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NEWS CONDENSED.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A RESOLUTION was passed by the Senate, Dec. 18, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for copies of mortgages given by the Texas and Pacific railway on lands granted to it. Asa G. McCook was elected Secretary of the Senate; Charles W. Johnson, Chief Clerk; James R. Thompson, Executive Clerk; E. D. Huntington, Chaplain; and W. D. Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms. A long debate took place on the proposed rule relating to the election of President pro tem, and his right to name a substitute, but no vote was taken. The House of Representatives was not in session.

Mr. CULLOM, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the Senate, Dec. 19, providing for the acceptance of the Illinois and Michigan canal by the Government. Mr. Fair presented a measure for the sinking of artesian wells in wild lands in Nevada owned by the United States. Mr. Black introduced a resolution to ascertain as how much land has been certified to railroad companies since the Supreme Court decision of 1875 on the indemnity clause. The House concurrent resolution for a similar recess was amended to read from Dec. 21 to Jan. 7, and the bill was referred to the Committee on the new rules, several of which were agreed to. In the House, the oath was administered to Mr. Skinner, from the First district of North Carolina, after some objection by Mr. Kefler. A joint resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for the relief of the colored people of the South was passed. A resolution was adopted. Mr. Black introduced a resolution for the creation of five special committees, and Mr. Reed caused to be added one on the alcohol liquor traffic, all of which were agreed to. The speaker proposed a special vote on the centennial anniversary of Washington's surrender of his commission. The Senate amendment to the holiday recess resolution was concurred in.

The resolution of Mr. Van Wyck, calling for information in regard to lands granted to railroads, was, after some debate, adopted by the Senate, at its session on Dec. 20. Mr. Cullom introduced a bill for the appointment by the President of five Railroad Commissioners, to exercise supervision over interstate commerce. Mr. Miller, of New York, presented a bill for a monument to the late Gen. Warren. A communication was received from the Secretary of the Interior stating that no action has been taken by the department in relation to the proposed transfer of the Texas and Pacific land grant. The Senate adjourned to Dec. 24. The House indulged in debate over a resolution by Mr. Geddes to grant a month's extra pay to discharged employees, which was finally sent to the committee on veterans. A bill was introduced for the appointment of a committee on woman suffrage, which was rejected by 124 to 88. A resolution was passed requesting the President to order a national salute from the nation's flag to the memory of the anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Washington's commission. Objection was made to the introduction of a bill to amend the Chinese restriction act, and an adjournment to Dec. 24.

EASTERN.

The schedules in the assignment of F. Mayer & Co., wholesale clothiers, New York, show liabilities of \$2,760,992, and actual assets of only \$1,769,374.

The Christian convention at Philadelphia to form an anti-secret society league denounced Masonry particularly, and resolved that the G. A. R. was "an insidious, dangerous and useless form of secret organization."

Unusual dullness prevails in manufacturing business in Connecticut.

Capt. Gordon, who abducted a child from Astoria, Long Island, has been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to five years' hard labor.

The widow of Capt. Nutt, killed by Dukes at Unontown, Pa., has been compelled to bring suit to recover insurance of \$5,000.

WESTERN.

Henry Babst, of Belleville, Ill., fatally shot Miss Mary Hammer, and took refuge in the railway round-house. At that place he undertook to kill a son of the Sheriff, who threw up the pistol, by which Babst was instantly killed.

Nathan Massengale, of White River, Stone county, Mo., proposed to Hiram Loomis that they exchange wives, Massengale offering his 8-months baby as boot. The trade was accomplished, but Mrs. Loomis, in quitting her home, demanded a horse, which she claimed to be hers. The difficulty was bridged after a few shots were exchanged between the men, and the new arrangement pleases all parties concerned.

