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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Speaker Reed Announces His Assignments for the Present Term.

MR. DINGLEY IS THE LEADER

He Is Made Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee—Ex-Speaker Grow and Congressman Scranton Are Remembered—Other Selections.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Speaker Reed cleared the way yesterday for action by the house of representatives by announcing the list of committees for this congress. Several surprises were occasioned by the reading of the list, but generally the assignments made had been discounted by current rumor. There was general satisfaction with the work of the speaker and he was commended on all sides for the fairness and ability as well as the consideration for public interests displayed in discharging the delicate and arduous task.

The message of the president urging congressional action to relieve the present financial distress was read and referred to the committee on ways and means, as was also the resolution providing for a holiday recess. It was said by the leaders of the house that it was probable that the president's recommendation would be followed and no holiday recess taken. Messrs Bankhead and Clark (Dems., Ala.) and Hutcheson (Dem., Tex.) appeared on the floor for the first time this session and were sworn in.

The chaplain referred in his prayer to the grave and momentous problems facing the nation. For the solution of these he prayed for guidance from on high, "so that peace and tranquility may once again smile upon the land."

After the reading of the journal Executive Clerk Pruden was announced with the president's financial message sent yesterday to the senate. Immediately thereafter a message was received from the senate announcing the passage of the house bill appropriating $160,000 for the expenses of the proposed Venezuelan boundary commission.

The message from the president was heard with respectful attention, and with its close the speaker said that it would be referred to the committee on ways and means, and announced the composition of the committee. This having been done the full list of committees was read by the clerk.

Important Committees.

The make-up of the most important committees, as announced by Speaker Reed, is:

Rules—The speaker; D. B. Henderson, Iowa; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania; C. F. Crisp, Georgia; Benton McMillan, Tennessee.

Ways and Means—Nelson Dingley, jr., Maine; Sereno E. Payne, New York; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania; Albert J. Hopkins, Illinois; C. H. Grosvenor, Ohio; Charles A. Russell, Connecticut; J. P. Dolliver, Iowa; George Steele, Indiana; M. N. Johnson, North Dakota; Walter Evans, Kentucky; J. A. Tawney, Minnesota; Charles F. Crisp, Georgia; Benton McMillan, Tennessee; Henry G. Turner, Georgia; John C. Tarsney, Missouri; Joseph Wheeler, Alabama; J. J. McLaurin, South Carolina.

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Committee Chairmen.

Chairmen of the other committees are:

Interstate and foreign commerce, William P. Hepburn, Iowa; Postoffices and postroads, E. T. Loud, California; elections, No. 1, Charles Daniels, New York; election, No. 2, H. U. Johnson, Indian; elections, No. 3, Samuel W. McCall, Massachusetts; public buildings and grounds, Seth L. Milliken, Maine; Pacific railroads, H. H. Powers, Vermont; claims, Charles L. Bruumm, Pennsylvania; agriculture, James Wadsworth, New York; mines and mining, Daniel D. Aitken, Michigan; Indian affairs, James S. Sherman, New York; enrolled bills, A. L. Hager, Iowa; railways and canals, Chester A. Chickering, New York; war claims, T. M. Mahon, Pennsylvania.

Public lands, J. F. Lacey, Iowa; election of president, Newton M. Curtis, New York; alcoholic liquor traffic, Elijah A. Morse, Massachusetts; library, A. C. Harmer, Pennsylvania; printing, George D. Perkins, Iowa; District of Columbia, James A. Babcock, Wisconsin; education, Galusha A. Grow, Pennsylvania; pensions, Henry C. Loudenslager, New Jersey; expenditures in state department, L. E. Quigg, New York; expenditures in treasury department, Charles H. Grosvenor, Ohio; expenditures in war department, W. W. Grout, Vermont; immigration and naturalization, Richard Barthordt, Missouri; expenditures in navy department, H. F. Thomas, Michigan; expenditures in postoffice department, H. H. Bingham, Pennsylvania; expenditures in interior department, Charles Curtis, Kansas; irrigation of Arid Lands, B. Herrmann, Oregon; Mississippi levees, G. W. Ray, New York.

