XMAS GIFTS For the Children.

Today we shall have a present for each juvenile patron—something that we are sure will delight every one of them.

Our great variety of handsome Holiday Shoes, Slippers, etc., are evidently delighting the thousands of well-pleased buyers whom we've supplied this week. Today we expect another record-breaking day—but we have enough efficient salespeople to serve you all comfortably and properly. Here are a few Holiday suggestions and some of

OUR GREAT CROWD ATTRACTORS:

For Children.

Worsted Knit Slippers, Misses' or Child's 50c
All-wool Jersey Leggins, Misses' or Child's 75c
Boys' Red-top Boots, With good, heavy soles $1.00
Boys' Tan Leather Leggins, 3-buckle Fauntleroy style .. $1.00
"Iron-clad" Shoes, All sizes, Boys' or Girls' .. $1.00
"Daisy Dress Shoes, Dugan & Hudson's make, Prettiest Dress Shoes, Sizes 5 to 8 .... $1.25; Sizes 8½ to 10½ .... $1.50; Sizes 11 to 2 .... $2.00

For Ladies.

Hand-made Beaver Slippers, With good, leather soles 50c
Warm-line Cloth Laced, $1.00 quality at 75c
Fleece-lined Juliets, Of Beaver or Satteen $1.00
"Ideal" Kid Boots, 6 styles, laced or button .. $1.50
"Cork-sole" Hand-made Shoes, Laced or Button $2.50
Bicycle and Skating Boots, Unconbtedly the best and Prettiest in town. None better at $5 .... $3.00

For Men.

Silk-worked Velvet Slippers, Regular 75c. quality 50c
Best Broadcloth Overgaiters, With 8 buttons, $1 grade 75c
Tan and Black Kid "Faust" Slippers, Hand-sewed, $1.50 quality $1.25
Genuine Cork-sole Shoes, Laced and Gaiters $2.00
Patent Leather Dress Shoes, 6 pretty $4 styles $3.00
Winter Russet Shoes, Of best Box Calf, With heavy extension soles, $4 everywhere—here $3.00

Rubber Boots, Best Qualities Only, for Men, Women and Children.

Wm. Hahn & Co.'s Reliable Shoe Houses, 930 and 932 7th St., 1914 and 1916 Pa. Ave., 233 Pa. Ave. S. E.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

General Sentiment Is Against the Proposed Retrocession.

Another Attempted Hold-up Near the City—Death of a Well-Known Citizen.

There seems to be but one sentiment in Alexandria in regard to the question of retrocession, and that is against it. The city of Alexandria is today in a better financial condition than for a number of years past, notwithstanding the fact that large amounts have been expended for street and sewer improvements.

The tax rate has been reduced, the interest on the city's debt has been met promptly and the bonded debt of the city curtailed.

Several attempts have been made since 1844 to create a sentiment in favor of retrocession, and it is predicted that the present attempt will meet the same fate of those heretofore made, at least so far as the citizens of Alexandria are concerned.

Donald, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean, died yesterday from scarlet fever.

John Jacobs reported to the police yesterday that an attempt was made by tramps to hold him up on the Leesburg pike, while he was on his way to this city. This is the fourth attempt which has been made within the past ten days to hold up persons on the roads near this city.

Mr. John L. Boyer died at his home, No. 808 King street, yesterday morning. Deceased was a member of Mechanics' Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, and Osceola Tribe of Red Men.

A meeting of the noncommissioned officers of the Alexandria Light Infantry will be held on Monday night.

Capt. and Mrs. Ayres have removed from this city to No. 1272 New Hampshire avenue, Washington.

Miss Grace E. Price, after a pleasant visit to her cousin, Miss Ruth Ballenger, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Miss Bertie Roper, who has been visiting friends in this city, has returned to Norfolk.

Miss Carrie Hunter has returned from a visit to the Misses Stuart of King George.

Miss Mary Marshall is home from Kee Mar College, Md., for the holidays.

Miss Bessie Wright, who has been visiting friends in this city, has returned to her home in Henrico county.

