

News of the Week.

XLth. CONGRESS—Third Session.

Senate.—January 19.—The President sent a message fully justifying his Amnesty Proclamation by the letter of the Constitution and by the precedents set by Presidents Washington, Madison, Jackson and Lincoln. The Copper Tariff bill was passed, trebling the duty on that article. An Executive session followed.

January 20.—The Air Line R. R. bill (New York to Washington) was discussed.

January 21.—Bills were introduced, and that to prohibit illegal taxes on passengers was discussed.

January 22.—The Pacific R. R. Committee reported a resolution against any further grants to R. Roads. The Air Line R. R. bill was discussed. A Conference report agreed that both registrars and notaries public be competent to take evidence in contested election cases. The President nominated J. J. Stewart, of Maryland, as Minister to Turkey, and Selah Waters, of Tennessee, as Minister to Ecuador.

January 23.—Condemned cannon were voted for a monument to President Lincoln. The Air Line and Denver and Pacific R. R. were discussed.

January 25.—The Judiciary Committee presented the credentials of Mr. Hill, Senator elect from Georgia, and also a resolution that he is not entitled to his seat. The Central Pacific R. R. bill was referred.

House.—January 19.—The printing of 30,000 copies of the Special Revenue Report was ordered. The bill to preserve the purity of Territorial elections was passed. The bill to transfer to the U. S. Courts suits to recover for property lost in transitu during the war was concurred in.

January 20.—Bills were introduced (1) by Mr. Schenck pledging the payment of all the debt in gold; (2) by Mr. Farnsworth restraining the franking privilege to actual autograph signatures, (passed); (3) removing disabilities of sundry rebels. The Senate bill granting aid to the Denver Pacific R. R. was discussed.

January 21.—A bill directing the Secretary of the Navy to appoint on nominations of present Congressmen for the States which do not elect new ones before July was passed. The Election Committee's decision giving the seat of Geo. W. Anderson to Wm. F. Switzer (1Xth Mo. District) was voted down.

January 22.—The Denver Pacific R. R. was discussed. The death of Mr. Hiatt, of Arkansas, was announced and appropriately noticed.

January 23.—The Equal Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution was discussed.

January 25.—The Denver Pacific R. R. bill was discussed and referred.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Pennsylvania Legislature.—John Scott was elected U. S. Senator Jan 19. In the House the second section of the bill to continue Receiver Peltz in office was defeated. In the Senate, January 20, a new Police Commissioner Bill, vesting the appointment in the Governor, was introduced. In the House, the bill extending the term of Receiver Peltz was passed. In the House, Jan. 21, a letter from Mr. Hirst, announcing that being convinced that Judge Hare (Rep.) was duly elected he withdraws from the contest, was read. The bill continuing Receiver Peltz in office was passed and sent to the Senate where there was no quorum to pass it. Through the Democrats absenting themselves, no quorum was obtained Jan. 22, or 23.

New Jersey.—Gov. Randolph was inaugurated, Jan. 19.

Delaware.—James A. Bayard was elected, Jan. 19, U. S. Senator for the unexpired term, and T. F. Bayard for that beginning March 4th.

New York.—Ex-Gov. Reuben E. Fenton was elected U. S. Senator, Jan. 19.

Massachusetts.—Sumner was re-elected U. S. Senator, Jan. 19.

Indiana.—In the election for U. S. Senator, Jan. 19, sixteen Republican members of the Legislature refused to vote for Lieut. Gov. Cumback, on the ground that he had attempted to secure the office by a corrupt bargain which he offered to make with Gov. Baker. The sixteen Republicans continued their bolt on the vote on joint ballot, Jan. 21, but on the following day Mr. Cumback withdrew, and Mr. D. S. Pratt, of Logansport, was elected U. S. Senator.

Wisconsin.—Matthew H. Carpenter is to be the new U. S. Senator from this State.

Michigan.—Zachariah Chandler was elected U. S. Senator, Jan. 19.

Kansas.—The House, Jan. 18, indefinitely postponed a universal suffrage bill.

California.—The U. S. Grand Jury has found over 300 indictments for naturalization frauds in San Francisco.