Invalid pensions, J. A. Pickler, South Dakota; labor, T. M. Phillips, Pennsylvania; patents, T. M. Draper, Massachusetts; manufactures, I. D. Apskey, Massachusetts; militia, B. F. Marsh, Illinois; private land claims, G. W. Smith, Illinois; reform in civil service, M. Brosius, Pennsylvania; revision of laws, W. W. Bowers, California; ventilation and acoustics, W. S. Linton, Michigan; territories, J. A. Scranton; Pennsylvania; expenditures in department of justice, W. R. Ellis, Oregon; expenditures in department of agriculture, C. W. Gillet, New York; expenditures on public buildings, T. Settle, North Carolina.

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From the Chicago Times-Herald.
NELSON DINGLEY, JR., OF MAINE,
Chairman of Ways and Means Committee.

SELLING OUR STOCKS.

Speculators Will Make Money on American Securities at Berlin—The Bears Are Aided by the Press.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Public interest in Berlin in the quarrel between the United States and Great Britain has never been highly strained and bids fair to become rapidly less, especially as regards the political aspect of the question. On the other hand, however, financial anxiety is on the increase. The operations on the Bourse here, in Frankfort and Vienna, on Saturday showed a great tendency to take the situation seriously. It is true that nothing like a war panic prevailed, but The operations on the bourse here, in sion that the financial position must become much worse than it is, whatever may happen, in relieving the political difficulty. The selling of American stocks on the various German bourses proceeded actively and a considerable number of selling orders are reported to have been sent from Berne to London. The selling movement, meanwhile, is not that investors are unloading, but it is largely confined to speculative dealings which seem calculated to eventually draw in genuine holders. The concurrence of the financial press in the generally gloomy view of the monetary prospects of the United States is giving a great deal of assistance to speculators for a fall. Responsible newspapers predict a flow of gold from the United States. To a large extent the trouble lies in the difficulty of American railroads and other enterprises obtaining the support of European capital, and the cessation of the revival of American industry which recently set in.

In regard to a tariff war between Germany and the United States, nobody affects to believe that anything of the kind will occur, excepting interested agrarians who have been hoping that such a war would result in the formation of a strong agrarian and protectionist ministry in Germany.

THE MAN RESPONSIBLE.

Schomburgh, Who Drew the Venezuelan Line, Once Sold Tobacco.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An interesting fact in connection with the famous Schomburgk line which has escaped observation is that the man who provided the British government with that boundary came to this country from Germany when he was twenty-two years old and after working for some time as a clerk in Boston and Philadelphia, became a partner in a Richmond, Va., tobacco manufactory in 1828.

The factory was burned down and Schomburgk drifted to the West Indies, where, after unsuccessful ventures, his botannical work attracted the attention of the London Geographical Society and secured means to explore the unknown region of the Orinoco, where he traveled from 1833 to 1839, when he discovered the Victoria Regia Lily and numerous other plants. This wor led the British government to commission him to suggest a boundary between Venezuela and Guiana and to make further explorations. The line was drawn and he was knighted by the Queen for his services.

Schomburgk, until his death in 1865, continued in the British consular service, but devoted himself chiefly to geographical studies, being a member of the principal American and European learned societies.

Captain Bassett's Funeral.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The funeral services of the late Captain Isaac Bassett, the venerable assistant doorkeeper of the senate, took place this afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Among those who attended were Senators Gorman, Sherman, Hawley, Peffer, Roach and Mitchell, as a committee of the senate. The body was interred in the congressional cemetery.

PHILADELPHIA WAS QUIET

No Cars Were Operated by the Traction Company Yesterday.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN SESSION

Traction Officials Refuse to Recognize Representatives of the Amalgamated Association—Business Has Been Killed by Strike—Trouble Ahead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—For the first time since last Tuesday when the strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Traction company began peace and quiet today reigned in the streets of Philadelphia. This was due to the decision of the Traction company to make no attempt to run any of its cars today. This decision was adhered to. Since Tuesday the police force of the city has been on duty almost continuously and the lull in hostilities today afforded the men a much needed rest. The strikers held a long meeting this afternoon behind closed doors and the probable result of this meeting was seen tonight and a committee representing the strikers and officials of the Union Traction company held a long conference at the offices of the company at Eighth and Dauphin streets. At midnight the result of this conference is still in doubt.

The strikers were represented on their committee by President Mahon, of the Amalgamated association of street railway employes; Chairman Lutz, of the strikers' executive committee; George Chance, of the Typographical union, and George Griffith, of the Christian League. When this committee presented itself at the offices of the company the traction officials refused to recognize Mr. Mahon and Mr. Lutz and these two walked the streets outside, while Mr. Griffith and Mr. Chance conferred with the railway people. A proposition was laid before the traction officials and this was met by a counter proposition. A long discussion followed and at 11:30 the strikers' committee returned to the strikers' headquarters for further instructions.

