

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Lawmakers Greatly Refreshed by the Holiday Recess.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

It Forms a Subject for Speech-Making.

In Both House and Senate the Law is Discussed at Length—In the House the Debate was Based on an Item in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill. Mr. Landis Speaks of Grover Cleveland's Methods of Reforming the Service.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The presentation of replies of the members of the cabinet to the resolution calling for information as to the application of the civil service law to the various departments of the government, together with the consideration of the bill establishing a bureau for the twelfth census, precipitated a sharp civil service debate in the senate today. Mr. Culom (Ill.), the author of the resolution, thought that modification in the law ought to be made as the authorities had drifted far away from the original intention of the authors of the civil service law. Mr. Allen (Neb.) charged that the law was openly and daily violated by the executive branch of the government. He said it was a violation of the law to make the executive branch of the government a law unto itself. He thought an effort was being made to tie the president's hands. Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, gave notice that he would next Monday and daily thereafter move that the senate consider in executive session the Hawaiian annexation treaty until it was disposed of finally.

At the conclusion of the morning business, Mr. Allen (Neb.) called upon the immigration bill and spoke briefly upon it. He urged that the bill ought to provide for a consular inspection of immigrants. That he considered would not only be fair and just to all, but eminently practical. He objected to the application of the educational test to all immigrants. He knew, he said, many excellent citizens who were not able to read or write. He was of the opinion that all persons of the Caucasian race, who were able and willing to give to this country the benefit of their labor and industry, so much needed in the development of our occupied land in the United States, should be admitted.

CENSUS BILL.
When the census bill was called upon, Mr. Carter offered a committee amendment to section 3, providing, instead of the secretary of the interior should approve of the examination, the director may prescribe for his subordinates named in the bill.

Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) sharply attacked the amendment. He said that the offering of such an amendment and the consideration of the section as it had been changed by the committee proved that the Republican party was making a surreptitious and unbecoming surrender upon the civil service question.

He declared that the party itself was backing down upon that question, which had been endorsed in its national and many of its state platforms. He said that the committee amendment was a surrender and a complete abandonment of the civil service law. He said that the party itself was backing down upon that question, which had been endorsed in its national and many of its state platforms.

Mr. Teller (Colo.) spoke at some length in support of the idea that the census bureau should not be a part of the interior department, but that it should be a separate bureau, and that its employees should, therefore, be placed in the classified service. He was particularly anxious that honest, competent men should perform the work of the census because he had knowledge of intentional mis-statements and intentional fraud that had been perpetrated by one of the statisticians of the department in making out that the world's production of silver was ten millions of dollars larger than it actually was.

SECRETARY SHERMAN'S REPLY.
Another lively debate followed the presentation of Secretary Sherman's reply to the senate resolution, requesting information as to the application of the civil service law in his department. Secretary Sherman recommended in his reply that certain positions in the state department be excepted from the operation of the civil service law. This brought out Mr. Cockrell's declaration that the secretary was presumptuous, and Mr. Allen's assertion of the daily violation of the civil service law.

Soon afterwards, the senate adjourned. Senator Davis' Hawaiian announcement was presented by some active work on the part of the friends of the treaty prior to the opening of the senate, and also on the floor after the senate, convened. They do not feel absolutely sure of securing the votes necessary to ratify the treaty, but are today very hopeful of getting that number. It was positively announced that the Republican side of the chamber would be a unit on the vote, Senators Morrill, Hoar and the two or three Republicans who were classed as doubtful prior to the holiday recess, now being considered as committed to the treaty. The supporters of the agree-

ment also expect to have the aid of the silver Republicans, with the exception of Senator Pettigrew. The Populists will be divided and a majority of the Democrats will be against ratification. The Democrats, however, have given up any idea they may have had of making the civil service question a party issue, and it is believed that this action will have the effect of increasing the affirmative vote on that side of the chamber. There is no doubt that the situation in China is largely responsible for the improved prospect of the treaty as many senators hold the opinion that for the United States senate to hesitate in this matter at the present critical time would be manifest a serious weakness.

