DINGLEY BILL A LAW.

This Is What Senator Hale Expects to See.

SAYS CLEVELAND WILL SIGN IT.

Democrats Won't Obstruct and Some Silver Republicans Will Vote For It. Senator Cannon Differs With Him. Appropriation Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Hale has expressed the opinion that the senate will take up, and he hoped, pass the Dingley bill at the session to begin next Monday.

"We ought to have it," said he, "for the treasury reports show the great need of more revenue. While I would not attempt to speak for all of them, I am satisfied that some of the silver Republicans will give their assistance to the passage of the bill, and I cannot believe that the Democrats would put any unusual obstructions in the way of the necessity of the measure. Furthermore I am quite pursuaded that Mr. Cleveland would not veto the bill if it should be presented to him."

Senator Cannon of Utah, who has reached Washington, and who was one of the Republican silver senators who joined the Democrats last session in defeating the consideration of the Dingley tariff bill and who subsequently bolted the St. Louis convention, says that the reasons which induced him to vote against that measure at the last session are accentuated now by the discovery that some of the interests which last session favored its immediate enactment are now opposed to it. This, he says, is especially true of the wool industry on the ground that present enactment of the Dingley bill would delay the enactment of a satisfactory tariff measure containing adequate protection for the woolgrowers and in the end might defeat a complete tariff revision on protective lines. He is not inclined to believe that a serious effort will be made to pass the Dingley bill at this session.

Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, in speaking of the work of his committee, said: "Through the courtesy of the treasury department the committee on appropriations has on hand advance copies of the estimates covering all the bills over which that committee had jurisdiction. The various sub-committees no doubt will make considerable progress in analyzing these statements before congress meets on next Monday.

"It would not be proper for me at this time to speak of the details of any of these estimates, but as published recently the estimates for fortification aneunt to something more than $15,000,000. At the last session of congress there was an important departure from the methods of appropriations for fortifications by giving to the secretary of war authority to enter into contracts for material and labor for the construction of gun and mortar batteries at the important ports of our seacoast to the extent of $2,500,000. Just what the department has done in the way of acting under this authority has not been developed.

"The committee possibly will be enabled to have the pension appropriation bill ready to report to the house on the first or second day of this session. They expect to have the legislative bill in condition to report by the middle or last of the first week of congress."

"What in your judgment will be the policy of the committee touching liberal appropriations for the public service?"

"It is perfectly well understood that the revenues received by the government are not equal to the expenditures and that the expenditures have been and are being paid from the proceeds of money borrowed at interest. Keeping this condition in view, in my judgment, the congress will provide by appropriation for an effective public service, taking care, however, to avoid extravagance and limiting appropriations to the requirements of the government economically administered."

The comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows that during November, 1896, the total receipts were $25,210,696, and the expenditures, $32,260,720. The receipts for the five months of the fiscal year amount to $131,650,489, and the expenditures, $171,597,335. The deficit for the month of November therefor is $8,050,024, and for the five months, $39,946,846, as compared with $15,869,337 for the corresponding five months of last year. The receipts from the customs during November amounted to $9,930,385; from internal revenue, $13,104,828, and from miscellaneous sources, $2,175,482. This is a loss in customs as compared with November, 1895, of $1,524,929, a gain from internal revenue of $64,744, and a gain of $684,379 from miscellaneous sources.

A CURRENCY CONVENTION

A Non-Partisan Movement Inaugurated by Prominent Men at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Fifty-two men, representing the boards of trade and commercial bodies of 16 cities of the central west, have met in the Century club rooms at the Denniston and issued a call for a national convention of the commercial bodies of the country to meet in this city Jan. 5, 1897, for the purpose of taking action toward securing from congress a remedy for the ills attending the present currency and banking system. The meeting was non-partisan in its character.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of ex-Governor Stanard of Missouri as chairman, and Secretary Smith of the Indianapolis board of trade as secretary.

