

FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Question of the Cuban Resolution Left in the Hands of Mr. Cameron.

FORECAST OF HOUSE PROCEEDINGS

The Lead Bill to Amend the Postal Laws So as to Prohibit Transmission in the Mails of Serial Novels and Sample Copies of Newspapers, Pacific Railroad Funding Bill.

Washington, Jan. 3.—When the senate meets Tuesday morning after the holiday recess, it is likely that the debate on matters pertaining to our foreign relations and the position assumed by Secretary Olney for the executive, will at once begin to take shape.

During the morning hour, however, under any issue that may be put forward, the debate on the Cuban resolution, which is expected to be introduced, will be commenced, but it will give way to the unfinished business at 2 o'clock unless there are sufficient votes to suspend the Oklahoma free homestead bill with the more pressing question of Cuba.

Mr. Hale, who is looked upon as the leader of the anti-Cuban sentiment in the senate, said yesterday that several senators who had been heretofore silent on the subject had come out against the Cameron resolution and there was now no possible chance for its passage.

On the other hand, Messrs. Cameron, Lodge, Chandler, Morgan and Mills assert that the sentiment favoring action by congress is becoming more vigorous and that the fighting will be foreseen from the start.

Mr. Hale, who, in the absence of Mr. Allison, is acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, expects to have the army bill reported to the senate Wednesday and this will be put forward to antagonize the Cuban proposition.

Two speeches are looked for the coming week, one by Mr. Peffer, probably Wednesday, on his resolution for the appointment of a national monetary conference, and another by Mr. Proctor on the joint resolution providing for the election of president and vice president and senators by popular vote.

THE HOUSE FORECAST.

Just before the holiday recess the house of representatives, upon the recommendation of the committee on rules, arranged the business of the house for the first week of the new year, on Tuesday and Wednesday the Lead Bill to amend the postal laws so as to prohibit the transmission in the mails of serial novel publications and "sample" copies of newspapers at the second class rate will be the special order.

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INDIA UNABLE TO COPE WITH FAMINE

Thousands of Unfortunates Are Dying from Starvation.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS HELPLESS

Russia Is Doing More Than Great Britain to Relieve the Starving Multitudes--The Plague at Bombay Adds to Its Terrors--British Aid Will Be Necessary.

London, Jan. 3.—The letter of ex-Judge Goodridge, published last week in the English papers, has pointed out that the means adopted by the government of India to check the famine were entirely inadequate, declaring that thousands of persons are dying from starvation, and calls attention to the great number of persons who have been displaced in England. The queen some time ago sent a telegram to the viceroy of India expressing sympathy for the sufferers and promising that they would be assisted, but thus far nothing of consequence has been done by the imperial government to avert the effects of one of the greatest calamities that has ever threatened India.

Comparisons are made in the matter between the attitude of Great Britain and Russia, which do not regard greatly to the credit of this country. It is known that the czar has several times expressed himself as being deeply concerned in the outcome of the famine, and that the Russian papers practically turn, one of the means adopted by the czar to secure aid for the sufferers was a grand concert, which produced a large sum of money. All the artists who appeared volunteered their services, and all the receipts were devoted to the fund for the victims. As the affair was under the direct patronage of the czar and Zarina, almost the entire court was present, as were also the civil and military officials in St. Petersburg.

The newspapers of Moscow and St. Petersburg continue their earnest appeals for help for the famine sufferers, and in other directions steps are being taken to aid the victims. In some English quarters the opinion obtains that this generous action of the Russians is only a mask hiding some deep-laid political scheme, having for its object the raising of disaffection in India against British rule. Some of the Tory papers express their approval of declarations that have appeared in certain Indian papers to the effect that aid from such a source should not be accepted. But they also urge the government to extend aid to the sufferers.

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There is no question in the minds of those who are not blinded by hatred of Russia that the Russian movement and its origin are in charity for the motives, and that it was intended as a response to the foreign aid given at the time of the great Russian famine some five years ago. The Russian newspapers point out in their appeals for subscriptions that had it not been for the aid of the Russian government, the sufferers by Great Britain and the United States the death roll would have been much larger than it actually was. Quantities of grain have been purchased with the money raised by public subscriptions in Russia, and the Russian government has agreed to forward the grain to India free of cost.

The Indian government is not able to cope with the situation, and unless imperial aid is extended the famine will prove one of the most calamitous visitations of the kind that has ever afflicted India.

Advices received here from Bombay show that the bubonic plague, which is supposed to have been imported into that city from Hong Kong, where it raged with great violence about a year ago, is rapidly extending among the principal sufferers. Thousands of the residents have fled from the city, but their exodus is more than counterbalanced by the arrival of large numbers of victims of the famine, who are poured into the city in the hope of either getting work or of at least finding among the charitable relief from the pangs of starvation. These, weakened by want of food, quickly fall victims to the disease, which thus far has baffled the efforts of the physicians to control it.