The civil service debate began in the house today based on the item in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the maintenance of the commission. It promises to continue at least until the end of this week, with a possibility that it may longer. But it generally admitted on both sides that the appropriation in the bill will stand as the anti-civil service reformers do not seriously contemplate an attempt to strike it out. The debate, therefore, is only preliminary to any programme which the members of the house may agree upon. The members of the house are divided into three camps on this question; those who stand by the law, those who advocate its entire repeal and those who desire its modification. Those divisions were apparent in the debate today, the nature of which was not as stirring as had been anticipated. Messrs. Moody (Rep., Mass.), Grover (Rep., Pa.), and Greene (Pop., Neb.) defended the law; Messrs. Dockery (Dem., Mo.), Robb (Dem., Mo.) and Pearce (Rep., N. C.) opposed it outright, while Mr. Landis (Rep., Pa.) favored modification of the law.

Mr. Grover (Rep., Pa.) spoke for twenty minutes in support of the general principle of the law. He said he believed the president's appointive power should be confined to judges and foreign representatives. The heads of departments should appoint their confidential advisers. They should be under a rigorous civil service system. Mr. Moody said the law protected the public interest. He said that it was not a law to be broken, but a law to be followed. He said that he had no sympathy with those who believed the law was perfect and should only be modified by extension. He thought those who were placed under the protection of the law by executive order should be compelled to submit to a test of their efficiency and he also believed that some method should be found to preserve, if not restore, the efficiency of the service.

Mr. Dockery (Dem., Mo.), in opposition to the law, argued that it should be repealed. He said that it was a law that was not only a violation of the law, but a violation of the constitution. He said that it was a law that was not only a violation of the law, but a violation of the constitution. He said that it was a law that was not only a violation of the law, but a violation of the constitution.

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FAREWELL TO GENERAL BOOTH
Six thousand Salvationists Take Leave of the Great Leader Prior to His Departure for America.

London, Jan. 5.—Six thousand persons, most of them members of the Salvation Army, took part in the farewell to General William Booth, who is about to sail for the United States to assist in organizing the "army of the night" in the city of London. The hall was filled with a thousand Salvationists, who performed theatrical movements with red, white and blue scarves.

General Booth, on entering the hall, received a tremendous ovation, the hallelujah chorus being sung by the American and British flags. Commissioner Coombs presented an address from the English Salvation Army to General Booth, who said: "I am going where I shall unquestionably receive a general ovation. I shall be welcomed as a general of the water have only affection and confidence for each other. We have had our sorrows and storms. In the United States one of the greatest sorrows that could come to a general of God has come to me. One of my own sons has departed from his father's side and from the Salvation Army."

"I do not feel very much ill, for, though I think he is very much in the wrong, he is still my son. Of controversy and dispute I'll have none. I am the friend of all men."

More Trouble for Ratcliffe.
New York, Jan. 5.—Caroline Ravenshill, the London fishmonger's daughter, who was married to Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, will be brought to this country to appear against him. An official copy of their marriage certificate has been made public. The actress, who is the daughter of a fishmonger, was married to the actor, who is the son of a fishmonger. The actress, who is the daughter of a fishmonger, was married to the actor, who is the son of a fishmonger.

SHAW TRIAL MYSTERY.

The Sensational Ending Has Aroused Much Feeling in Camden County.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 5.—The sudden and sensational ending of the trial of Eli Shaw for the murder of his grandmother has aroused the feeling of the entire bar of Camden county to the highest pitch. It is believed that the trial was ordered after evidence had been placed in Judge Garrison's possession that some one had tampered with the trial. The trial was ordered after evidence had been placed in Judge Garrison's possession that some one had tampered with the trial.

Ex-Judge Hux, one of the oldest jurists in the county, today said he would endeavor to have an early meeting of the bar. He said that he would endeavor to have an early meeting of the bar. He said that he would endeavor to have an early meeting of the bar.

THE NEW BEDFORD SPINNERS' STRIKE
Loom Fixers Association Agrees to Stand by the Strikers—Wages Reduced Elsewhere.

Boston, Jan. 5.—At the annual convention of the National Loom Fixers' association today, National Secretary Shovelton, of Fall River, presented his report. He said that the association had decided to stand by the strikers. He said that the association had decided to stand by the strikers.

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OPPOSITION TO MR. QUAY.
The Republican Business Men's League Again Looms Up.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The Republican Business Men's league today adopted resolutions calling for a meeting of Republicans to oppose the re-election of Senator Quay to the United States senate, and to oppose any selection of a candidate for governor.

