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THE CAPITAL.

Callers on the President Elect
—George H. Stewart Will Not Be in the Cabinet—Consolidation of Military Departments—The Portuguese Mission—The Public Credit Bill—Inauguration Arrangements.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, 1899.

DEATH OF A PAYMASTER.
Paymaster W. A. Winslow, son of Commodore Winslow, of the Kearsarge, died in this city last night after a brief illness.

PUBLIC DEBT.
The public debt statement for the present month will be issued earlier than usual in March. The indications of a large decrease continue very good.

HARVEST CORPUS CASE ARGUED.
In the Supreme Court of the United States, today, the case of *Harvest Corp. v. Samuel Arnold and Edward Spangler* was argued by Philip Phillips, counsel on behalf of the petitioners.

PUBLIC CREDIT BILL.
The following are the amendments of the Senate Finance Committee to Mr. Schenck's bill, which make the first section read as follows:

Sec. 1. That in order to remove any doubt as to the purpose of the Government to discharge all its just obligations to the public creditors, and to settle conflicting questions and interpretations of its laws by virtue of which the obligations have been contracted, it is hereby provided and declared that the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in cash or its equivalent, of all the obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of any such obligations has expressly provided that the same may be paid in lawful money currency other than gold or silver.

The second section, relating to contracts, is not changed.

CALLERS ON THE PRESIDENT ELECT.
As usual, of late, large crowds of electors called at the headquarters this morning to pay their respects to the President elect. Several delegations of visitors from various States, accompanied by members of Congress from their respective districts, called during reception hours, and were gratified at shaking hands and passing a few words in conversation with General Grant. The delegation of visitors from Iowa, and two or three from Pennsylvania were among the present. Several members of Congress from Southern States also called. Ex-Senator Clingman, of North Carolina, was among the visitors. Impressions concerning the President elect were in the coming Cabinet multiply rapidly, but as yet there is no ground for believing the name of any of the proposed members will be made public, even before their nomination to the Senate, as announced by General Grant to the Congressional Committee this morning.

The Philadelphia *Bulletin's* Washington correspondent says General Grant, in conversation last evening, said positively that George H. Stewart would go into his Cabinet. He said, while Mr. Stewart was a man of ability and culture, he could do no more than to creditably in any position, and that his health, if there were no other reason, would preclude his taking a Cabinet appointment.

THE PORTUGUESE MISSION.
An interesting discussion took place in the House this afternoon on the proposition to give Mr. Harvey, Minister to Portugal, his salary for the time he has been withheld. Mr. Spaulding, the only living member of the Committee on Appropriations who has been in the service, was instrumental in stopping Mr. Harvey's salary, acknowledging he had wronged the man. Mr. Maynard was unwilling that Congress should be made the cap of a petty, unworthy squabble. They should wait until the connection of Mr. Harvey with the Portuguese mission should have closed, and then the matter should come up as a claim and be examined on principles of justice. Mr. Farnsworth thought Mr. Harvey should have the good sense to resign and come afterwards to Congress to ask back salary. He and Mr. Farnsworth expressed a wish that he be paid, as he was poor and his family suffering. Mr. Schenck thought the question to be simply that Mr. Seward or the administration had insolently resolved that they would keep a representative at the Portuguese Court when Congress had decided not to do so. He was satisfied Congress had done right, and had not to go down on its knees to Mr. Seward and the administration, and say you were right and we were wrong; and therefore we will not pay your man no matter the character of the service he may have performed for you had no business to keep him from his position. Mr. Spaulding again argued in favor of his proposition. Mr. Farnsworth declared the arrangement of Mr. Seward by a member of the Republican party was less ingratitude than the action of that faction of party organization. He was their master spirit, and the members on the opposite side would not be found for them the dogs of the "irrepressible conflict." Messrs. Butler and Higgins opposed the appropriation for Mr. Harvey, which was finally struck out.