The only notable dramatic attraction in Chicago is afforded by the Florences, who are filling a two weeks' engagement at McVicker's theater. These fine artists appear this week in their favorite play of "The Mighty Dollar," Mr. Florence personating the amusing character of Hon. Bardwell Slote, the member from the Coho district, and Mrs. Florence appearing in her no less amusing role of Mrs. Gen. Gilroy.

The sixth, seventh and eighth days of the Emma Bond case, at Hillsboro, Ill., were unproductive of any new or startling developments, the time being largely occupied by arguments of counsel touching the admissibility of certain evidence. Judge Thornton, leading counsel for the defense, made a motion for the discharge of Clement and Pettis, on the ground, as he claimed, that no testimony had been elicited implicating them in the crime, and pressed his motion upon the court with a powerful argument. Judge Phillips, however, refused to view the matter in the same light that the defendants' able counsel looked at it, and decided to let the case be passed upon by the jury. The ninth and tenth days were devoted principally to the efforts of the defense to establish an alibi. Clement, one of the defendants, first told his story, which was a very straightforward and apparently truthful one. He accounted clearly for his whereabouts and movements on the day of the commission of the crime. Pettis corroborated Clement's narrative—the two, according to their testimony, having passed the day together at the Pettis house—and the Pettis family reinforced the defense by corroborating the story of the two defendants.

The Supreme court of Michigan affirmed the judgment from the Superior court of Detroit in the case of McLean vs. Scripps. This was the libel suit of Prof. McLean, of the Michigan university, against the "Evening News," of Detroit, in which plaintiff was awarded \$20,000.

Livestock dealers scattered along the line from New York to Cheyenne have incorporated the Ogallala Cattle company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, the main office being at Omaha.

SOUTHERN.

The books of the Union Pacific road show that two-thirds of the stock is owned in New England.

Dallas (Tex.) telegram: The Irish flag was displayed at half-mast and draped in

mourning over the Catholic holiday bazaar in this city, in respect to O'Donnell, executed in London for the removal of the informer Carey, and a full face portrait of O'Donnell was attached to the banner, and is said to have been blessed as that of an Irish martyr by holy water being sprinkled upon it before it was attached to the flag.

A solitary horseman robbed a mail-coach and its passengers in the vicinity of Cisco, Texas.

Guilford Soon, colored, was hanged at Kinston, N. C., for a criminal assault in May last on Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.

A crowd of 3,000 people gathered at Giddings, Texas, to witness the execution of a negro murderer named James Taylor. Jerry Cox, a negro, was hanged at George town, S. C., for the murder of H. H. Rembert. He had secreted in his cell an iron bar, with which he intended to kill the Sheriff on the way to the scaffold. Cox maintained his innocence to the last.

WASHINGTON.

A large O'Donnell meeting was held in Ford's opera-house, at Washington. Richelle Robinson, of New York, presided. Congressmen Calkins, Finerty and Belford made spirited speeches expressing their indignation at the treatment America had received after asking for the respite. The usual resolutions were passed.

The following proclamation in regard to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Washington's surrender of his commission was issued by the President Dec. 21:

WHEREAS, Both houses of Congress did, on the 20th Inst., request the commemoration of the 23d Inst., as the 100th anniversary of the surrender by George Washington, at Annapolis, of his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the patriot forces of America; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this memorable act, which not only signalized the termination of the heroic struggle of seven years for independence, but also manifested Washington's devotion to the great principle that ours is a civic government of and by the people, should be generally observed throughout the United States:

Now, therefore, I, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, do hereby recommend that either by appropriate exercises in connection with religious exercises on Dec. 23, or by such public observances as may be deemed proper on Monday, Dec. 24, this signal event in the history of American liberty be commemorated, and, further, I hereby direct that at 12 o'clock noon Monday next a national salute be fired from all the forts throughout the country.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done this 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and of the independence of the United States one hundred and eighth.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

The Grand-Jury at Washington has found true bills against pension attorneys named N. W. Fitzgerald, S. C. Fitzgerald, and A. B. Webb, for the illegal use of the mails and for devising a scheme to defraud soldiers and their widows.