The remains of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Croson were interred in Bethel Cemetery yesterday. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Butler of the Baptist Church.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in the M. E. Church, South, on Monday next at 3 p. m.

Mr. Park Agnew has returned from Norfolk, where he went to attend a meeting of the State Republican committee.

DENIED THE WRIT.

Justice Brewer Acts in the Leadville Strike Case.

Associate Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, and assigned to the Eighth judicial circuit, sitting in chambers, last night denied the application made to him to issue a writ of error to the supreme court of Colorado in behalf of Sheriff Newman of Leadville, which would act as a supersedeas to its judgment against the sheriff.

The Leadville strike is involved in the decision, it being alleged that Sheriff Newman favors the strikers and refuses to co-operate with the State authorities in their plans to maintain order.

Church Entertainment.

Rev. Dr. W. D. Skellinger, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, entertained a large audience last evening at the church with an instructive lecture on "Coal Mines and Mining" in Pennsylvania.

FUNERAL OF MR. BOWEN.

Distinguished Men Paid Their Last Tribute to the ex-Mayor.

The funeral of the late ex-mayor of Washington, Sayles J. Bowen, who died on Wednesday afternoon, occured yesterday afternoon at the late home of the deceased, No. 3055 Q street northwest. Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was the officiating clergyman.

The desire, expressed by Mr. Bowen, that the ceremonies should be conducted as quietly and simply as possible was strictly observed by the members of the family.

Floral tributes were numerous and of unusual beauty, but with the exception of an ivy wreath, the gift of Mr. Moses, which lay upon the foot of the coffin, none of them were seen, except by members of the family, in accordance with the wish of Mr. Bowen.

Dr. Sunderland eloquently and impressively eulogized the life work of the deceased. He paid a touching tribute to the bonds of companionship which in years gone by had linked his heart to that of the man who lay before him, "sleeping the dreamless sleep."

The ceremonies at the house were concluded with an earnest invocation delivered by Dr. Sunderland. The funeral cortege proceeded from the house to the Congressional Cemetery, where interment was made without ceremony except the reading of the burial services by Dr. Sunderland.

Representatives of the family present were: Mrs. S. J. Bowen, the wife of the deceased; his step-daughters, Mrs. Bessie Mulford, and Miss Louisa Bentley; his stepson, Mr. Charles Bentley; his sister, Mrs. Benway; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker, Miss Julia Barker, and Mrs. Underhill.

A number of the members of the Washington town council, which served with the late ex-mayor, were present: Messrs. Joseph Watson, R. J. Beall, John R. Wright, Judge A. S. Taylor, and from the board of aldermen, Messrs. Capt. W. H. Slater and Appleton Clark.

Among others present were: Commissioner George Truesdell, Dr. Tindall, secretary of the ex-mayor during his administration; J. C. Beall, of the Postoffice Department; L. C. Bailey, Adolph Cruss, ex-member board of public works; Perry Carson, John Barker, Jennie Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Birch, Mrs. Houghton, Miss Gangwere, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Thurlow, Mrs. Scott, Miss Kryder, Mrs. Schubert, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward. The pall-bearers were: District Attorney A. A. Birney, A. M. Gangwere, Chief Engineer E. D. Robie, U. S. N.; Z. Moses, James E. Bell, and Appleton P. Clark. The Colored Baptist Ministerial Conference attended in a body and left a copy of a set of resolutions passed by the body.

SWINDLED A FARMER.

Henry Armstead, Arrested in Colorado, Wanted in Pennsylvania.

New York, Dec. 18.—The district attorney was notified today of the arrest in Denver, Colo., of Henry M. Armstead, who was indicted here for grand larceny on the complaint of Thomas Taylor, an old farmer of Midway, Pa.

Taylor claims that Armstead swindled him out of $40,000 by selling some mining land in New Mexico he had no title to, and also some stock in the Irrigation and Hydraulic Mining Company that was worthless.

Taylor was also induced to spend $15,000 in working the New Mexico land. Detectives will go to Denver with requisition papers for Armstead.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND IN LINE

Republican Clubs Promise Them for March 4.

Chairman Bell to Announce the Personnel of All Committees at Tonight's Meeting.