The convention will have 1,314 delegates from 448 cities, representation as follows:

Four cities of 1,000,000 and over, 20 each, 80 delegates; 3 cities, from 400,000 to 1,000,000, 10 each, 30 delegates; 9 cities, 200,000 to 400,000 8 each, 72 delegates; 12 cities, 100,000 to 200,000, six each, 72 delegates; 30 cities, 50,000 to 100,000; 5 each, 150 delegates; 66 cities, 25,000 to 50,000, 4 each, 264 delegates; 92 cities, 15,000 to 25,000, 3 each, 276 delegates; 138 cities, 10,000 to 15,000, 2 each, 276 delegates; 94 cities, 8,000 to 10,000, 1 each, 94 delegates.

Due to a Squeeze In Gas Stock.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Gage & Felton, stock brokers of this city, have been declared insolvent and their stock sold under the rules by the Stock Exchange. This firm has been one of the largest dealers in Bay State gas and it is believed that their failure is a result of the recent squeeze in that stock.

Snowstorm In Texas.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Dispatches from various points in Southern and Central Texas indicate that a severe norther, combined with a sleet and snowstorm, has prevailed throughout that section.

Mrs. Drayton to Marry Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Augusta Drayton, the eldest daughter of Mrs. William Astor, is about to be married again to Mr. George Haig, a Scotchman of position and a whisky merchant in London.

A Fire In Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Fire in the coal sheds of the Boston and Maine railroad, at the rear of the state prison at Charlestown, did $80,000 damage.

Dan Stuart's Illness.

DALLAS, Dec. 2.—The reported illness of Dan Stuart was merely a temporary recurrence of an old stomach trouble. He is on the streets again.

GOOD, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

Roosevelt and Others Testify as to the Raines Law.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Chief of Police Conlin when questioned by the senate special committee now in session here pursuing an inquiry into the operations of the Raines excise law, said:

"Judging from the number of arrests for excise violations and selling without a license, I should say that there were fewer places where drinks could be had on Sunday."

Father Do[illegible] pastor of the Church of the Paulist Fathers, and prominent in Roman Catholic temperance work, said: "It is my firm conviction that Sunday drunkenness has increased very much under the new law."

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the board of police commissioners, took the witness chair and went into a long recital of the violations, arrests and alleged discrimination against liquor dealers not affiliated with Tammany Hall.

Here the commissioner read off a number of arrests made by the police and which arrests were afterward nullified by the action of the police magistrates.

The commissioner said that the bonds between the police and the saloonkeeper had been broken and has reduced political corruption to a minimum.

"Having spoken freely in criticism of the new law, I feel that I ought to say this: 'I would rather have the new law with its many defects than the old law.'

"I would further suggest that there ought to be a law discriminating between the man who goes to a family resort with his wife and children and makes the occasion a holiday or an outing. I say this although realizing how difficult it might be to frame such a measure."

HANNA AND McKINLEY CONFER.

Former Soon Goes to Washington—May Bear a Message to Sherman.

CANTON, O., Dec. 2.—Hon. M. A. Hanna and Major McKinley have had a conference. Mr. Hanna will probably go to Washington Friday to make arrangements for the inauguration.

The approaching departure of Chairman Hanna for Washington has renewed the gossip concerning the cabinet appointments of President-elect McKinley. It is confidently believed that when he goes to Washington he will bear with him a message from Mr. McKinley, offering the position of secretary of state to Senator Sherman. With respect to the possibility of Senator Sherman accepting the place, Colonel Allan T. Brinsmade, who is a warm friend of Mr. Sherman, said that the senator was willing to bow to the will of his constituents. If they desired him to remain in the senate he would do so, but if they willed otherwise he would acquiesce without a murmur.

The gossip now connects the name of a California man with a cabinet position. Judge Waymier of San Francisco, who was a member of the advisory committee during the recent campaign is named by a close friend of the president-elect as the one likely to get such an appointment. He is slated either for secretary of the interior or secretary of agriculture.