POLITICAL.

Friends of Thomas A. Hendricks send out from Indianapolis a statement that he has not gone abroad for medical advice or treatment, and is in as robust health as at any time within ten years.

Bills are about to be introduced in each house of Congress to send back to China the indemnity fund of \$650,000 paid years ago on account of damages to American residents during the insurrection in Canton.

The Chinese Government has never made a request for the return of the money, but Minister Young states that there is deep feeling over the matter in the Flowering kingdom.

Merchants, hotel men, politicians, and prominent citizens held a meeting in St. Louis last week, to take steps toward securing for their city the Democratic National convention. Denver is making strong efforts toward the same end.

The Democrats of Louisiana have nominated Gov. McEnery for re-election.

The Louisiana Democratic State convention adopted a resolution demanding a law to suppress lotteries, which demoralize society and corrupt politics.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Burned: Livingston's mills at Paducah, Ky., loss \$50,000; the ferry-boat Garden City, New York City, loss \$100,000; a wagon manufacturer near Buffalo, N. Y., loss \$25,000; dry-goods store at Van Alstyne, Tex., loss \$20,000; the steamer Josie Henry, near Memphis, Tenn., loss \$80,000; the Chilled Plow company's warehouse, Benton Harbor, Mich., loss \$25,000; Rowland's shovel works, Holmesburg, Pa., loss \$60,000; Nudd's caving-tough factory, Minneapolis, Minn., loss \$20,000; a brick block at Lowell, Mass., loss \$60,000—nine firemen were injured by an explosion during the fire; the Standard theater, New York city, loss \$75,000; two business blocks at Dubois, Pa., loss \$60,000; the glucose works, East St. Louis, Ill., loss \$50,000; seven business houses at Corsicana, Tex., loss \$70,000; Leiberling's strawboard works, Akron, Ohio, loss \$40,000; Walker's sugar refinery, near Franklin, La., loss \$250,000; an office building at Halifax, N. S., loss \$80,000; a bank and store at Weeping Water, Neb., loss \$15,000; Moore's flouring mills, Walkerton, Ont., loss \$35,000; an elevator, warehouse, freight depot and other property at Winona, Minn., loss \$150,000; a drug store at Kansas City, Mo., loss \$15,000; Lowenstein's clothing store, St. Louis, Mo., loss \$20,000; Darrett's tannery, Waterbury, Vt., loss \$35,000; sixteen buildings at Candelaria, Nev., loss \$80,000; the postoffice and eighteen stores at Rockford, Mich., loss \$50,000; S. P. Creasinger's fine residence at Fowler, Mich., loss \$23,000; fourteen stores at Rat Portage, Man., loss \$150,000; two squares in the business part of Fortville, Ind., loss \$20,000; four stores at Point Pleasant, W. Va., loss \$15,000; a Presbyterian church at Lacon, Ill., loss \$10,000; a warehouse and dwelling house at Augusta, Ga., loss \$30,000; William Glendale's elegant residence at Proctor, Ohio, loss \$30,000; the Occidental hotel, St. Louis, Mo., loss \$12,000; a dry goods store at Farmland, Ind., loss \$20,000; a clothing store at Lyons, Iowa, loss \$10,000; a public school building at Cherokee, Iowa, loss \$12,000; a hotel and other property at Ishpeming, Mich.; a school-house at McLean, Ill., loss \$75,000; Peck, Stow & Wilcox's edge-tool factory, Cheshire, Ct., loss \$40,000; a high-school building, Eau Claire, Wis., loss \$15,000; Royce's stave-mill, Fremont,

Ohio, loss \$20,000; six business buildings at Medford, Minn., loss \$20,000; an Episcopal church at Port Chester, N. Y., loss \$30,000.