Fifteen thousand uniformed members of the Republican clubs of the United States is the estimate of the number which will visit Washington for the inaugural ceremonies.

The estimate was obtained last night from President D. D. Woodmansee, of the National Republican Clubs, who, with a committee, came here yesterday to make arrangements for the parade of the Republican clubs on March 4. With Mr. Woodmansee are Gen. McAlpin, of New York; Ernest Warren, of Pennsylvania; C. W. Raymond, of Illinois; E. J. Miller, of Ohio, and Dr. W. L. Booze, of Maryland. The committee had a conference yesterday with Chairman Bell, at which it was arranged that the clubs coming should appear in uniform and that each club should consist of not fewer than fifty men.

Mr. Woodmansee said last night that he had already made the proper arrangements with Grand Marshal Porter for the appearance and position of the clubs.

He will at an early day, he said, appoint a local committee, having already selected Judge John C. Chaney, of the McKinley and Hobart Club, on such committee, and probably the selection of other members will be left to that member.

Mr. Woodmansee has been empowered to appoint the chief of staff and other officers for parade.

A meeting of the committee will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Ebbitt House, its present headquarters. Mr. Woodmansee will be obliged to leave the city this afternoon at 3:40 for his home in Cincinnati. It is likely that arrangements for permanent headquarters will be made by the committee before it leaves Washington.

It is expected that the personnel of all the committees for inaugural week will be submitted to the executive committee, which will meet this evening. The clerks at headquarters were busy last night copying the names submitted by the various subchairmen.

The lists will be submitted to Chairman Bell today, who will scan them for duplicates and in conjunction with the chairmen fill vacancies caused by such duplications. The names number about two thousand.

Chairman Bell has so much work on hand that he will have a substitute at the bank, Col. Blount to be the acting president.

DISTRICT ENDEAVORERS.

Mass Meeting at Kendall Baptist. Coming Annual Convention.

The mass meeting of the District Union of Christian Endeavor Societies held last evening at Kendall Baptist Church, was attended by a fair sized audience of enthusiastic Endeavorers despite the counter attractions of Christmas shopping.

The meeting was opened with a praise service conducted by Musical Director Clark and devotional exercises by Rev. Theron Outwater, pastor of Kendall Church.

The topic in the evening was "Duties and Privileges of an Active Member." Rev. Theron Outwater spoke of the duties and privileges of the active members in the church.

"The Duties and Privileges of the Active Member as a Committee Member," was handled in an able manner as an open parliament by Rev. E. B. Bagby.

Dr. W. C. Alexander, of the West Street Presbyterian Church, presented the subject "Duties and Privileges of the Active Member in the Church."

The program for the annual convention of the District Christian Endeavor Union to be held January 18, 19, and 20, is well under way. There is to be an officers' conference on Monday afternoon and other conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. On Monday night will be a "pastors' half hour," followed by addresses on "Fundamental Principles of Christian Endeavor." Tuesday night is to be devoted to "Good Citizenship," and on Wednesday night will occur the consecration service.

The annual junior rally will be held on Saturday afternoon.

REMOVED AND INDICTED.

Federal Employe in Trouble Over Political Assessments.

The United States Civil Service Commission has been advised by the Treasury Department that Julius A. McMartin, deputy collector and entry clerk in the customs service at Port Huron, Mich., has been removed for violation of that part of the civil service act relating to contributions for political purposes.

In the investigation recently conducted by the commission at Port Huron it was ascertained that John Tierney, William Springer, and Julius McMartin had all been implicated in the solicitation, assessment, or receiving of political contributions from their fellow employes.

The commission presented the matter to the Treasury Department and to the Attorney General, with the result that all three of the persons named have now been removed from the service.

Furthermore, the commission has just been advised by the United States attorney at Detroit that the grand jury has found true bills of indictment against all three persons for violation of the civil service act, and that their trial will be held at the next term of court.

Handsome Art Calendars Free Today.

The neatest calendar of the new year—in six parts and lithographed in colors—will be presented today to every patron of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company—main store 501-503 Seventh street northwest, corner E street. Branches in all parts of the city and all markets. Don't forget the grand Christmas opening next Monday. B. A. Bowman, manager for the District of Columbia.