District of Columbia.—The National Colonization Society received last year \$51,384 and sent 453 emigrants to Liberia.—The 12th National Women's Convention met Jan. 19.—The Rights Convention adjourned, Jan. 21, after appointing a committee to memorialize Congress and address the people.—The American branch of the Universal Peace Union, in session in Washington, Jan. 22, adopted a resolution declaring that "all idea of punishment, both in the human and divine governments, should be done away with."

Maryland.—The Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund met in Baltimore, Jan. 22. Gen. Grant was present.

Virginia.—The Richmond Republicans protest against the rumored assent of Congress to the terms proposed by the "Universal-Suffrage and Amnesty" Convention.—Under the XIVth Amendment 729 office-holders have been removed as ineligible, and Gen. Stoneman has appointed a Board to examine applicants for office as their company.

Alabama.—The report that a Republican District Judge had decided the Constitution and Government to be invalid, is contradicted.

Louisiana.—Gen. Mower has been assigned to the command of the Military District.

Missouri.—The Legislature has before it a bill to punish the spectators at prize fights.—Carl Shurz was elected U. S. Senator, Jan. 19.—Gen. Sherman has been ill for several days.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

January 19.—London.—The Paris Conference's Declaration is mainly a settlement of the question of international-law, viz: that it is illegal to encourage insurrection within or privateering and military expeditions against the countries of friendly States. If (after Turkey) Greece accepts it, the Ultimatum will be withdrawn; otherwise war, in which the Great Powers will be neutral.—The Pall Mall Gazette hopes that Parliament will not assent to the treaty with the U. States, if the question of the right to recognize the C. S. A., as belligerents, is opened.—The Times says that the International Commission will meet in Washington and will choose one or (if that is impossible) two umpires, to whom all questions of dispute will be referred, the judge being chosen from the two by lot. Some European Sovereign is to decide all questions of international law, and all claims are to be submitted through the respective governments within six months, and to be paid within eighteen months after adjudication. The treaty is to be ratified within a year.—The daily press praise the Emperor's frank speech from the throne, while deprecating his programme of "personal government."—Madrid.—There are 500 monarchists, 35 Republicans and 15 Bourbonists chosen to the Constitutional Cortes.

January 20.—London.—An earthquake has caused great loss of life and property on the shores of the Bay of Bengal.—Paris.—The French "Blue

Book" (official annual) reports cordial relations with the U. S.; failure to arrange with Italy for the evacuation of Rome, and good faith and cordiality towards Spain. It puts the strength of the French Army at 499,000 men, of whom 115,000 are on furlough.—La Liberte reports that the head of the Cretan insurrection has escaped, and is on his way to the U. S. to procure an armament.—Later news from Paraguay confirms the report that Villeta has fallen.—Madrid.—The Cortes met Feb. 14.—The representation of Cuba has been increased to 18; Porto Rico to 11.

January 21.—London.—Another fearful massacre of white settlers by the Maories of New Zealand is reported.—Paris.—Mr. Burlingame has had a very cordial interview with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and will be granted an audience by the Emperor next Sunday.—The Conference will adjourn after receiving the reply of Greece to their protocol.

January 22.—London.—The adherence of Greece to the protocol is thought certain.—Paris.—M. Walewski is to carry the protocol to Athens and to wait five days for an answer.—Brussels.—The heir-apparent to the throne of Belgium, (the Duke of Brabant) died last night after a lingering illness of years. He was ten years of age.—Berlin.—The journalists of this city have adopted an address to Gen. Grant, asking him to urge the passage of an international copyright law.

January 23.—London.—It is proposed to make the slave-trade piracy, and the proposition seems likely to be accepted.—Transports are ready to sail with troops to reinforce Dulce, and are to land at Santiago, near the scene of the rebellion.—Constantinople.—On the Governor of Syria promising that the Erosis shall not be allowed to leave the port, Hobeart Pasha has withdrawn his fleet.

January 24.—Paris.—Le Gaulois says Greece will reject the protocol of the Conference.—Mr. Burlingame and his embassy had an interview with the Emperor to-day, and presented their credentials. The Emperor expressed his surprise to find an American acting as the Envoy of China.—Florence.—The mill-tax has given rise to violent debates in Parliament.

January 25.—London.—Reverdy Johnson is to be feasted in February by the municipality of Manchester; [which is quite a different place from Liverpool].—Paris.—It is rumored that the Republican cities of Cadix and Seville have declared for the Duke of Montpensier as King.

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