REORGANIZATION OF ARMY DEPARTMENTS.
The House Committee of Military Affairs today made a report on the organization and pay of the army. They recommend the creation of a Supply Department of the Quartermasters, Subsistence

and Pay Departments, the consolidation of the Ordnance and Artillery Corps and the Engineer or Signal Corps, and think the engineers can do the work of the coast survey. They also recommend the substitution of annual salaries for the pay of army officers, condemn the present system of brevet rank and argue its abolition, coupled with legislation giving the President power to confer brevets for distinguished service in the field.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
The dispatch from Cheyenne alleging that the Union Pacific Railroad has been blocked for fifteen days by four inches of snow, is considered absurd, as a despatch received from Echo, Utah, today, says three miles of track were laid yesterday.

Lieut. Gen. Sherman arrived today from St. Louis, and is stopping at the residence of his brother, Senator Sherman. The home purchased from Gen. Grant for him is to be thoroughly repaired, and he will not remove to it before June.

The committee to arrange the inaugural procession have not yet fully determined on a programme for the procession.

Hon. Columbus Delano had a long interview with Commissioner Rollins today, and that fact, in connection with the mention of Mr. Delano's name in connection with the Internal Revenue Bureau, invokes considerable interest.

NEWS BY CABLE.
(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

GREAT BRITAIN.
LONDON, February 26, 1899.

The Cobden Club gold medal has been awarded to Dr. Joshua Leavitt, of New York. The Marquis of Harrington, the House of Commons, from Radnor, London, February 26.—In the case of Laura v. Starr, during the trial of which expenses were made of conveyance in life in England, a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff, who is awarded damages of five hundred pounds.

The War Office has received official dispatches from New Zealand announcing further successes over the rebels. The troops have carried by assault the main stronghold, the natives made a desperate defense and lost two hundred killed and wounded, while the British loss was twenty-two.

FRANCE.
PARIS, February 26.—In the Corps Legislatif today, M. Rouher, Minister of State, acknowledged that loans to defray the expenses of improvements in Paris were not raised strictly according to law. Satisfaction was generally expressed by the members with the avowal and explanation of the Minister.

SPAIN.
MADRID, February 26, 1899.

It is expected the modifications which the made by Marshal Serrano in the Provisional Government will, in all probability, provide for the introduction in the new Cabinet, of a representative of the radical element.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
LONDON, February 26.—Evening—Consolidated, 93½; Five per cent, 87½; Erie, 24; Illinois, 92½. The stock market is firm.

FRANKFURT, Feb. 26.—Bonds: 8½% Bonds closed active and higher. Five Twenties, 92½; 4½% Bonds, 92½; 3½% Bonds, 92½. —Bourse steady. Renten, 71 francs 50 centimes.

ANTWERP, Feb. 26.—Evening—Petrolem, 57½; 7½% Tallows, 45.34; 6½% Tallows, 45.34; 5½% Tallows, 45.34; 4½% Tallows, 45.34; 3½% Tallows, 45.34; 2½% Tallows, 45.34; 1½% Tallows, 45.34; ½% Tallows, 45.34; ¼% Tallows, 45.34; 1/8% Tallows, 45.34; 1/16% Tallows, 45.34; 1/32% Tallows, 45.34; 1/64% Tallows, 45.34; 1/128% Tallows, 45.34; 1/256% Tallows, 45.34; 1/512% Tallows, 45.34; 1/1024% Tallows, 45.34; 1/2048% Tallows, 45.34; 1/4096% Tallows, 45.34; 1/8192% Tallows, 45.34; 1/16384% Tallows, 45.34; 1/32768% Tallows, 45.34; 1/65536% Tallows, 45.34; 1/131072% Tallows, 45.34; 1/262144% Tallows, 45.34; 1/524288% Tallows, 45.34; 1/1048576% Tallows, 45.34; 1/2097152% Tallows, 45.34; 1/4194304% Tallows, 45.34; 1/8388608% Tallows, 45.34; 1/16777216% Tallows, 45.34; 1/33554432% Tallows, 45.34; 1/67108864% Tallows, 45.34; 1/134217728% Tallows, 45.34; 1/268435456% Tallows, 45.34; 1/536870912% Tallows, 45.34; 1/1073741824% Tallows, 45.34; 1/2147483648% Tallows, 45.34; 1/4294967296% Tallows, 45.34; 1/8589934592% Tallows, 45.34; 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