

News of the Week.

EXECUTIVE.

General Grant yielded up the War Department, January 14, to Edwin M. Stanton, who is now in office as Secretary of War.

The following is Gen Grant's note to the President: HEADQUARTERS, ARMY U. S., January 14, 1868.

His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the official notice received by me last evening of the action of the Senate of the United States, in the case of the suspension of Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, U. S. GRANT, General.

The total internal revenue receipts of last week were \$2,178,000.

U. S. CONGRESS—First Session.

Senate.—January 14.—The House bill regulating the Supreme Court was referred. The anti-contraction bill was considered.

January 15.—A memorial was presented from Mississippi, asking relief from the prevailing destitution. A resolution was adopted appropriating \$28,000 damages for seizure of a Spanish steamer by General Sherman at Port Royal.

January 16.—The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue were allowed the floor during debates affecting the revenue. The bill repealing the cotton tax was received back from the House, that body having rejected the Senate's amendment.

January 20.—Conference committees were appointed on the disagreeing amendments to the Anti-Contraction and Cotton bills. The case of Senator elect Thomas, of Maryland, was debated.

House.—January 14.—An unsuccessful attempt was made by Mr. McCarthy, of New York, to introduce resolutions relative to the naturalization question. The Senate amendments to the cotton tax repeal bill were not concurred in, and it will be sent back to the Senate.

January 15.—Bills relating to the Public Land Offices, and allowing applicants for homesteads to make affidavits before county courts, were reported and passed. The new Reconstruction bill was debated.

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January 16th.—London.—It is reported that Lord Bloomfield, the British Minister to Austria, and Lord Clarendon have gone on a mission to Rome, to request the Pope to use his influence for the suppression of the Fenian agitation.

January 17th.—London.—Advices from Hong Kong and Shanghai state that another battle had been fought between the rebels and imperialists at Shentang. The Imperialist army, under Fongal, was again defeated.

January 18th.—London.—When the Scotia, from New York for Liverpool, sailed on Tuesday last evening, a strong police force quietly went aboard and arrested George Francis Train, and two other passengers, who sailed from New York. It is understood that they were taken into custody on the charge of being active members of the American wing of the Fenian organization.

January 20th.—London.—Later information from Africa in regard to Dr. Livingston, it is thought, confirms all previous reports of his safety.

January 21st.—London.—The bill for the ratification of the treaty transferring St. Thomas and St. John's to the United States, was referred to a special committee, who will meet in secret session.

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