Failures: J. Levy, dry goods, Rock Island, Ill., liabilities \$15,000; Cohen & Koenigheim, gents' furnishing goods, San Antonio, Tex., liabilities \$75,000; Louis Rothberg, clothing, Denver, Colo., liabilities \$35,000; E. Barusco, clothing, Cadillac, Mich., liabilities \$10,000; Tyler & Frost, shoe manufacturers, Lynn, Mass.; the Henry Buggy company, Freeport, Ill.; Joseph Mullet, woolen manufacturer, East Brookfield, Mass.; R. C. Wickham & Co., bankers, Tioga, Pa., liabilities \$80,000; P. Sullivan, C. A. Davis, wall-paper, Cincinnati, liabilities \$25,000; Slack & Gavill, blanket manufacturers, Rushville, Ill., liabilities \$60,000; Blumenthal Brothers, general store, Palestine, Tex., liabilities \$35,000; Clay Oldham, groceries, Terrell, Tex., liabilities \$25,000; James Sutherland, produce, Owen Sound, Ontario, liabilities \$130,000; Robert Given & Co., dry goods, Des Moines, Iowa; A. Drury, shoe manufacturer, Spencer, Mass., liabilities \$80,000; G. F. Wood, lumber, St. John, N. B., liabilities \$25,000; West & Sweeney, paper manufacturers, North East, Pa.; D. M. E. G. H. Albright, dry goods, Binghamton, N. Y., liabilities \$400,000; Lane & Son, grain brokers, New York, liabilities \$350,000; Mark Smith, clothing, Erie, Pa., liabilities \$12,000; J. Livermore, fruit importer, Montreal, liabilities \$76,000; H. R. Jones, banker, De Pere, Wis., liabilities \$50,000; Sattler Brothers, clothing, St. Paul, liabilities \$80,000; W. P. & A. M. Parsons, builders, New York, liabilities \$500,000; McKinney & Horn, notions, Philadelphia, liabilities \$35,000; Goodwillie, Wyman & Co., printing presses, Boston, liabilities \$50,000; P. & M. Raymond, wholesale grocers, Fargo, D. T., liabilities \$30,000; George McDowell & Co., wholesale stationers, Philadelphia; the Beaver Lumber company, Yamachiche, Quebec, liabilities \$108,000; O. A. Newson, real estate, Columbus, Ind., liabilities \$27,000; W. P. Metcalf, broker, and the American Carpet Lining company, Boston; Sheldon & Co., millinery, Bloomington, Ill., liabilities \$10,000; the Enterprise Machine company, Geneva, Ohio, liabilities \$70,000; George W. Craig, dry goods, Montreal, Canada, liabilities \$70,000.

Ten thousand persons witnessed the opening of the new cantaloupe bridge across Niagara river. The bridge was tested by sustaining the weight of twenty locomotives and twenty-four cars loaded with gravel, without apparent defection.

A war of rates has resulted in the ocean steamships cutting the third-class rate to Europe to \$20.

The failures for the week aggregated \$20, an increase of \$1; but the greater portion of the insents were small traders.

A bloody riot occurred in the City of Mexico because the new nickel money was refused at the market. A mob paraded the streets, breaking windows, and all places of business were quickly closed. Cavalry charged the crowd and restored order.

A school and synagogue in the suburbs of Constantinople was burned, fifteen students perishing in the flames.

The upper house of the Prussian diet has passed a resolution forbidding hunting on Sunday, under heavy penalties.

As a step toward conciliating the Vatican, Gen. Von Thiel, commanding the Eighth German army corps, has been retired, and is succeeded by the officers of the court staff.

France has again prohibited the introduction of American salt meats. This was the result of a defeat in the Chambers of Minister Herisson, under whose liberal policy the French had been temporarily restrained from cutting off their own food supplies.

Despite the efforts of the London police to discredit the recent rumors of the discovery of certain plots to blow up Newgate and London Bridge, it has been learned that threatening letters have been received at the Mansion house.