SOME CONVICTS INSANE.

A Startling Disclosure Regarding the Eastern Penitentiary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—A sensational investigation of the condition of the prisoners in the Eastern penitentiary, this city, will probably result from a complaint made in the quarter sessions court and the consequent announcements by Judge Gordon. Application was made for an investigation into the mental condition of a prisoner, who is alleged to have become insane since his commitment.

Judge Gordon announced that he had visited the prison and became convinced of the man's insanity, but his individual efforts to have him transferred to an asylum proving fruitless, the judge appointed a committee of expert physicians to investigate. The testimony of these experts was heard in court. It was to the effect that not only the prisoner in question is insane, but a great many other prisoners are in a similar condition.

At the conclusion of the testimony Judge Gordon promptly ordered the removal of the patient in question to the Norristown Insane asylum, and declared his intention to submit the matter to the state legislature. Among other things he said:

"The light I have already convinces me that the administration of that prison has a tendency to promote insanity, and that, for some reason, those who administer it are not disposed to give these facts that pulicity and force they ought to have.

"Besides, the assistance I have already received I shall invoke from the gentlemen who have been at my side in this matter further assistance, and I intend to call such attention to the general subject, both by the legislature and by other courts, that something may be done to put Pennsylvania in the line of civilization and humanity in the treatment of its criminal insane."

NO HELP TO THE BLIND.

Nikola Tesla Says the X-Ray Cannot Make Them See.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Electrical Review publishes an exhaustive communication from Nikola Tesla regarding the X-ray. The inventor, in referring to the recently widely heralded experiment for making the blind see by means of the Roentgen rays, regretfully remarks:

"Is it not cruel to raise such hopes when there is so little ground for it? For, first of all, the rays are not demonstrated to be transverse vibrations. If they were, we would have to find means for refracting them to make possible the projection of a sufficiently small image upon the retina. As it is, only a shadow of a very small object can be projected. What possible good can result from the application of these rays to such purposes? I cannot confirm some of the experiments reported. For instance, when a hand is put before the closed eyes it is easy to distinguish the shadow, much the same as before the light of a candle; but, when the tube is inclosed, and all light from the same excluded, I fail to get such an impression. The latter is, therefore chiefly due to ordinary light."

STATE HAPPENINGS.

The big mill at Angora, Delaware county, started up with 180 hands.

The Alice furnace at Sharpsville is undergoing repairs and will shortly be in blast.

Burdett Johnson, a grocer of Sharon, fell dead on the street while on the way to his store from supper.

Elmer Miller, aged 4, was fatally scalded at Jeannette by the upsetting of a boiler of coffee over him.

After an idleness of five years the Bellefonte glassworks has started up on the co-operative plan with bright prospects.

Mrs. Caroline Metzger, living near Sandy Lake, had the flesh torn from her hands and face by a vicious dog. Just how serious her injuries will prove cannot yet be told.

The Southwest Connellsville Coke company fired up up 125 ovens at Ruffsdale, giving employment to 75 men, and the Central works at Tarr fired up 25 ovens.

A shifting engine on the Southwest road jumped the track near Uniontown, wrecking 14 cars and blockading the road. Brakeman Busser had his thigh broken.

Frank Day, a Chicago crook, and Walter Stahl of Lancaster, have been lodged in prison at Lancaster, charged with having broken open the trunk of Samuel Doehler on the night of Nov. 13 and robbed him of the savings of a lifetime, $911.

ICE INSPIRES TERROR.

Wisconsin People Badly Scared by the Big Gorge.

TOWN LIKELY TO BE SWEPT AWAY.

Chippewa Falls Already Flooded and Likely to Be Wiped Out When the Gorge Breaks—Another Gorge Forming, Which Increases the Danger.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 2.—The inhabitants of this little village are in a state bordering on panic. The worst of the situation is the knowledge of the impending danger and of the fact that they are utterly helpless to stay or to avert it. Those whose houses have been flooded have removed such of their household goods and belongings to higher ground and are huddled together in the schoolhouses and other vacant building out of the path of the torrent that is sweeping down several of the main streets.