WITH A CRASH

Shall stacks of Fine Clothing drop today. This vigorous onslaught is thinning out the ranks—and those who have not yet tasted the sweets of this great Litigation Sale, which ends December 24th, had better hurry up, if they would save half of every dollar, and dress warmly—stylishly. These are only two samples.

$5.00 Just a "V" for as good a Suit as you often paid perhaps $10 or $11 for. A genuine German Clay Suit—cut—trim—style—fit—the essence of perfection—all for $5.00

$4.75 It seems preposterous that one can buy for this small amount a warm—well-made—stylish Melton or All-wool Kersey Overcoat. Litigation Sales don't happen often, nor do such admirable chances to dress up present themselves—but we're compelled to sell—you are urged to buy—the price, $4.75

NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE, 311 SEVENTH STREET.

SMITH DIED WITH A JOKE

Murderer Made a Pun as He Marched to the Scaffold.

WAS COOL TO THE LAST

Hundreds Saw the Execution of Margaret Drown's Slayer in Marlboro Jail Yard—His Body Buried Near the Scaffold With Scant Ceremony.

Special to the Times.

Marlboro, Md., Dec. 18.—James F. Smith, the murderer of Miss Margaret Drown, was hanged today in the jail at this place. His body was buried in the yard of the jail in the center of the village here. It was interred immediately after the execution and the earth was thrown over the coffin with scant ceremony. No minister officiated and the burial was without the rites of the church.

The story of Smith's execution was told in The Evening Times of yesterday. He went to his death calmly, and during his last day on earth the fortitude which he has exhibited since committing the crime did not desert him. He laughed and joked with those about him and up to within a few moments of his death appeared in the very best of spirits.

The cell on the second floor of the jail seemed to be the objective point of all Marlboro this morning. Curious crowds gathered about the building as soon as it was light enough to see and Sheriff Underwood was besieged with petitions for passes to the execution. After breakfast Smith chatted with the death watch.

"This is my last meal on earth," he said, as he finished. "I hope the meals in the other world will taste as good."

INVITED THE SHERIFF TO EAT.

The murderer offered to share his breakfast with the sheriff, but the latter declined. Smith was by far the most composed person in the jail. He had grown fat and sleek during his incarceration. His face had filled out and his skin looked oily and glistened in the sunlight which streamed through the windows.

On the early morning train from Baltimore came the colored ministers who baptised the murderer yesterday. They were the Rev. Dr. Braxton, Rev. John D. Broados, Rev. Reuben Parker and Rev. C. R. Parker. The clergymen entered Smith's cell shortly after 9 o'clock. He greeted them pleasantly and drawing a small bible from his pocket sat down on the edge of his cot and began to read from the book.

From that time until the hour of the execution the murderer spent the time in prayer or singing. Occasionally an official from the Baltimore jail would enter the cell and the services would be interrupted for a moment while Smith bade his visitor good-by. Then the singing would be taken up again and as the ministers' voices rose above the murmuring of the crowd outside the prisoner would drop back on his couch and gaze about the bare cell as though the entire proceedings were a good deal of a bore.

SMILED ON THE CROWD.

Many of the curious pressed about the door of the little room and tried to catch a glimpse of the prisoner. From time to time Smith looked up at them and showed his even white teeth in a smile.

At 10:25 Sheriff Underwood entered the cell and read the death warrant to the prisoner. Smith listened quietly, but appeared to take no particular interest in the proceeding. The murderer's hands were then bound behind him and at precisely 10:30 o'clock the march for the scaffold was begun.

As the party left the cell Smith turned to Dr. Braxton, who stood beside him, and said: "I put my trust in Jesus. I have nothing more to hope for on earth."

At the top of the stairs, which lead to the jail yard, a deputy asked Smith if he cared for a drink before ascending the scaffold.

"No," replied the condemned man, "if I took it they would say I wasn't game and could not stand it. It's much better without."