It is the earnest hope of the majority of the citizens of Philadelphia that a compromise of some sort shall be reached at once, as the strike has already cost the city indirectly hundreds of thousands of dollars. Aside from the direct expenses of the strike the holiday trade has been practically killed and the merchants of this city are clamoring for an end.

Welsh Would Not Arbitrate.

John Lowber Welsh, president of the Union Traction company, who has been reported as being the man who has stood in the way of all attempts at arbitration through his absolute refusal to recognize the Amalgamated association of street railway employes, tonight issued a statement to the public giving his version of the trouble and claiming that there was no dissatisfaction among his employes until labor agitators stirred them up to strike. Mr. Welsh practically says in his statement that his company will never recognize the Amalgamated association and that this may be the rock upon which tonight's negotiations for a settlement may split upon. If a settlement is not reached tonight the company purposes to operate its Market and Chestnut street and Lancaster avenue branches tomorrow at all hazards.

In anticipation of further trouble tomorrow the mayor tonight swore in 500 more special policemen and these will give him a force of 3,000 men at his command. Mayor Warwick said today: "As matters stand today my duty as chief executive officer is to preserve the peace and order of this city and I will do this with all the force at my command, and, if necessary, I will bring to my assistance all the force that can be brought into requisition under the law, be it state or national. Life and property shall be protected by the strong arm of the law. Lawlessness is anarchy and that will not be permitted under any circumstances."

If a settlement is not reached tonight greater trouble may be expected tomorrow. The spirit of bitterness against the traction company has increased and the importation of men from other cities has intensified this feeling.

The committee representing the strikers were in conference with the officials of the company and who left the company's offices for the strikers' headquarters to consult with the strikers' executive committee, left the headquarters shortly after 1 o'clock for the company's offices. They stated to the men in waiting at headquarters that they might as well go home as there would be no settlement of the question until some time during the day as they would not be able to submit their proposition looking to a settlement of the strike to the company's officers until some time later this morning.

Left with Manager Beetem.

President Welsh of the Union Traction company left the offices of the company at Eighth and Dauphin streets, where the conference with the strikers' representatives was held for his home about midnight and General Manager Beetem, it is understood has authority to act in his place. Up to 1 o'clock this morning the committee of the strikers had not returned.

A conference was held last night at the mayor's office between the mayor and Wm. J. Latta, general agent of the Pennsylvania railroad; ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker and Wm. M. Singerly looking to a settlement of the strike in some way.

The conference is still in session.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Laborers Resorted to Fire to Thaw Some Dynamite Cartridges.

New Rochelle, Dec. 22.—Three Italian laborers were blown up and killed almost instantly by an explosion of dynamite cartridges yesterday afternoon. The vistims were Antonet Prello, 48 years old, married; John Rose, 35, and Frank Broke, 32.

The men, with about sixty others, under the charge of Foreman James Avery, have for some weeks been excavating near Dean street in the New York and Hartford railroad yard, where a new freight station is to be erected. The three Italians were to blast rock today with dynamite cartridges. They took three frozen cartridges out of a box which contained twelve pounds of dynamite and ascended a bluff forty feet above the other workmen, placed the cartridges near a fire, and sat down to wait until the explosive had thawed. Suddenly there was a terrific report. Prello was blown sixty feet into the air and his body was torn to pieces.

Frank Broke was thrown across the embankment and across the side of a house. Rose was hurled into the air and landed several feet from where the explosion took place. Prello was killed instantly but the other men lived a few moments. Foreman Avery was arrested and committed in the custody of his lawyer until after the inquest.

The explosion shattered hundreds of windows in houses in the neighborhood, and several buildings owned by Mishael Parker were otherwise damaged.. A box car standing on a switch was lifted from the track and landed five feet from the rails. The explosion was heard in Larchmont and Mount Vernon.

WRECK OF THE WILLOWBANK.

Members of Her Crew, with One Exception, Were Saved.

Plymouth, Dec. 22.—The British cruiser Blake arrived here today from Chatham. She reports that while off Portland at 5 o'clock this morning she passed a large steamer named Berlin, which signalled that two of her boats had been searching for three hours for the British bark Willowbank, bound for Glasgow, with which vessel the Berlin had been in collision. No trace of her could be found. The Blake afterwards saw an empty boat belonging to the Willowbank.