All hope of breaking the ice gorge and thus allowing the pentup water to gradually subside is now abandoned. All efforts have been directed toward removing household goods and merchandise out of the reach of the flood. Every team in the city has been engaged in this work. Every resident and business firm of River street has moved out. The Chippewa Lumber and Boom company's mill and yards are under water and all hope has been given up of saving the entire business portion of the place from being submerged and the water will soon reach the courthouse, eight blocks from the river.

A report from Little Falls says that another gorge is forming 30 miles above here and this greatly added to the alarm as in case it should break, nothing could save the city from being swept away.

Reports of a very serious nature come from down the river. The country everywhere is flooded. The gorge continues to grow in extent. It is now over five miles long and in many places 30 to 50 feet high. It completely dams the river and this is what is causing the rapid rise of the river here. The heavy rains of last week were followed by a sudden freeze, which quickly massed the floating ice in the Chippewa and the swiftly running current continually added to it until it reached its present gigantic proportions. Below here the Chippewa is falling.

There is no flood at Eau Claire, but this fact is causing the people at that place much uneasiness, as it indicates that the water is being piled up as by a dam, above them. The ice pack at Badger [illegible] way between Eau Claire [illegible] Falls, is growing in exte[illegible] ing seems to indicate that the river is choking up.

It is not believed that anything serious can happen under the present conditions [illegible] day or two, and it is believed that everyone has been sufficiently warned and is in readiness to fly the moment the crash comes.

TRYING TO STARVE MACEO

Weyler Burning Provisions—Women Outraged and Murdered.

KEY WEST, Dec. 2.—Weyler's threat that he would starve Maceo out seems likely to be carried out, as from all reports from Mariel, near where Weyler now is, the Spanish are burning cattle, provisions and everything they cannot use.

People vainly implore Weyler to leave them provisions to keep them alive, but his brutal officers refuse with cats and insulting words, if not worse.

A Spanish guerrilla captain named Colzazo is accused of murdering over 100 persons in the valleys 102 miles south of Mariel during the latter part of November. In one instance he is accused of confining a number of women and girls in a church, and after they had been repeatedly abused and maltreated by his men burned the building with them in it.

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS.

A Likelihood That the Party Will Continue Its Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—William D. Bynum, chairman of the national committee of the National Gold Democratic party, who has been in the east ten days conferring with the leading men in the party, has returned home and announces that he had called a meeting of the executive committee of the party for this city Dec. 10.

The committee at this meeting will probably decide on the future course of the party. From all over there has come a demand that the organization be made permanent and remain in fighting trim long as the free silver Democrats continue to talk fight and it seems certain that this will be the policy decided upon.

Another Bank Goes Under.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—The bank of Westport, which kept its account with the failed Missouri National bank, has suspended. The failure of the Missouri National caused a run. The assets are placed at $31,500; the liabilities at about $20,000.

Beautiful Novice Suicided.

BROOKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 2.—Clara Fisher, a beautiful novice in a convent, temporarily at home in Hamburg, convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever, which had unbalanced her mind, has hanged herself.

Will March In Inaugural Parade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The First regiment, I. N. G., will march in the inaugural parade on March 4. Governor-elect John M. Tanner will ride at the head of the Illinois militia.

Wanted a Tariff on Lumber.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A call for a national convention of lumber interests to be held at Cincinnati, Dec. 15, to urge a restoration of the tariff on lumber has been issued.

The Wire Nail Trust Ended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—At a meeting of the Wire Nail Manufacturers' association at the Waldorf hotel it was voted to dissolve the organization.

Want Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 2.—There is a well defined effort on the part of some leading sporting men here to secure the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight.

Heavy Snow in New York.

