

News of the Week.

December 21—December 28.

Congress has adjourned over for the holidays after much preliminary work. The Senate has concurred in the bill to reimburse the owners of vessels seized by the Government in loyal States during the war. Among the Bills presented we note one by Carl Schurz to reform the Civil Service; one by Senator Sumner to impose the Test Oath on the Va. Legislature; one by Senator Morton to organize the Ga. militia. The Judiciary Committee report a joint resolution declaring that Va. is entitled to representation. The Census Bill and that in regard to Ocean Cables, are suspended.

In Executive Session the following nominations were confirmed: Hon. Edwin M. Stanton (ex-Secretary of War) to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Justice Grier resigned; H. T. Blow, Minister to Brazil; F. F. Low, Minister to China; E. Ramsey Wing, Minister to Ecuador; Charles F. Folger, Asst. Treasurer at New York; Samuel Harlow, U. S. Marshal for Southern New York; E. M. Gregory, U. S. Marshal for Eastern Pennsylvania. The nomination of Attorney General Hoar to the Supreme Bench was tabled, as the vacancy properly belongs to the South. As Mr. Stanton died on Friday morning at Washington, of congestion of the heart, that place is again vacant, and it is announced that Judge Strong, of our city—who was to have succeeded Judge Hoar—will succeed Judge Stanton.

The President has furnished the Senate with the correspondence in regard to Cuba. It shows that in a conversation with Mr. Stokely, Aug. 28, Mr. Prim makes light of the Cuban revolt, and says they may have their independence by laying down their arms, electing their Deputy, and declaring their right to be free by a vote of the people. On December 16th, Attorney General Hoar gives his opinion that it is not proper for the United States to libel the Spanish galleons, under the statute of 1825.

The Alabama Claims correspondence has been transmitted to the Senate. Mr. Fish, Sept. 25, intimates that discussion may be reopened whenever the British Government shall indicate a desire to do so; and hopes that they will be willing to continue the discussion at Washington. In a reply, dated Nov. 6, he regrets to be obliged to reject the overture of the Reverdy Johnson treaty, and it is declared that Her Majesty's Government cannot make any new proposition, or run the risk of another unsuccessful negotiation. It is suggested, however, that the two Governments adopt such changes in the rules of public law as may prevent the recurrence of similar difficulties hereafter.

The House has passed the Georgia Reconstruction Bill, two Republicans (Bingham and Farnsworth) voting against it. The Resolution for the admission of Virginia is postponed. Many bills proposed—one repealing the clause of the Internal Revenue laws which allow passenger railway and gas companies to charge passengers and consumers with the amount of Government tax.

Atlantic States.—McFarland has been arraigned for the murder of Richardson. The Spanish galleons have all sailed, and eighteen are at anchor in Chesapeake Bay. More frauds have been detected in the Sub Treasury.

The Presbyterian Publication House in our city (821 Chestnut St.) was broken open on Christmas night by burglars, who found but little to reward their trouble. Judge Ludlow remains an insane man in the Asylum. The City Councils propose to buy out the Fire Companies, and have voted to sell about 8 acres of their West Philadelphia property at \$8,000 an acre.

The Georgia bill being signed by the President, Gov. Bullock has issued a proclamation, convening the Legislature on Jan. 10th, in accordance with the provisions of the bill. Gen. Terry has been appointed to the command of Georgia as a military district under the Reconstruction acts, in addition to his command of the Department of the South.

Returns from all the counties in Texas, except Milan and Navarro, which did not vote, show a majority of about 400 for Davis (Rep.) Gen. Reynolds has ordered an election in these two, but refers the question of counting their votes to the President. The Legislature stands: Senate, 13 Rep. and 14 Cons.; with three districts to hear from; House 36 Rep. and 45 Cons.; with nine districts to hear from.

Interior.—The Governor of Minnesota asks troops to quiet the frontier settlements in case of an Indian outbreak resulting from the Red River trouble. The insurgents have issued a declaration of independence, setting forth that the transfer of their territory by the Hudson Bay Company to the New Dominion, was without their consent and will not be recognized and that a provisional government has been established "in the name of the people of Rupert's Land and the Northwest Territory." Col. Dennis, who organized the Indians to fight for Gov. McDougall, has disbanded them and called upon the loyal people to cease fighting.