As Smith stepped into the jail yard he leaned on the arm of Sheriff Underwood. For a moment his eyes scanned the eager, drawn faces which surrounded him; then he looked on the ground and stepped briskly after the sheriff. As the murderer turned to ascend the scaffold his toe caught on a projecting root and he stumbled and would have fallen except for the arm of the sheriff. "Humph," he said, "I mustn't fall now. It's not time yet." Then he looked up at the officials about him and smiled.

GAME TO THE LAST.

As the little party ascended the steps the morbid crowd pushed forward until those in front were literally forced on to the lower steps. Bearded men of sixty jostled boys of ten, who stood gazing, open-mouthed, at the prisoner. There were women in the crowd who laughed and giggled hysterically and struggled to get nearer the gallows.

The hundreds who had perched themselves on trees, fences, housetops and every point which afforded a view of the gallows, gave up their posts and, vaulting the low board fence which incloses the jail yard, joined the throng inside.

It was the verdict of the crowd that Smith died game. To the very last the same easy, jaunty, devil-may-care smile curled his lips, and he carried it with him to his death.

Fifteen minutes after the trap was sprung the body was cut down. Dr. L. A. Griffith, the jail physician, assisted by Drs. Sansbury and Gibbons, made an examination and stated that death was due to strangulation. The rope was removed, the body hastily carried to a coffin, placed in a grave in the southeast corner of the jail yard, and within an hour of the time that Smith left his cell the last clod of earth had fallen on his body.

UNDER NEW OFFICERS.

Eccentric Engineers Hold Their Annual Election.

The annual election of officers of the Association of Eccentric Engineers, held last evening at Bunch's Hall, resulted as follows:

Master workman, William Mothereаd; worthy foreman, J. A. Bowen; recording secretary, S. S. Teaque; financial secretary, W. J. Leaman; statistician, C. A. Holmes; trustees, J. J. Breen, A. M. Lawson and J. A. Bowen.

Delegates to the Federation of Labor, J. J. Breen, C. H. and J. W. Caldwell, J. A. Bowen and C. A. Mann; to D. A., 66, K. of L., A. M. Lawson, William Motheread and J. H. Meyer.

Old Claim Revived.

A bill was referred to the District Committee yesterday because it involves a robbery here ten years ago. It provides for the payment to John H. Lillie of Los Angeles, Cal., of $165 for interest on four $1,000 bonds and one $500 bond. The coupons, it is alleged, were taken from Mr. Lillie on the streets of Washington in April, 1885.

GIFTS LADIES LIKE— One of those very handsome, rich-looking $2?.00 Solid Gold Watches I'm selling just now for $15.00—as pretty looking timepieces as I have—accurate, and a big money's worth.

SPIER, 310 "NINTH."

We've struck a popular chord.

This sale of $9 and $10 Men's Suits for $5 is a big success.

We've never before sold so many suits a day as the three days this sale has been running.

When a house like this offers complete pure-wool Men's Suits for

$5.00

it's good cause for a great show of enthusiasm.

Look at our holiday goods when you come for the suit. $6 Smoking Jackets for $4.50—Lounging Robes $3.50 and $5—Silk Suspenders and Neckwear in individual fancy boxes at 50c.

EISEMAN BROS., Cor. 7th and E Sts. N. W. No Branch Store in Washington.

SHIPS TO BE PUSHED.

Orders Given to Hurry Through Repairs on Naval Vessels.

Acting Secretary McAdoo of the Navy yesterday afternoon summoned the chiefs of construction, engineering, and ordnance, Commodores Hichborn, Melville and Sampson, and ordered them to take whatever steps were necessary to expedite the repairs on all ships now in commission at the Atlantic coast navy yards.

This action is taken, it is explained, in order that all available ships may be ready to rendezvous for drill purposes with Admiral Bunce's fleet at Hampton Roads not later than January 1. The chiefs were also directed to approve no changes or extensive repairs in ships for the present as it was the desire of the Department to get all the commissioned vessels away from the navy yards in order that urgent work may be prosecuted on other vessels which have been dismantled for thorough overhauling.

This extra work at the navy yards is said to be made possible through the assurances given to Commodores Melville and Hichborn by the appropriation committee before which they appeared this morning, in regard to the urgency deficiency item of a million dollars for naval work imperatively demanded.