SYRACUSE, Dec., 2.—Dispatches from Northern New York show that a heavy snowstorm has set in there with freezing winds.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

An earthquake shock was felt at Cairo, Ills.

Over 14,000 dockers are striking at Hamburg.

Fitzsimmons narrowly escaped being killed by a runaway team yesterday.

The new cruiser Brooklyn has been formally placed in commission.

Stallings, late manager at Detroit, is the new manager of the Philadelphia Baseball club.

Fitzsimmons and Sharkey will fight in San Francisco tonight. Betting 3 to 1 in favor of former.

Municipal elections were held throughout Massachusetts. Both Democrats and Republicans elected candidates.

Fred Matthews, a laboring man, was shot and killed by Alexander Hockberger, a 16 year old boy, in the saloon of the boy's father.

The Chapman case will be finally decided before the cases against sugar trust magnates Searles and Havemeyer and newspaper correspents are pursued, for not answering senate investigators of sugar trust.

UNDECIDED ABOUT CUBA.

All the President's Message Finished, Except That Feature.

WASHINGTON, Dec., 2.—With one exception the President's message is practically complete and awaiting only a few finishing touches. This exception is most important for it concerns the treatment of the Cuban question. In the natural order of things this subject coming under the head of foreign relations would occupy a most prominent place in the very beginning of the message and so might be expected to receive early treatment at the hands of the President.

There is still a gap in that part of the message, however, notwithstanding several afforts have been made to close it up for the varying phases of the campaign now in progress in Cuba have made it necessary to change considerably the views the President and Secretary Olney desire to lay before congress in that connection and probably it will not be until the end of this week and at the very last moment that the missing paragraphs will be supplied. Of course any expression of opinion as to the nature of the President's views respecting Cuba are only speculative at present, but so far there can be found no warrant for the assumption that he has determined upon any decided change in the policy to be pursued by the administration in this matter.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

A Statement Issued Showing Its Condition Nov. 30.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The statement of the public debt shows that on Nov. 30, the debt, less cash in the treasury amounted to $995,769,159, an increase for the month of $8,270,203. This increase is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in the amount of cash on hand.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, $847,364,520; debt on which interest ceased since maturity, $1,591,620; debt bearing no interest, $372,170,117; total, $1,221,126,257.

This, however, does not include $567,523,923, in certificates and treasury notes which are outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The cash in the treasury is recapitulated as follows, cents omitted:

Gold, $169,527,101; silver $509,680,450; paper, $139,616,155; bonds, disbursing officers balances, etc., $17,137,872. Total, $835,961,579; against which there are demand liabilities amounting to $610,604,481; which leaves a cash balance in the treasury of $225,357,098.

STUMP'S TRIP A SUCCESS.

Italy Agrees to Restrict Immigration Under Our Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Commissioner General Stump of the immigration bureau has returned to Washington after an absence of about two months in Europe. Mr. Stump visited several European capitals for the purpose of explaining to the authorities the workings of our immigration laws, with a view to securing such action on the part of European governments as would prevent the departure from their ports for the United States of such classes of immigrants as are debarred from landing by our laws.

Mr. Stump was successful in his mission, as the Italian government already has given instructions to the proper officials not to issue passports to passengers for the United States who are not clearly entitled to land under existing laws and regulations.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION

The Monthly Statement Issued by the Comptroller of the Currency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The monthly statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that on Nov. 30 the amount of national bank notes in circulation was $235,312,103, an increase for the month of $414,446, and for the last 12 months of $21,440,907. The amount of circulation based on United States bonds was $216,609,684, an increase for the month of $99,670, and for the last 12 months of $26,140,158.

The amount of circulation secured by lawful money was $18,702,419, an increase for the month of $314,776, and a decrease for the last 12 months of $4,699,351. The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was $241,272,150, and to secure public deposits, $15,903,000.