Survivors report that on the steamer St. Augustine, which burned in the Bay of Biscay, terrible scenes were witnessed. Sailors stabbed and drowned themselves in frenzy, and the second mate shot himself. One of the captain's legs was cut off by accident, when at his request a weight was tied to his body and he was cast into the sea.

Michael Davitt makes a violent attack on the British Government for its continued suppression of Nationalist meetings, which, he says, is accomplished by a contemptible subterfuge and not by open measures of repression. Mr. Davitt makes a strong showing of the ridiculous position of the London police, who attribute every plot or pretended conspiracy to American or Irish agitators.

The President of Mexico has ordered a strict enforcement of the law in regard to nickel money. There have been no further outbreaks.

The American Iron and Steel Association reports that the prices of those staples ready steady, that the consumption equals the output, and that a further depression in the trade is not anticipated.

Charles H. Loring has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering in the Navy department.

Judge Wylie disposed of the Spencer contempt case in Washington, finding the defendant not guilty. In the course of his decision he was very severe on District Attorney Bliss. The effect in the star-route cases, it is thought, will be felt in the future hearings, and it is already predicted that one of the results will be an investigation of the Department of Justice.

John Moylan, just returned from America, who had taken possession of a vacant farm at Clonbar, near Galway, Ireland, was shot dead by an unknown man in the presence of his wife.

A Paris cablegram says: There is still much excitement in theatrical circles over the attack made upon Marie Colombe by Sarah Bernhardt. Feeling runs high and they are advocated for both parties. Bernhardt publishes a card to the following effect:

To MY FRIENDS THE PUBLIC: I chastised Marie Colombe because she insulted me. When she was in want I brought her to America and she shared my profits. She has deceived me. I gave her gold. She gave me calumny. She called me "Sarah Barnum." I am not a Jumbo. Then I gave her the lash. She weighs 300 pounds; but she is a very ungrateful woman this woman whom I have befriended—this Colombe who was nothing until she met Sarah. I have done with her. I did not chastise her for advertising purposes.

SARAH BERNHARDT.

Kerrigan, the informer, whose evidence resulted in the hanging of six persons, was shot the other day at Cong, Ireland.

Sir John Glover, leader of the British expedition to Ashantee, has again been appointed Governor of Newfoundland.

The United States Consul at Odessa reports that crude petroleum is used to sprinkle the streets and dwelling houses at Augusta, Ga., loss \$30,000; William Glendale's elegant residence at Proctor, Ohio, loss \$30,000; the Occidental hotel, St. Louis, Mo., loss \$12,000; a dry goods store at Farmland, Ind., loss \$20,000; a clothing store at Lyons, Iowa, loss \$10,000; a public school building at Cherokee, Iowa, loss \$12,000; a hotel and other property at Ishpeming, Mich.; a school-house at McLean, Ill., loss \$75,000; Peck, Stow & Wilcox's edge-tool factory, Cheshire, Ct., loss \$40,000; a high-school building, Eau Claire, Wis., loss \$15,000; Royce's stave-mill, Fremont,

The French have captured Sontay, and Admiral Courbet has been gazetted a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

Bismarck openly opposes secret voting for members of the lower house of the Prussian Diet, and favors universal suffrage with public balloting.

The Crown Prince informed Pope Leo that the Emperor William and Bismarck much desired religious peace in Germany.

The dynamiters on trial at Edinburgh were found guilty, five being sentenced for life, and five others to seven years' penal servitude.

De Long's remains, with those of his

dead comrades, have arrived at the city of Irkutsk, in Russia, and were received by the populace with high honors. Many wreaths were placed on the coffins, and poems reciting the sad fate of the explorers were distributed among the people.

Overland, the Socialist, who was hanged at Trieste a year ago for an attempt to cut off the career of the Emperor of Austria by an explosive bomb, endeavored to certain Italian Republicans. They indulged in demonstrations of respect to his memory, for which several of the celebrants were jailed.