MEN AND MEASURES AT WASHINGTON. From Our Own Correspondent.

How the Department Reports were Ventilated. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- With few exceptions the annual reports of the ben's of the several bureaus of the executive departments, for the past year, have already made their way into the newspapers, or at least so much of them as is of general public interest. Fome of the heads of departments have authorized their subordinates to allow the representatives of the press feee access to these reports, while others issued strict orders against their publication. Among the former is the Sceretary of War, General Schofield, who entertains the sensible opinion that it is much bet er to give the annual reports to the people piecemeal, and thus allow them an opportunity to read and digest them, than to overwhelm them on the drst day of the session

most part little more than a record of the dull details of official bosiness. Secretary McCulloch's Report,

with a dozen have documents, containing for the

The smiling Secretary of the Treasury is far from being of the same opinion as his brother of the War Office concerning the publication of official documents. To be sure, he has no objection to seeing either himself or his sabordinates in print after the reports have been taid before Congress. He considers it disrespectful to that body-a sert of a breach of official etiquette-to communicate an account of his stewardship to the people prior to his sending it to Congress. Your readers are per haps aware that the Secretary o the Treasury places a higher estimate on his report than any of the other secretaries. Nor is he to be considered ego listical in so doing; for the anomalous relation which the Treasury Department holds towards the money market makes his atterances important. It has happened nearly every year that, with all his vigilance, copies of the report have found their way into Wall street several days in advance not only of their publication in the newspapers, but of their presentation to Congress. Sometimes very large sums of money are paid by brokers for advance copies of this decument. Who gets the money I leave your readers to imagine, simply remarking that it very seldom falls into the hands of persons outside the Treasury Department. A Flurry at the Treasury.

This year Secretary McCulloch professes to have taken extraordinary pains to prevent his report from getting prematurely before the public. It has been printed in the Treasury Department, lest, if sent to the Government printing office, it might in some way get out-Notwithstanding all this precaution, it is alleged that one or two copies have been sent to New York. One of the newspaper correspondents learning this, proceeded to the Treasury Department to-day for the purpose of obtaining a copy for publication, when the

following colloquy ensued:-. Correspondent. Mr. Secretary, I would like to have a copy of your report for publication. Secretary McCuttoch. You can't have it, sir,

Correspondent. Why not, Mr. Secretary? It is out. I might as well have it as the brokers. Secretary McCurloch. I guess you are mistaken, sir. I don't think there is a copy of it outside the building, except the one which I sent to the

Correspondent. I beg pardon, Mr. Secretary, but I saw a copy of your report in proof-sheats last evening, and, moreover, I can inform you that it went in the 9 o'clock muil to New York. Upon hearing this the astonished Secretary jumped to his feet, and hastily rang his belt for a messenger.

"Go and tell Mr. - and Mr. - to come here immediately, ' he said.

In a few seconds three or four of the chief employes of the department were in the pre.

sence of the Secretary. "Mr. - " said the secretary to one, "our

friend here, Mr. ---, informs me that a copy of my report was sent to New York last evening; How is this? Can it be possible that after at my precaution it has been allowed to go out of the department?" The poor official who was thus excitedly ad-

dressed by his superior officer tried to make such a reply as his demoralized condition would permit. He persistently denied all knowledge o the helnous transaction. The Secretary mani festly distrusted the information, and, recovering somewhat from his astonishment, put the corre spondent through a searching cross-examina tion. Every question was promptly answered and the correspondent concluded with the modest request that he might be put on a pa with Wall street speculators and brokers by receiving a copy of the report. This request the Secretary refused, and of course Wall street, as usual, will know all about what is going on in the Treasury Department long before the people have a hint of it.

The Senate Committees.

There is a rule of the Senate providing that at the commencement of each session of Congress there shall be a reorganization of the standing committees of that body. In the House, all the committees are appointed by the Speaker. In the Senate, however, they are appointed in canons meeting. For some years past, Senator Trumbuil, of Illinois, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has so managed things in the eaucus as to get the committees appointed pretty much to his own living. Trumbull is an able lawyer, a shrewd politician, and an astute manager. He understands thoroughly the importance of influencing the action of the Senate, and that to do so successfully it is necessary to have the right men in the right places. It has been his enstom, I am informed, to come into the caucus with a list of the committees made out. Obtaining the floor first, he would offer his list. As every member of the caucus was personally interested in the matter, they felt a certain delicacy about breaking Trumbuil's "slate," and it was generally agreed to without opposi-Mon. This sharp manœuvre, however, will hardly be as successful in the future as it has been in the past. Trumball's conduct during the improchment trial has to a certain extent forfeited the confidence previously reposed in him by the Republicans. They do not propose to submit hereafter to his dictation in the matter of appointing the committees. Јозерита.

-The Chicago theatres took \$150,000 during

the last quarter. -Louisville has 3000 mechanics and laborers out of employment.

-Boston has received 150,000 boxes and barrels of sugar this year. -The largest upper-leather tannery in America is situated at Chicago.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"I Vespri Siciliani." Verdi's opera of I Vespri Siciliani, which was given last night, is in many respects his most mature and finished work, but it makes large demands upon the artists, and it is never likely to obtain the same amount of popularity as some other perhaps less meritorious productions of the same composer. It is a spectacular opera, and to produce the proper effect it is necessary that it should be brought out with all the proper accessories, and, above all, that it should be acted and sung with spirit. This was not case last evening. The leading artists, it is true, suatained their respective roles in acceptable style, but the filling up that was required to make the opera effective was wanting. The magnificent : cenery belonging to the Academy of course enables the management to give the opera a handsome setting; but to render some of the scenes in proper style a small army of weil-trained supernumeraries and a powerful chorns would be required, and without them the work will not inspire the audience with enthusiasm. The quarrels and combats between the Sicilians and French last evening were either not attempted at all, or were represented in such a weak and inefficient manner that they made no impression, and some of the strongest and most striking situations were either omitted altogether, or slurred over in a very spiritiess style.

The cast was as follows;-"Duchess Elene," Miss States; "Arrigo," Signor Brignoli; "Guldo," Signor Orlandini; "John di Procida," Signor Antonucci; "Vaudemont," Signor Barill; Bethune," Signor Dubreul. Signor Antonucci was warmly we comed and his first aria, "O mio Palermo" was sung with fine expression, and his performance altogether was in a high degree artistic. Brignoli was in good voice, and Madame States sang well. Signor Orlandini also sustained his reputation as a fine singer and a careful artist.

The City Amusements. AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC Meyerbeer's opera of Robert to Diable will be performed this evening, with Madame La Grange in the role

ATTHE WALNUT Mrs. D. P. Bowers will ap-pear this evening as "Mary S uart"

ATTHE ARCH the comedy of the Heir at Law

AT THE ARCH the comedy of the Reir at Law will be given tule evening. Colonel Firzgerald's new play of Wolses at Bay is announced for Monday next.

AT THE CHESNUT the performances of the Circus Troupe are progressing finely, and to the decided satisfaction of large suddences. There is a sufficient variety in the acts, and every effort is used to make the performance as entertaining as possible.

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