DURRANT'S GASTLY PLANS.
Murderer Makes Curious Requests to His Own Execution.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 5.—Durrant, the condemned murderer has made some curious requests concerning his execution. He asked that the rope used to hang him should be destroyed immediately after his death, so that no person can say that he holds a piece of it as a memento.

PROMOTING RUSSIAN TRADE.
Railroads Reduce Rates for Freight to Export.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—In order to promote exports the railroad committee has ordered a reduction of 20 per cent. in the freight rates on flour going to the Russian seaports, and has ordered a reduction of 15 per cent. on grain intended to be exported at the seaports prior to shipment.

Testa's New Work.
New York, Jan. 5.—The Electrical Review this week announces important work by Nikola Testa which promises to greatly advance the art of photography by means of vacuum tubes of immense striking power which he has succeeded in producing. The light emitted is so great as to be applicable also for lighthouse purposes, and trials in this line will be very likely made soon.

PENMAN FOR COLLECTOR

Selected to Represent the 12th Internal Revenue District.

THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS

T. C. Leonard Named for United States Marshall.

The Well-Known and Popular Young Scrantonian Again Receives Recognition—The Successor of Grant Herring—The Main Revenue Office Will Remain in Scranton.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Among the appointments made by the president today were those of Thomas F. Penman, to be collector of internal revenue for



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the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, and Frederick C. Leonard to be United States marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania.

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PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

The Names of H. L. Burnett and W. Henkel Sent to the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Francis C. Lowell, to be United States district judge for the district of Massachusetts; Henry L. Burnett, attorney for the southern district of New York.

JOHN ARNOLD'S TREASURE.
Over \$50,000 in Cash Found in a Brewer's Bureau.

Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 5.—Over \$50,000 in cash was found today in the secret drawers of a bureau owned by John Arnold, the wealthy brewer, who died on Monday.

Trade Delegate Dies.
London, Jan. 5.—Edward Harford, one of the delegates from the British Trade union congress to the American Federation of Labor congress held recently at Nashville, Tenn., died yesterday of pneumonia while returning on the American liner St. Paul, which arrived at Southampton today.

LAST DAYS OF DURRANT.

Preparations for His Execution Are Going On.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Although the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, were considerably disconcerted by the denial of their application for a writ of habeas corpus, they have yet two more moves, by means of which they hope to prevent the execution of their client on Friday next. These are to appeal to the governor for a reprieve and to apply to the Supreme court of the United States for an appeal from the recent court decision denying the petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

They also attempted to make arrangements for the funeral of their son after the execution, but learned to their dismay that there was decided objection on the part of the cemetery officials in this city to permitting Durrant's body to be interred on account of the publicity with which his case has been given.

ORDER FOR 10,000 RIFLES.

A Hasty Commission to the Winchester Company.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—An order for 10,000 of the latest pattern of military rifles has been placed with the Winchester Repeating Arms company of this city, through its San Francisco office, within a few days, the order to be shipped at the earliest possible moment.

AN EXPLOSION AT AVONDALE

Three Men Killed Outright—Another Seriously Injured—Bodies Brought Out by a Rescuing Party.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 5.—The Avondale mine, operated by the Delaware Lackawanna and Western company at Pittsford, was the scene of a terrific explosion of gas today which cost three men their lives and seriously injured a fourth. The names of the victims are: DAVID F. JONES, aged 23, married; DAVID J. JONES, aged 23, married; DAVID J. JONES, aged 23, married.

When the Thirteenth regiment was organized in 1862, Major Penman was appointed its first adjutant. He was graduated from the academy of the army at West Point, New York, and was graduated with the rank of captain. He was graduated with the rank of captain.

SCHEME TO TAX FLOUR.

An Important Measure Introduced by Senator Mason.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Mason today introduced a bill fixing a special tax on flour. The bill provides that manufacturers be required to pay \$100. Mixed flour is defined by the bill to be the food product made from wheat and corn, and ground corn or other foreign substances.

WOMEN AS FIGHTERS OF BULLS.

Enter the Arena at San Antonio to Close Holiday Festivities.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 5.—The holiday festivities here closed with a bull fight, at which all the bull fighters were well-known women of this city.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.
Westward Indications Today: Fair, Followed by Showers.