Spanish America.—The Spanish claim to have defeated and dispersed a band of Cuban insurgents at Cincua Villas. An inflammatory proclamation has been circulated in Havana calling to arms and aid the insurgents, and forty known citizens have received peremptory orders to leave for Spain on the

morrow. Executions are common.

In Hayti Salnave had notified the consuls that after Jan 6th the blockade of the ports would be enforced by the ram *Atlanta* and another vessel. He threatens to bombard the revolutionary ports. He now holds only the city of Port au Prince. President Saget has informed the foreign representatives at the capital that five war vessels are coaling at St. Mark's for the purpose of proceeding to blockade and bombard Port au Prince, and that the land forces will attack simultaneously with the fleet. Salnave has threatened to burn Port au Prince before he will surrender. One dollar in gold was worth \$4000 in Haytian currency.

The news of the lease of Samana Bay to the United States caused intense excitement among the people of San Domingo. The revolutionists are making efforts to overthrow Baez before the American Congress can ratify the arrangements for the lease. Baez's troops have captured Carriel and Volta, two of Cabral's generals, who were immediately executed.

Lopez has fled from Paraguay, it is said, to Bolivia.

Great Britain.—Mr. Otway, a member of the Ministry, says that the draft of an act will be brought into Parliament at the next session, enabling British subjects to divest themselves of their nationality whenever they see fit to do so. The Overend Gurney trial has resulted in their acquittal. General satisfaction is expressed thereat. The British holders of Erie Railway shares have made arrangements to test their power of obtaining redress in our courts. *The Spectator* considers Mr. Boutwell 'a child in finance. His plan for holding interest on deposits and limiting advances on collaterals is idiotic.' Troops in Ireland are, hereafter, to be more generally billeted on the inhabitants.

France.—It is generally expected that the Ministry will resign, but nothing is certain, as to the names of their successors, except that Olivier will form the new Cabinet. Father Hyacinthe has arrived at Havre in the *Leveir*. *La Marseillaise*, Rochefort's new journal, has a circulation of 10,000. A subscription has been opened for the relief of the Spanish Republicans, recently expelled from this country. The radical journals state that 74 non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Paris garrison have been arrested for having formed a republican socialist society. *The Journal Official* contains an Imperial decree, making new postal arrangements between France and the United States.

Austria.—The Dalmatian rebels have laid down their arms and surrendered.

Italy.—A reduction of the army is proposed. The long wished for heir of the "King of Naples" (Bourbon) is a daughter. Victor Emmanuel and Francis Joseph will meet at Ancona, Jan. 15.

Spain.—Elections to fill seats in the Cortes left vacant by the republican deputies who took an active part in the late insurrection, will take place on the 20th of January. In the Cortes the republican minority have made an energetic protest against these elections and the press demands that an election be first held for municipal councils in order to terminate the existing unconstitutional situation, the present municipalities having been illegally appointed by the Government. The Government at the next sitting of the Cortes, will fix a period of delay, beyond which it will not persist in advocating the re-ordination of the Duke of Genoa, if before the expiration of that time the King of Italy does not officially accept the crown for the Duke of Genoa. It is reported that a council of the Royal family was to be held at Turin, yesterday, to decide the question. An immense republican meeting was held in Cadix, where perfect order prevailed, and there was no interference on the part of the authorities. Rumors of secret negotiations for a peninsular union are current in Lisbon, and cause much public excitement.

Japan.—The Mikado has pardoned the Tycoon and also the leader in the late rebellion. The American Minister has been presented. The English Minister had been warned of a Japanese plot for his assassination.

A Church Needlework Society has recently been started in Bombay, for the purpose of working altar and other church linen embroidery for the churches in this diocese. Already some ten ladies have joined the society, and operations will be commenced as soon as materials are received from England.—*Indian Church Review*.

Dr. Jayakar, a physician of much ability and distinction in India, who had been educated in the University of Bombay and in the College of Physicians in London, and is now stationed at the hospital of Ahmednagar, has recently been baptized and joined the Irish Presbyterian Church.

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