

## Finally Agree to Arbitration.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The great trolley strike is in all probability off. Late last night Mayor Warwick succeeded in inducing a proposition to be made looking to an amicable settlement of the troubles. The proposition comes from the Union Traction Co. to the strikers and is that if the men will come back to work and peace is restored the management will cordially and considerately receive a committee from the ranks of the employees and will hear their complaints and grievances and remedy the same within the range of fairness.

# CONGRESSIONAL.

The Week's Proceedings Given in Condensed Form.

The business of the senate on the 18th was mostly on the line of resolutions of inquiry. Mr. Stewart introduced in a speech, the pending resolution for a commission to investigate the needs of labor. Mr. Caffery (La.) offered a resolution inquiring the reason for the suspension of the bounty on sugar, and Mr. Peffer offered a resolution of inquiry as to the order of the post office department to investigate Washington to lobby for their own interests. Mr. Gallinger wanted to know how many aliens are employed by the government. In the house Mr. Flynn (Ok.) made a fiery speech against the secretary of the interior in support of his resolution inquiring why agents had not been appointed to allot the Wichita Indian lands. The resolution was somewhat modified and adopted. On motion of Mr. Moody (Mass.) a bill was passed for the amendment of the act for the establishment of bonded warehouses for the storing and cleaning rice for export so as to include permission for curing and packing fish for export in such warehouses. Many bills were introduced. The house then adjourned.

The president's message on the Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the brief session of the senate on the 17th. When the message was received Mr. Morgan, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, moved that the senate go into executive session, which at 12:40 was agreed to. At one o'clock the doors of the senate were thrown open and the secretary of the senate began the reading of the president's message. As the reading of the message closed there was a hearty hand-clapping from all quarters of the chamber. Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, leading in the demonstration on the republican side. Many petitions relating to the Turkish massacres and Cuba were read. The proceedings of the house were very tame. A partisan debate took place over the formation of a select committee. Among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Blue (Kan.) relating to and protecting the rights of pensioners. He also introduced a bill placing on the pension roll all members of the Kansas militia who served six days and who are suffering from physical or mental disability. The reading of the president's message was heartily received by all parties in the house.

The senate was in a patriotic mood on the 18th and showed a disposition to do anything in the shape of legislation preparatory to maintaining the claims of this country in the Venezuelan matter. Mr. Chandler (N. H.) introduced a bill carrying an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for a heavy increase in the national armament, and propositions followed authorizing the secretary of war to purchase lately improved battery devices. A resolution also passed calling for information as to British encroachments in Alaska. The session of the house was short, but a bill unanimously passed authorizing the president to appoint a commission to investigate the Venezuelan boundary. Mr. Grout (Vt.) introduced a bill for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the defense of the seaboard and Canadian frontier. The bill proposes to raise the funds by 3-year two per cent coin bonds in small denominations to be sold at the sub-treasuries and post offices. The sentiment apparently was unanimous in sustaining the recommendations of the president in his special message.

When the house Venezuelan bill was laid before the senate on the 19th, Mr. Morgan moved its reference to the committee on foreign relations. He addressed the senate in favor of the motion. Mr. Morgan thought the president right in the position he had taken, but he thought the matter should be considered deliberately without undue haste. Mr. Sherman took the same view of the question. Mr. Lodge favored a vigorous policy and that the Monroe doctrine should be upheld as American doctrine, although not international law. Mr. Allen objected to consideration and the bill went over. After an executive session the senate adjourned. The house was not in session.

The senate on the 19th, without the formality of a roll call, by a unanimous vote passed the house bill for the appointment of a Venezuela commission, after a number of notable speeches had been made by Senators Sherman, Teller, Mills, Lodge, Platt, Turpie, Chandler, Caffery, Callahan and Stewart, and after Senator Morgan had withdrawn his amendments, leaving it in its original form. A message was received from the president on the financial condition of the country and suggesting that no holiday recess be taken, but that measures for the relief of the treasury be considered. The house resolution for a holiday recess had already been adopted, and when the senate adjourned it was without reference to that resolution, the house having adjourned before the message was sent. The proceedings of the house were unimportant. That body being ready to adjourn for the holiday recess, only awaited the action of the senate on the Venezuelan resolution. The president's message, however, had upset all plans. Adjournment was to Saturday.

## THE ESTIMATES.

The Yearly Statement Prepared by Committee on Ways and Means.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The yearly statement prepared by the clerks of the senate and house committees on appropriations, comparing, by bills, estimates of regular annual appropriations for the fiscal year 1896 with those for 1897, with the estimates for 1897, and showing the aggregate of estimated regular annual and permanent appropriations and amount of estimated revenues for 1897, has been made public. The statement gives the net increase estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 over same for 1896 as \$4,561,503, and the increase estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 over same for 1896 \$5,980,204, making the total increase estimates for 1897 over 1896 \$10,541,707. The net increase and the estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 over regular annual appropriations for 1896 is placed at \$15,018,512, and the increase estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 over permanent annual appropriations for 1896 at \$5,980,204, and the total increase estimates for 1897 over appropriations for 1896, exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous, \$20,998,715.

The amount of estimates of regular annual appropriations for 1897 is \$388,830,034, and the amount of estimates of permanent annual appropriations for 1897 \$119,054,160, the total estimates of regular permanent annual appropriations for 1897 being \$507,884,194. The amount of estimated revenue for 1897 is \$375,000,000, and amount of estimated postal revenues for 1897 is \$82,703,120, making the total estimated revenue of 1897 \$464,703,120.

Excess of estimated appropriations (exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous) over estimated revenues for 1897 is \$43,097,173, and excess of estimate in the revenues over estimated appropriations (exclusive of \$50,000,000 for sinking fund and exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous) for 1897, \$6,908,926.

## Central Kansas Poultrymen.

ARLENE, Kan., Dec. 20.—The Central Kansas and Pet Stock association closed a successful poultry show at Herlington. A number of fine fowls from Dickinson, Morris, Marion and Saline counties were shown and a long list of special premiums was awarded.

## Missouri Pacific Brakeman Killed.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 20.—N. A. Peterson, a brakeman on the Minden branch of the Missouri Pacific, was killed near Yale, Kan. His body was mashed, several cars passing over it. The deceased was 25 years of age and unmarried.

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AT THE PARTY.—He—"Do you know, I always feel like a fool in a full-dress suit." She—"What a pity you can't hide your feelings a little."—Truth.

All that is good in art is the expression of one soul talking to another, and is precious according to the greatness of the soul that utters it.—Ruskin.

It is the toper that would like to put a gurgle round the world.—Texas Siftings.

"I heard you were out sleighing with Miss De Riche, Spooner! Playing for high stakes, aren't you?" "Well, I held a full hand on that occasion," said Spooner, thoughtfully.—Detroit Free Press.

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