The required amount was promised and the officers were told that the money would be promptly placed at their disposal on their explanation that all work would have to be suspended at once and wholesale discharge of men made unless prompt relief was afforded.

ON GERM DISEASES.

Surgeon General Sternberg Lectures to the Geographic Society.

The lecture of Dr. George M. Sternberg, surgeon General of the Army, delivered last night at the First Congregational Church, was of more than ordinary interest and the audience, who had gathered to hear him was even larger than is usual with these always well-attended lectures.

It was given under the auspices of the National Geographic Society and the subject was "The Etiology and Distribution of Infectious Diseases."

The lecturer explained for the benefit of the non-professional listener the meaning in ordinary terms of the word "etiology," defining it as the science of the causation of disease. Taking up the subject in the order indicated in the title, he gave a most thorough consideration to the producing causes of infectious maladies based upon the general premises that all such diseases take their characteristics from the presence in the body of living organisms, having the power of reproduction. To these organisms the general name of germ was given—bacteria and bacilli are varieties of this class of organisms.

A careful study was made of the climatic conditions affecting contagion and infection, and all of the phases of predisposition, both inherited and acquired, and of immunity, were discussed in a most instructive way.

After a study of "external" germ diseases and their climatology, Dr. Sternberg exhibited micro-photographs, by means of stereopticon slides, of the bacilli and germs of nearly all the diseases he had described and discussed in the course of the evening.

Pythians Elect Officers.

Syracuse Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, last night elected the following officers: C. C., L. H. Troutman; V. C., Jacob Nussbaum; prelate, J. Humphrey; M. of W., A. T. Bache; M. of E., A. E. Glascock; M. of F., D. N. Hoover; K. of R. and S., D. C. Childress; M. of A., Joseph Riley; I. G., B. H. Burgoyne; O. G., L. B. Nye; representatives to grand lodge, P. Cs. D. N. Hoover, J. Humphrey, J. G. McQueen, Joseph Riley, William Hines; trustees, William Hines, H. W. Higham, J. Humphrey; relief bureau, Joseph Riley.

Chicago Grain Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	79¾	80⅜	79⅛-⅜	79¾
July	74½	74⅜	73⅞	74
CORN.				
May	25¾	25¾	25⅝	25⅝
July	26	26	26	26
OATS.				
May	20	20¼	19⅞-20	20¼
July	....	....	....	....
PORK.				
Jan	7.57	7.57	7.55	7.57
May	7.90	7.90	7.85	7.87
LARD.				
Jan	3.82	3.82	3.82	3.82
May	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02
SPARE RIBS.				
Jan	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
May	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

COTTON.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	6.92	6.99	6.79	6.80
February	7.05	7.06	6.89	6.89
March	7.11	7.18	6.96	6.98
April	7.21	7.21	7.03	7.03

Baltimore Markets.

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Flour firm but quiet, unchanged—receipts, 8,466 barrels; exports, 18,964 barrels; sales, 750 barrels. Wheat dull—spot, 90 1-2 bid; May, 87a87 1-4—receipts, 4,923 bushels; exports, none; stock, 345,290 bushels; sales, 2,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 88a92; do. on grade, 87a91. Corn, cash easy; futures firm—spot, 27 1-4a27 3-8; year, 27a27 1-8; January, 27 1-4a27 3-8; February, 27 5-8a27 3-4; March, 27 7-8a28; steamer mixed, 25 1-4a25 3-8—receipts, 222,851 bushels; exports, 131,749 bushels; stock, 1,808,280 bushels; sales, 208,000 bushels—southern white and yellow corn, 27 1-4 asked. Oats quiet and steady—No. 2 white, 25a26; No. 2 mixed, 22 1-2a23—receipts, 71,341 bushels; exports, 118,223 bushels; stock, 1,062,380 bushels. Rye barely steady—No. 2 nearby, 41a42; western, 43a43 1-4—receipts, 8,822 bushels; exports, none; stock, 131,532 bushels. Hay steady—choice timothy, $13.50a$14.00. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Sugar, butter and eggs steady, unchanged. Cheese firm, unchanged. Whisky unchanged.