1 General-Congress at Work. Ohio's Senatorial Contest. Major Penman Appointed Revenue Collector.
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COMBAT AT COLUMBUS

It Increases in Bitterness as the Days Go By.

HANNA WILL NOT RETIRE

He Proposes to Stay in to the Finish.

Many Protesting Republican Clubs Have Decided to Take No Part in the Inauguration of Governor Bushnell—The Anti-Hanna Republicans Claim That They Will Continue the Deadlock Indefinitely Rather Than Vote for a Democrat.

Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—Both branches of the legislature have adjourned till Monday. But both sides of the senatorial contest remain in conference daily and nightly at the Neil house and the Great Southern hotel, respectively.

The secret war will continue till next Tuesday, when the two branches of the legislature will vote separately for senator and the re-election of Governor Bushnell. Any changes have been made. The doubtful members made no flaps today. They are receiving the united and untiring attention of the legislative steering committees and outside workers.

Next Monday Governor Bushnell will be inaugurated for his second term, but the exercises will not interfere with the senatorial fight. The anti-Hanna Republicans expect all of their followers here Monday for a large demonstration.

Although many Republican clubs have cancelled their engagements for quarters on inauguration day, it is believed that the efforts of the anti-Hanna Republicans to have as big a caucus as possible will succeed. The Hanna men will also take advantage of the excursion rates to have visiting Republican delegations here to protest against "the combine" with Democrats. The expected deadlock will not begin till next Wednesday, when the two houses ballot jointly for senator, and will continue to ballot jointly from day to day till there is an election.

Letters and telegrams from protesting Republican clubs and committees, and others continue to pour in on the governor, and the Republican members who are co-operating with the Democrats, and some of these messages appeal to Senator Foraker to come to the relief of the party by declaring it to be the duty of all Republicans to stand by the decrees of the Toledo state convention, in supporting Senator Hanna.

HANNA WILL NOT RETIRE.

In reply to the reports about Secretary Sherman Assistant Secretary Day, Congressman Grosvenor and others being made the Republican senatorial nominee, Senator Hanna said positively today that he would never retire. He says he was nominated by the Toledo state convention for senator and cannot retire in favor of any other one. If he is defeated, the responsibility will rest on those who are now co-operating with the Democrats. The senator insists that he will never withdraw even if defeat should become inevitable, but he still insists that he will win.

The standing committees have not been announced in either house and the combine is using the patronage to hold their men in line. In the senate today Senator Burke showed some tendency to co-operate with the Democrats, but his colleagues, the Democrats wanted to report the committees, but Senator Burke stopped it by saying he would vote with the Republicans. Later in the day Senator Burke was in conference with Hanna and he spent most of his time with the Hanna workers.

The Republicans announced yesterday that they would hold no joint senatorial caucus tonight and the Democratic members made the same announcement today. The anti-Hanna Republicans will have no caucus, but they will have no strength till next Tuesday. While the Hanna men are still short three or more votes on the current claims of both sides, yet the combine is having its troubles in fixing on some one who can command the Democratic vote as well as that of the dissenting Republicans.

DEMOCRATIC OPINION.

The Columbus Press, the Democratic organ of Central Ohio, tonight, in its leading editorial, says: "The organization of both houses of the legislature on Monday by a coalition of the Democrats and Foraker Democrats does not prove that opposition to Hanna is elect a senator."

In order to elect a senator in opposition to Mr. Hanna it will be necessary to have a perfect coalition between the Bryan Democrats and the Foraker Republicans. There are not votes to spare. Mr. Hanna and his assistants are not to be deceived.

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only trying to secure votes for him but they are the same means and methods trying to prevent the opposition to him from agreeing on any other candidate.

It is known that the Democrats and the members of the legislature who are much inclined to vote for any Republican for senator and who would almost as willingly vote for Hanna as they would vote for any other Republican who thinks and votes as Mr. Hanna does on public questions. But as every one of the Democratic members voted for Mason with a Republican speaker of the house in preference to Mr. Bowtell, also a Republican who differs in no wise from Mason in political opinions except one is for and the other opposed to Hanna's election to the senate, it would now come with rather bad grace from any Democratic vote for Mason to refuse to vote for an honest Republican for senator in opposition to Hanna upon the ground that he was in principle opposed to voting for Republicans under any circumstances.