The sanitary condition of the native quarters also tends to the spread of the disease, but the natives, with their usual fatalism, are not to be taught the benefits of cleanliness in their habitations, and accept the plague as a visitation from their gods. It is thought that unless the sanitary regulations can be enforced by the civil authorities, it will be necessary to call upon the military for assistance in compelling the natives to observe the health laws.

COINAGE EXECUTED LAST YEAR.

An Increase in the Production of Gold and a Decrease in That of Silver.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December amounted to \$7,014,419. In detail the coinage consisted of double eagle United States gold pieces, 45,331; half eagles, 16,046; quarter eagles, 6,446. Total value of gold pieces coined, 4,333,155. Silver dollars, 1,709,250; silver half dollars, 968,014.

MISSION TO KING MENELEK.

Both the British and the French Have Succeeded in Securing to Buy to Himself a Mission to the Negus Menelek is under the consideration of the foreign office.

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SPORTS ARRESTED.

Accused of Contributing to the Injuries of Johnny Duffy.

New York, Jan. 3.—Manager Thomas O'Rourke, of the Broadway Athletic Club, Referee Dick Roche and Prize Fighter George June, who were arrested Saturday night by Captain Groo, of the Mercer street station, for being contributory to the injuries to "Johnny" Duffy, of Boston, rebelled in the prize fight at the Athletic Club on Saturday night there today by being held in Jefferson court for further examination on Wednesday afternoon. A certificate was shown from St. Vincent's hospital, where Duffy is now, to the effect that he was suffering from cerebral hemorrhage and that his death might be expected at any moment.

The three prisoners furnished the ball demanded and were released.

TRAMP'S WINDFALL.

One of the Rhoades Family Leaves Jail with a Fistful of Money.

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 3.—George Rhoades was confined in the Middlesex county jail for a long time as a witness in the Farlow assault case. Farlow, who was arrested last night, was sitting on the station platform at Vanocenter's Crossing waiting for a freight train to come along and give him a ride, he saw the assault committed. The Middlesex county grand jury meets only three times a year, and Rhoades went over to the December term. Rhoades did not grumble at being kept in jail. He said that anything was better than being turned loose in winter.

He said he was in jail for a long time, and that there was a little present awaiting him in the sheriff's office. Rhoades did not understand at first, but he soon discovered that he was the recipient of a gift of money. The money was in a roll of bills as thick as his fist.

"All this for me?" said Rhoades, as he looked back the hale from his brow like the horn in a play, with the dreadful looking man with the false beard comes to put the handcuffs on him for the crime the villain accuses him of. "There is some mistake here, I never had any money in my hand."

Then Mr. Wesner explained that the money was coming to him for his time spent in jail as a witness. "You see," explained Mr. Wesner, "the county pays witnesses 50 cents a day for every day they are confined in jail. You have been in 148 days, and you are entitled to \$74."

"And don't my board or anything come out of this?" said Rhoades, still unable to understand his good fortune.

"Why, no," said Mr. Wesner. "That's all yours, to do what you like with. Now run along and start the new year right."

Last night there was a merrymaking at a tramp lodging house in Neilson street. All the hoboes in the city had heard of Rhoades' good luck. Every day they are confined in jail. You have been in 148 days, and you are entitled to \$74.

"Oh, that's all right, my friend," he said. "On this day of feasting and good cheer it is better to give than to receive. After tonight I swear off."

NATIONAL FINANCES.

A Deficit of \$37,902,396 for the First Six Months of the Fiscal Year.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the month of December, 1896, shows for the first time in quite a long period a surplus of receipts over expenditures. The surplus amounts to \$2,044,449, and is accounted for by the receipts from the recent sale of first mortgage bonds of the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads, and on smaller items.

The expenditures for the month of December, 1896, amounted to \$25,857,114, against \$28,258,563 for December, 1895. The deficit in the national bank fund during the month amounted to \$12,214,652 and redemptions to \$889,268.

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SUPREME COURT IN RUSSIA.

The czar will create it to relieve Himself of Some of His Burdens.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Polono-Gazette says it is the intention of the czar to create a supreme court, with the object of relieving him of much of the work which devolves upon the emperor.

"A SUDDEN THOUGHT STRIKES ME—LET US SWEAR ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP." "AND THERE, ABOVE THE LITTLE GRAVE—OH, THERE ABOVE THE LITTLE GRAVE, WE KISSED AGAIN WITH TEARS!" Copyright, 1896, by Mitchell & Miller.

250; quarter dollars, 1,056,250; dimes, 1,085,506. Total silver coinage, \$2,551,068.10. Five-cent nickels, 1,380,600; one-cent pieces, 3,233,331. Total value minor coinage, \$102,286.61.

From information received from officers of the mint service and other agents employed to collect the statistics of the production of gold and silver from the mines of the United States during the calendar year 1896, the director of the mint estimates the product of gold to have approximated \$31,509,000, being an increase of \$5,000,000 over 1895.

The product of silver in the United States in 1896, from the information now at hand, is estimated to have been from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 ounces from that of 1895.

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