STOCKS TOOK A TUMBLE

New York Market Disturbed Over Cuban Situation.

FURTHER DECLINE EXPECTED

Receipt of the News Abroad of the Action of the Senate Committee Anxiously Awaited—War With This Country, It Is Thought, Would Bankrupt Spain.

New York, Dec. 18.—There was a violent break in the stock market today when advices from Washington were received telling of the adoption by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations of the resolution of Senator Cameron recognizing the independence of Cuba.

For several weeks the matter has been a disturbing influence in the stock market, as, from the Wall Street point of view, a war with any country is regarded as likely to induce liquidation and disturb the values of securities. Hence it was assumed today that the almost unanimous adoption by the committee of the Cuban resolution would result in an outbreak of hostilities with Spain, and owing to the absence of any outside support in the stock market the bear traders were able to bring about serious declines in many securities.

So far as the discussion of the subject on the stock exchange was concerned, it was recognized that the actual fighting between this country and Spain could have but one result, but owing to the very weak condition of Spanish finances it was feared that the bankruptcy of that country would result very quickly.

SPANISH SECURITIES WEAK.

Spanish securities have their chief market in Paris, and they have been very weak for a long time. Parisian operators are heavily loaded with Spanish bonds, and they are also heavily committed in the Kaffir mining shares, which they purchased on the big advance in those securities in London last year.

Hence, should the bankruptcy of Spain result from hostilities with this country, it would very likely create a panic on the Paris bourse, and through the liquidation of the Kaffir shares in London bring about severe declines in that market. It was assumed that any violent break in London would naturally be reflected in this market.

The declines in the market today were, it was considered, due rather to a weak speculative situation, which was taken advantage of by the active bear traders to raid the market. They were sufficient, however, to reach many stop loss orders, which added to the weakness of the market. The declines average over 4 per cent from last night's closing figures.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE.

The stocks which suffered the most and the declines were: Manhattan, 3 7-8; Sugar, 3 3-8; Burlington, 4 1-8; Chicago Gas, 2 7-8; St. Paul, 2 3-4; Rock Island, 2 3-4; General Electric, 2 7-8; Louisville and Nashville, 2 5-8; Southern Railway preferred, 2 1-4; Tennessee Coal, 2 1-8; Pacific Mail, 2 1-4; and Omaha, 2 1-8.

It was the general opinion among the commission houses that tomorrow's events in the stock market will be controlled in no small degree by the reception in London and on the continent of this afternoon's important action at Washington. The transactions were the largest for any day in weeks, and a lively session is looked for tomorrow.

Brokers recall the fact that the big break in stocks in December, 1895, did not take place for two or three days after President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question was made public, the full significance of the document not having been at once appreciated by the street.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market.

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	Op.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Am. Cotton Oil Co.	10	10	9	9
*Am. Sugar Refinery Co.	112¾	112¾	108	109
*Am. Sugar Re. Co. pfd	101	101¼	101	101
Canada Southern	48½	48½	47¼	47½
Am. Spirits Mfg Co	11¼	10¾	10	10½
Atchison Top. & S. F.	13½	13½	12¾	12¾
*American Tobacco Co.	76	76½	74¼	74¼
Baltimore and Ohio	15¼	15¾	14¾	14¾
Bay State Gas	11¼	12	10	10¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	15¾	15¼	15	15
C. C. C. & St. L.	27	27	25	25
Central of New Jersey	103	103	101	101
Chicago and Northw'n	102½	102¾	100¾	100¾
Chicago, Bur. & Q.	74½	74¾	68	68½
Chicago Gas	73¾	73¾	70	70½
C. M. & St. P.	74¾	74¾	70	70½
Con. Gas	150	150	145	145
C. R. I. & P.	68	68¼	64	64
Chi. St. P. M. & O.	48½	48½	46½	47½
Del. & Hudson Canal	125	125	124½	124½
Del., Lack. & West.	155	158	155	155
General Electric	32½	32½	29	30
Lake Shore & M. So.	153¾	153	152½	152½
Laclede Gas	24	24	23¾	23¾
Louisville & Nashville	49½	49½	45¼	45½
Manhattan	90½	91¼	87¼	87¾
Mo. Pacific	20½	20½	18	18
*National Lead Co.	24	24	23¼	23¼
N. Y. Cent. & Hudson	95½	95½	95	95
N. Y., Ontario & West'n	14½	14½	14	14
Northern Pacific pfd.	22½	22½	21½	21½
Pacific Mail	24½	24½	22½	22½
Phila. & Reading	27	27½	25½	24½
Pullman Palace Car Co.	153½	153½	153½	153½
*Southern Railway pfd.	27½	27½	23¼	24½
Tenn. Coal, Iron & R. R.	26½	26½	24	24
Union Pacific	9	9¼	8	8½
U. S. Leather pfd.	60¼	60¼	58	58½
*Western Union Tel. Co.	83¾	83¾	80¾	81½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	7¾	7¾	7	7¾