The Democrat who voted for Mason for speaker could have done so only to signify his opposition to M. A. Hanna. Lewis G. Bernard, the Democratic leader from Cincinnati, and the manager for John R. McLean, said tonight: "There will be no election for a long series of ballots. The Democrats will scatter their votes."

This is tantamount to mean that the Democrats will not be able to agree in their caucus on a candidate. The anti-Hanna Republicans announce positively that under no circumstances will they vote for a Democrat.

WILL CONTINUE A DEADLOCK.

They will continue the deadlock indefinitely rather than elect a Democratic senator. Ex-Senator Brice delivers an address here next Saturday night before the St. Jackson day banquet and his presence is anticipated with some anxiety. The Press is one with a sensational extra edition tonight announcing that the Democratic prosecuting attorney has presented the senatorial situation to the grand jury. In referring to this inquiry, the Press says sworn statements have been submitted to the grand jury from Representative and Mrs. Griffith, of Union county; Representative George Spellmeyer and Chris Monier, of Cincinnati; Hon. N. H. Hyatt, of Columbus, and others, against certain workers for Hanna. This affair is pronounced a "dollar and a cent" matter by the Press.

Following close on the reports about the vote of his husband on the senatorial nomination comes a report that Mr. Snider, the wife of a Representative, Snider, of Greene county, is taking an interest in the contest and is favorable to the opposition. Mr. Snider attended the Republican house caucus last Saturday night and voted for Bowtell for speaker on Monday, but the opposition and the anti-Hanna members are urging their husbands not to vote for Hanna. In connection with the reports about Representative Griffith, there are reports that the wives of other Republican members are being enlisted in the contest and the wives of some Democratic members are urging their husbands not to vote for any Republican senator. Senator Kurtz and his associates are reported to be unable to control the anti-Hanna Republican members for a Democratic senator.

TELLER'S BOND RESOLUTION.

A Document in the Language Used by Hon. Stanley Matthews.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Teller today introduced a concurrent resolution declaring the bonds of the United States to be payable in gold dollars and asserting that "to restore to their coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

The resolution is in the language of the resolution introduced by Hon. Stanley Matthews in the Forty-fifth congress and which passed both houses. Senator Teller's purpose is to secure a vote upon the resolution which would carry the matter to the senate, where it would be carried by a two-thirds majority when previously considered. The resolution was referred to the finance committee, but a majority of the members of the committee are friendly to silver Mr. Teller anticipates that it will be favorably reported.

DISASTERS AT SEA.

A Norwegian Bark Sunk and an Austrian Steamer Afloat.

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—The Norwegian bark Crown, Captain Heberg, from Ardrossan, and the Austrian steamer, Captain Marquand, from Genoa, were in collision off the Skerries, a group of small islands about seventeen miles eastward from Dublin. The Crown was sunk. The steamer was afloat, but was badly damaged. The Crown was sunk. The steamer was afloat, but was badly damaged.

THE ONTARIO HORROR.

But Twenty Deaths Result from the Collapse of a City Hall Floor.

London, Ont., Jan. 5.—There were but twenty deaths from the collapse of the floor in the city hall. To the list of the dead the name of John Hamilton Fithers has been added. The boy, Allen Town, although seriously injured, is still alive. The others heretofore reported dead, but who are alive and fully recovered, are John Burgess, Henry Howard, John Feltows and James McLean.

Killed by the Cars.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Sebastian Koch, aged 65 years, and Samuel Fleming, aged 35, were instantly killed by a passenger train from Harrisburg on the Lebanon Valley railroad near South Mountain last night. Mrs. Koch had been calling on friends at Weyersburg, and Fleming, who was an attendant at the asylum there, was escorting her home. She leaves four children. Both bodies were horribly mutilated.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Jan. 6.—In the middle states and New England today, fair to partly cloudy, heavy and finally warmer weather will prevail, with light southerly, shifting to fresh southerly and easterly winds, followed by rain tonight in this section and part of the coast. On Friday, cloudy weather, fresh to brisk southerly and easterly winds and nearly stationary temperature will prevail, with rain, preceded near the lakes by snow and on the coasts by fog.