

News of the Week.

XIVth CONGRESS—Third Session.

Senate.—January 12.—A petition of capitalists ask a grant of \$15,000 per mile to the North Pacific R. R., besides the land grants, and offering to erect it on these terms. The bill for relief of Mrs. Coggeshall was concurred in. The bill extending time upon indictments in U. S. Courts in Rebel States was passed.

January 13.—The House Resolution granting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for an inauguration ball was rejected, on the ground that the majority of the U. S. are opposed to that species of amusement. The bill involving the claims of Southern loyalists was discussed.

January 14.—A bill granting a pension [justly due] to Mrs. Lincoln was referred. The bill involving the claims of Southern loyalists was discussed.

January 15.—The Judiciary Committee reported an amendment to the Constitution establishing impartial suffrage. The bill involving the claims of Southern loyalists was discussed and recommitted. The President submitted the protocol of the Alabama treaty, and also the naturalization treaty and the San Juan boundary treaty with Great Britain.

January 18.—A bill was passed providing that testimony in contested elections be taken by public notaries and not by registrars. The Copper Tariff bill was discussed.

House.—January 12.—Gen. Butler introduced a bill to carry out his financial views, which was referred. The Foreign Committee reported a bill to establish a protectorate over Hayti and St. Domingo.

January 13.—The Hayti and St. Domingo Protectorate Resolution was discussed and tabled. The House went into Committee of the Whole.

January 14.—A bill (reported by the Committee on Territories) giving most of Utah to adjoining Territories was postponed for two weeks. The Niagara Canal bill was discussed.

January 16.—The Niagara Canal bill was discussed and referred.

January 18.—Bills were introduced. The Committee on Expenditures was directed to investigate Wells, Fargo & Co.'s mail contract and their manner of executing it. A resolution declaring against any further subsidies to R. Roads was passed (90 to 67). The Naval Appropriation bill was passed, with the Philadelphia item cut down 50 per cent. at the suggestion of Judge Kelley. The resolution removing disqualified office-holders in Virginia and Texas was passed.

GENERAL.

U. S. Supreme Court.—The Stephen Girard's Will case was decided, Jan. 18, in favor of the city of Philadelphia and against the French heirs-at-law.—In the New York bank case it was decided that certificates of indebtedness and greenbacks are exempt from taxation.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Pennsylvania Legislature.—A bill establishing a Police Commission in Philadelphia and removing the force from the control of the Mayor, was introduced in the Senate, Jan. 15.—A joint committee was appointed, Jan. 14, to investigate the alleged frauds in the election of Judge Greenbank. The Senate, Jan. 15, passed a bill continuing Richard Peltz as Receiver of Taxes in Philadelphia until the contested election is decided by the Courts. A joint committee to investigate the alleged frauds in the election of Judge Hare was appointed.—The first section of the [iniquitous] bill to continue Receiver Peltz in office was passed in night session, Jan. 18. Several Republicans voted against it.

New York.—Ex-Gov. Fenton is to be the new U. S. Senator from this State.

New Jersey.—Hon. John P. Stockton is to be the new U. S. Senator from this State.

Maryland.—Hon. Odlin Bowie was inaugurated Governor, Jan. 13.

District of Columbia.—The National Colored Convention met Jan. 13 and adjourned Jan. 16. They petitioned Congress for equality in bouities and suffrage.

Indiana.—Lieut. Governor Cumback is to be the new U. S. Senator from this State.

Minnesota.—Alexander Ramsey is again to be the U. S. Senator from this State.

Wisconsin.—Gov. Fairchild's annual message reports the State debt at \$2,252,057.

Virginia.—The delegates from the recent "universal suffrage and amnesty" convention, have succeeded in getting Congressmen to promise to admit Virginia on the adoption of the State Constitution with the omission of disfranchising clauses. Gen. Grant approves.

Missouri.—Gov. McClurg recommends the establishment of Negro Suffrage in the State, but opposes the enfranchisement of ex-rebels.—Carl Schurz is to be U. S. Senator from this State.—The Legislature asks the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department, and thanks Gens. Sheridan and Custer.

Georgia.—The Legislature met Jan. 13.—Gov. Bullock in his annual message says there is no adequate protection to life, liberty and property in the State, and recommends the Legislature to anticipate Congressional action by expelling those members who are disqualified by the XIVth Amendment and re-admitting the colored members, or else to adjourn.

Mississippi.—The Constitution was defeated on a fair vote, according to Gen. Gillen's evidence before the Reconstruction Committee.

Alabama.—Judge Pelham of Shelby county, decides that the existing State Government is illegal.

Louisiana.—The Peruvian Monitors sailed, Jan. 12, for the Pacific.—A bill is before the Legislature to abolish the municipal government of New Orleans, and establish a provisional one.