*Ex. Div.

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Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Columbia Railroad 6s, $500 at 111½. Capital Traction, 40 at 51; 20 at 51½, 10 at 52. American Graphophone, B. 3, 100 at 8½. Mergenthaler Linotype, 60 at 126. Lanston Monotype, 10 at 6½. After call—Washington Gas B Bonds, $500 at 115. Capital Traction, 50 at 52.

	Bid.	Asked
GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
U. S. 4's, R 1907 Q J	109½	110½
U. S. 4's, C. 1907 Q J	110½	......
U. S. 4's, 1925	120	......
U. S. 5's, 1904 Q F	113½	......
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.		
5's 1899, "20-year Funding"	101	......
6's 1902, "30-year Funding," gold	110	......
7's 1901, "Water Stock," currency	110	......
7's 1903, "Water Stock," currency	111½	......
"Funding," currency, 3.65's	107	......
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS		
Met R R Conv. 6's, 1901	112	116
Belt R R 5's, 1921	60	85
Eckington R R 6's	80	95
Columbia R R 6's, 1914	111	......
Wash Gas Co. Ser A, 6's, 1902-'27	112	......
Wash Gas Co. Ser B, 6's, 1904-'29	113	......
Ches. and Pot Tel 5's 1890-1911	100	......
Am Sec & Tr 5's, F and A, 1905	101	......
Am Sec & Tr 5's, A and O, 1905	101	......
Wash Market Co 1st 6's, 1902-1911, $7,000 retired annually	108	......
Wash Market Co imp 6's, 12-'27	108	......
Wash Market Co ext'n 6's, 14-'27	108	......
Masonic Hall Associat'n 5's, 1903	102	......
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS		
Bank of Washington	280	......
Bank of Republic	240	......
Metropolitan	280	300
Central	270	......
Farmers and Mechanics'	175	190
Second	135	......
Columbia	115	......
Capital	114	......
West End	106	112
Traders'	95	102
Lincoln	102	108
Ohio	......	95
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.		
Nat Safe Deposit and Trust	....	118
Wash Loan and Trust	118	125
Amer Security Trust	135	145
WashSafe Deposit	55	......
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction Co.	*51½	52
Metropolitan	106	109
Columbia	50	......
GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	45	46
Georgetown Gas	40	......

	Bid.	Asked
U. S. Electric Light	94	95
INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Franklin	38	......
Metropolitan	60	......
Corcoran	50	......
Potomac	63½	......
Arlington	....	150
German-American	180	......
National Union	....	14
Columbia	11½	14
Riggs	7½	8¼
People's	5	......
Lincoln	8½	9
Commercial	4½	5¼
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title ... 102, J and J	....	115
Columbia Title	....	6¼
Washington Title	....	6¼
District Title	....	10
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Pennsylvania	38	......
Chesapeake and Potomac	56	62
American Graphophone	8¾	8½
American Graphophone pref	8½	10¼
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	.15	......
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype (new)	125¾	126
Lanston Monotype	6½	7
Washington Market	12	......
Great Falls Ice	117	127
Nor. and Wash. Steamboat	....	100
Lincoln Hall	....	90

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