The Priests Sustained.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 2.—The final decision in the case of Bishop Bonacum and his priests, Fathers Murphy and Fitzgerald, has been rendered. The priests are sustained at every material point by both church and civil courts. They denied the bishop's authority to expel them from the priesthood.

Two Firemen Killed.

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 2.—Engineer Dennett and Driver Walter Stevens of the fire department of this city have been killed while responding to an alarm of fire.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 1.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 96@98c; No. 2 red, 94@95c; spring wheat, 96@97c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow car, old, 31@32c; No. 2 shelled, 30@31c; old high mixed shelled, 29@30c; mixed car, 29@30c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 25½@26c; No. 2 do, 24@25c; extra No. 3 white, 23@24c; light mixed, 21@22c.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $11.75@12.00; No. 2, $9.50@10.00; packing, $6.50@7.00; No. 1 feeding prairie, $8.00@9.00; wagon hay, $14.00@15.00 for timothy.

POULTRY—Large live chickens, 5@6c per pair; live chickens, small, 40@50c; dressed, 11@12c per pound; live ducks, 60@75c per pair; dressed, 9@11c; live turkeys, 8@9c per pound; dressed, 12@14c per pound; live geese, $1.00@1.25 per pair.

GAME—Pheasants, $4.50@5.00 per dozen; quail, $1.50@1.75 per dozen; rabbits, 20@35c per pair; squirrels, 15@25c; wild turkeys, $1.50@1.75 for gobblers, 12@13c per pound.

BUTTER—Elgin prints, 29c; do creamery, 25@26c; Ohio fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy country roll, 15@16c; low grade and cooking, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Fancy New York, full cream, 11½@11½c; new Ohios, full cream, 8@8½c; late make, 9½@10c; Wisconsin Swiss, in tubs, 11½@12c; limburger, new, 9@10c; Ohio Swiss, in tubs, 11½c; Swiss, in square blocks, 11½@12c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, Pennsylvania and Ohio, in cases, 21@22c; seconds, 19@20c; storage, 16@18c.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 1.

CATTLE—Receipts on Monday fair, 80 cars on sale; market strong to 10c higher; supply today light; market steady. We quote prices as follows: Prime, $4.60@4.70; good, $4.25@4.40; tidy, $4.00@4.10; good butchers, $3.75@4.00; fair, $3.35@3.70; feeders, $3.60@4.00; bulls, stags and cows, $2.00@3.40; bologna cows, $3.00@15.00; fresh cows and springers $20.00@45.00.

HOGS—Receipts light; market active on prime pigs and light Yorkers; other grades slow. We would quote: Pigs, $3.80@3.90; prime light Yorkers, $3.70@3.75; common to fair Yorkers, $3.55@3.60; best mediums, $3.55@3.60; heavy, $3.40@3.50; roughs, $2.25@3.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Supply on Monday light, 10 cars on sale; market active and 10c higher; supply today light; market strong on sheep, higher on lambs. We would quote prices as follows: Prime, $3.50@3.65; good, $3.25@3.40; fair, $2.60@3.10; common, $2.00@2.50; culls, $1.00@1.50. Lambs—Choice, $4.75@5.00; common to good, $3.50@4.50; veal calves, $5.50@6.20; heavy and thin calves, $3.00@4.00.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1.

HOGS—Market weak and 5@15c lower at $2.60@3.45. Receipts, 8,800 head; shipments, 2,800 head.

CATTLE—Market active at $2.25@4.50. Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 400 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market strong for sheep at $2.00@3.50. Receipts, 800 head; shipments, none. Lambs—Market firm at $3.00@4.40.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 95½c.

CORN—Spot market weaker; No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—Spot market dull and weaker; No. 2, 23½c.

CATTLE—No trading. European cables quote American steers at 9½@10½c per pound dressed weight; sheep at 8@8½c per pound dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 7½@8c per pound.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market firm for sheep; lambs a shade stronger. Sheep, $2.50@3.75; lambs, $4.50@5.87½.

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