Florida.—The Senate confirms Gov. Reed's nominations, made since November, thus ending the quarrel.

The Indians.—Gen. Sheridan claims that his recent successes have virtually put an end to the Indian war.—Sixty lodges of Comanches have been captured by Col. Evans, with a loss of three soldiers.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

January 12.—London.—The Conference have returned to let Kanagwa, the Greek Ambassador to France, represent Greece, and he has protested and telegraphed for instructions. Some delay will probably be caused.—It is reported that Turkey has seized and imprisoned the Cretan leaders.—Paris.—Turkey has sent an agent to raise a war loan here.—Madrid.—Four thousand soldiers have volunteered to aid in putting down the Cuban rebellion.

January 13.—London.—The reported seizure of the leaders of the Cretan insurrection, with their papers, is confirmed. Four were killed.—Paris.—The Conference censures Greece for taking exception to the exclusion of her representatives, pleading the precedent of 1856.—Vienna.—Turkey justifies her course as towards Crete, declares that she expects nothing from the Conference, and says her ultimatum is a warning against interference in her internal affairs.—Florence.—La Epoca says France and Italy support the claims of Prince Amadeus to the Spanish throne.

January 14.—London.—The Great Eastern has begun to take on board the Franco-American cable, and will sail from Brest in June.—The press unanimously condemn the course of Greece in insisting on representation in the Conference.—It is agreed that the Great Powers shall not be required to enforce the conclusions of the Conference.—Paris.—The Conference met again to-day, and the press urge its continuance. Greece is preparing an official circular defending her course.—Madrid.—The

Liberals and Carlists have had a collision, in Tortosa.—Dulce asks more troops, at least 4,000 will be necessary to suppress the rebellion in Cuba. The papers urge the sending of 10,000.

January 15.—London.—The Treaty with the U. S. has been arranged on the basis of the original protocol.—All the Madrid journals favor Amadeus as a candidate for the Spanish throne, and the chances of the Montpensiers are improving.—The allied army have carried the Paraguanay strong-hold at Villeta, after a desperate battle, taking 5,000 prisoners, and the iron-clads have gone on to Asuncion, the capital. Gen. McMahon, the U. S. Minister, had come to an understanding with Lopez.—All the Powers, except Russia, unite in a formal demand that Greece withdraw her exceptions to her exclusion from the Conference.—Paris.—The Conference held another session, and adopted conciliatory resolutions, but Greece still holds out, and the indications are that she is getting ready for war.

January 16.—London.—Chas. Dickens publishes a card in relation to the Mrs. Dickens who recently committed suicide in Chicago.—His daughter's brother's widow resides in England, and that he is a trustee of her estate.—The papers rejoice that the Alabama treaty is signed.—A large and enthusiastic meeting in favor of the ballot was held here last night.—Paris.—The Conference met to-day to sign a declaration, requiring Greece to repress incursions into the Turkish dominions, and counselling Turkey to withdraw her ultimatum.—Bremen.—An international Post Office Order system has been agreed upon by the Post Office Departments of North Germany and of the United States. It will be extended to Switzerland through the agents of the North German Lloyd. It goes into effect Feb. 1, and will transmit sums of over \$50 at a fixed rate.—Florence.—The mill tax riots have been renewed and the military are freely used to suppress them.—Madrid.—The monarchial candidates for the Cortes have carried Madrid and most of the provincial towns.

January 17.—London.—A rupture has taken place between Turkey and Persia; the Turkish ambassador has left Teheran, and Persia is concentrating troops on her Western frontier. [A checkmate from Russia in the Eastern question.]—Paris.—The Conference's Declaration recommends Greece to comply with Turkish demands on the Cretan question, and to leave the *Enosis* to the decision of the courts, and promises that the general demands of Turkey shall be withdrawn.—Greece is manifestly preparing for war, and has borrowed \$20,000,000 from the Athenian bankers.—The Turkish and Grecian representatives are waiting instructions.—Madrid.—More troops are to sail for Cuba.—The returns increase the majorities of the Government candidates.

January 18.—London.—The Times praises the treaty made with Mr. Burlingame.—Paris.—The Emperor opened the Corps Legislatif with a speech to-day. He announced the political situation to be a happy combination of good order and liberty, and said that France was now so thoroughly armed that while she sought peace she need not fear war. He hoped that the Conference's decisions would settle the Eastern rupture. He anticipated a governmental triumph in the coming elections.—Florence.—Prince Amadeus has renounced his claims to possibly succeed to the throne of Italy, so as to increase his chances in Spain.—Constantinople.—The Sultan has ordered his envoy at Paris to sign the Protocol agreed to by the Conference.

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