The Berlin had a hole in her bow. She proceeded through the channel. Those on the Blake could not say whether the Berlin was the steamer of that name belonging to the International Navigation company. This steamer sailed from Antwerp for New York yesterday, and was reported to have passed Dover today.

Southampton, Dec. 22.—It is known now that the vessel that was in comision with the Willowbank was the International company's steamer Berlin. She passed Hurst Castle this afternoon bound for this port. She had sails over her bows evidently for the purpose of keeping the water from entering the hole forward. She was hove to inside the Needles and this accounts for her delay in entering the Solent. A pilot and two tugs have left here to assist her in.

The Willowbank had a crew of thirty-nine men. They were all saved by the Berlin, which must have found them afloat after speaking the Blake. The only life lost was that of the pilot of the Willowbank, who went below to get his clothes. The vessel went down before he had time to again reach the deck.

SHOT HER ASSAILANT.

A Duluth School Teacher Uses a Revolver on a Highwayman.

Duluth, Minn. Dec. 22.—A highwayman was shot and wounded last evening by Miss May Grier, a teacher in the public school, while attempting to rob her on a deserted street in West Duluth.

Miss Grier was on the way to the home of her brother-in-law, Archie McMillen, with her month's salary, $75, in her pocket-book, which she carried in her hand. When she reached a place where there was no lights, a man who had been following her demanded her money.

Before Miss Grier could make an answer he struck at her and at the same time grabbed her pocket-book. As soon as he got it he fled, but had not gone far before the school teacher, who always carries a revolver when out alone at night, began shooting at him. One of the bullets took effect, and the man dropped the pocket-book and made his escape. Blood was found where he fell. The police hope to capture him.

QUEEN AND THE TROUBLE.

She Is Showing Much Anxiety Over the Venezuelan Difficulty.

London, Dec. 22.—The Queen is showing the keenest anxiety over the difficulty. Lord Salisbury was closeted Saturday at the Foreign Office, not seeing even the diplomats. In the evening he sent a long dispatch to her Majesty at Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, where she is at present sojourning.

The Queen's remembrance of the fact that the last official act of the Prince Consort was the preparing of a memorandum counselling a peaceful settlement of the Trent affair will incline her to interfere to prevent a rupture between the two countries.

SPAIN WANTS MONEY.

She Is Trying to Raise a Large Loan for the War in Cuba.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—The government is endeavoring to raise a loan of 50,000,000 pesetas from the Spanish banks for the purpose of prosecuting the campaign in Cuba.

General Martinez Campos has been authorized to reduce the duties upon imported railway material upon his representation that the perfection of the Cuban railway system is imperative to the interests of Spain.

ITALY AS PEACEMAKER.

A Report That She Has Offered to Act as Arbitrator in the Trouble.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Temps publishes a dispatch from Rome saying that Italy has offered to act as arbitrator of the difficulty between Great Britain and the United States.

Great Britain, the dispatch adds, has not replied to the offer.

Where Monroe Doctrine Is Popular.

Colon, Dec. 22.—Ther was a grand demonstration last night at the American consulate here in honor of the United States for its attitude in support of the Monroe doctrine. The streets in the vicinity of the consulate were filled with cheering crowds.

WILL HAVE NO CHRISTMAS

Congress Will Devise Means to Fill the Financial Stocking.

VARIOUS REMEDIES PROPOSED

Amendments to the Tariff Law Will Probably Be Made for the Purpose of Increasing Revenue—Silver Schemes in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 22.—For the first time since the short session of the Forty-seventh congress, in the winter of 1882-3, congress will enter holiday week tomorrow with the intention of sitting through the season usually devoted to recess. The occasion for this unusual zeal and devotion to public interests was President Cleveland's message of Friday last, which asked the congress not to take its usual respite from labor at this season of the year, but to remain and provide the legislation necessary to relieve the financial situation of the government. The house will enter upon this work promptly tomorrow, through its committee announced on Saturday. The ways and means committee will meet at eleven o'clock and proceed as rapidly as may be with the consideration and preparation of a bill or bills to meet the condition which confronts them.

The measure of relief which it is expected the committee will propose will include, either in one bill or several, as may be deemed most expedient, brief revision, such amendments to expire at the end of thirty months; authority to the secretary of the treasury to issue a three per cent. bond as a popular loan to maintain the gold reserve and for no other purpose, with a proviso that the redeemed greenbacks shall not be used to meet the current expenses, but be retained as long as necessary as part of the redemption fund; authority to issue to national banks circulating notes up to par of the bonds deposited as security therefor, and to reduce the tax on national bank circulation; and authority for the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet temporary deficiency in the receipts until the revnue can be provided.

Income from Tariff Changes.

It is estimated that these proposed tariff changes will add from thirty to thirty-five millions to the income of the government. Although there is some criticism of this scheme from the Republican side of the committee, it is likely to manifest itself in any other form and the proposition will receive the Reed substitute for the issue of gold bonds made in the last congress when financial schemes were being considered, should be reported and passed.

While it is not probable that the committee will be ready to report to the house before Wednesday or Thursday at the earliest, there will be no adjournment for more than a day or two at a time, until the proposed relief shall have been enacted. Should this be accomplished this week, the house will probably then indulge in three days recess over the New Year holiday. In the meantime the committee on banking and currency will be at work on a bill to remodel the financial system of the country, in the hope that it will be ready for report to the house, when business shall be regularly resumed in January.

Financial Debate Threatened.

Although the senate will be nominally in session this week, it is believed that there will at no time be a quorum present. A financial debate may be precipitated Tuesday if Mr. Vest presses the resolution for which he asked immediate consideration Saturday. This resolution directs the secretary of the treasury to coin the silver bullion in the treasury and apply the silver dollars so coined to the redemption of the treasury notes issued in payment for the bullion under the Sherman act. If the senate should be in humor to permit the resolution to come to a vote it will surely pass, for the silver men are in the majority by 12 to 14 votes. The resolution of Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, directing the secretary of the treasury to meet the obligations of the government with silver, whenever that money is of less value than gold, is also on the table and may be made the subject of a speech at any time.

It is likely that the senate will meet only at intervals, for as all legislation relating to finance and the revenue must originate in the house, until some measure is sent over from the house, there will be little occasion for the senate to remain in session. Now, that the holiday recess has fallen through, the Republicans may urge the Democrats to at once fill their committee lists, but there is little probability of this being done until the new year is inaugurated. Taken altogehtr, the coming week in the senate promises to be unproductive, unless the unexpected happens.

NEED NO RECRUITS.

The Red Cross Society Has Plenty of Trained Assistants.

Washington, Dec. 22.—So many applications for accompanying the Red Cross on the proposed Armenian relief expedition are coming from nurses, doctors and people of all other vocations, and of all nationalities, nearly, that the following general reply has been prepared:

At the present time it is not possible to definitely judge of the number of assistants that may be required, nor of the character of the help that will be needed. The Red Cross having performed active field service in a dozen great disasters, has drawn into its ranks a staff of faithful and diligent helpers upon whom it can call at a day's notice, and that staff, for the present, seems all sufficient.

Your kind offer has, however, been duly placed on file, and should later developments call for an increase of the staff, it will give us much pleasure to consider your letter further. In the meantime, in the midst of the labors of preparation and voluminous correspondence, I can only thank you in behalf of the Red Cross for your sympathy, good words and sacrificing offer to help us.

Faithfully yours,
Clara Barton.
President American National Red Cross.

STRUCK IT RICH.

Marietta Oil Men Are Excited Over a Veritable Gusher.

Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 22.—There is wild excitement here among the oil men over what appeared to be the biggest strike this county has ever known since the sixties. The Glendale Oil company, has made a strike in the Berea Grit on the Becker farm, six miles east of this city, which, unless all indications fail, will prove a gusher and means more to the county than all the other oil business combined.

From the knowledge of the Berea sand the indications are that the well will make several hundred barrels per day.

Uncle Sam Buys Powder.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 22.—The powder works here are rapidly filling an order for 125,000 pounds of powder ordered a month ago for the government. Men are working night and day to fill it. Whether this rush has anything to do with the war scare no one is prepared to say.

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RAPID FIRING GUNS.

The Driggs-Schroeder Type Stands the Test Well.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The reports of the ordnance board charged with conducting tests of four-inch rapid firing guns submitted for acceptance by the army have been received by the chief of ordnance and show that two of the guns tested burst during their trials.

The other gun presented—that of the Driggs-Schroeder type—stood the test well and as a result of its inspection the ordnance board reports that the gun has shown itself to be a simple, safe and efficient mechanism for a rapid fire gun of this character. In the rapidity test the total time for the twenty-five rounds fired was two minutes and thirty-four seconds.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair weather, slightly fair; warmer; southerly winds.