

## WON'T LET IT GO

Senate Raises In Alarm A Power of Proposed New Department.

## SERIOUS OBJECTION.

Bill Creating a Department of Commerce Would Erect the Biggest Bureau in the Government.

Several Important Amendments Will Be Made Before Action Will Be Taken.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate yesterday for a brief time had under consideration the bill creating a department of commerce and the discussion tended to show that the measure will have to be amended in many particulars before it can receive the approval of the senate. Serious objections were raised to the transfer to the proposed department of several important bureaus now a part of other departments of the government. It was pointed out that if the bill as reported became a law it would create the greatest department of the government and that the secretary of commerce would have more power even than the secretary of the treasury. Notice of several important amendments was given.

A large number of uncontested bills and private pension measures were passed. Senator Mitchell of Oregon introduced a bill prepared by the Pacific coast senators and representatives, for Chinese exclusion. He said that the gentlemen who prepared it agreed to its provisions generally, but he reserved the right to offer amendments when the bill was under consideration. The decision arrived at is the result of six weeks' consideration of the general subject of Chinese exclusion, the purpose being to bring all the Pacific coast interests together in united support of one measure. A special committee with Representative Newlands of Nevada chairman had been going over the different preparations and submitted the result of its work at the meeting held yesterday. The bill as presented had a clause covering the Chinese coming from the Philippines, but the sentiment at the meeting was in favor of making the provisions more sweeping. The bill as a whole has been framed with a view to making it drastic in every particular in excluding the Chinese.

## UNDERGROUND BATTLE

## Fierce Fight With Ore Thieves In the Independence Mine.

Victor, Col., Jan. 17.—A desperate battle 400 feet under ground between ore thieves and officers and trusted employees occurred in the Independence mines on Battle Mountain yesterday. Between 50 and 75 shots were exchanged between the opposing parties. Lee Glockner, a member of the company's force, was shot twice, but not seriously injured.

The fight was most determined, but the pirates finally gained the upper hand and forced the company men to retreat toward the big shaft, giving the thieves an opportunity to escape. The management of Stratton's Independent company, which owns the Independence mine, has been aware for a long time that rich deposits of sylvanite in the mine were being systematically robbed, the stealings amounting to thousands of dollars a month. Detectives were employed and it is said the thieves were detected in the act of looting a rich seam of ore. They escaped through the underground workings connected with an adjoining property.

**Master of the Sea.**  
Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 17.—Gen. Matos, the revolutionary leader, is master at sea, for President Castro's fleet does not dare attack the Liberator. The government troops, however, watch the coasts so well that the landing of arms and ammunition is nearly impossible. The only important successful landing took place Jan. 9 near Tucpan, where much ammunition and Gen. Riera was landed.

## Catarrh

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GOSSIP OF THE CAPITOL  
Our Indianapolis Correspondent Touches on Current Matters.

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—It is said that Senator Fairbanks' committee will prove unlucky. Some of the more superstitious in the ranks of the senior senator's class following him were loath to see him lose the support of any one of the new committee. A report started here that since the elections this week Senator Beveridge had gained a majority on the committee, and it gained such circulation that one of the papers published it under flaring headlines. But it was without foundation, if the prominent men of the party who are taking no part in the fight are to be believed. They say Fairbanks' supremacy on the committee cannot be questioned. That James P. Goodrich will be elected chairman is not questioned.

Preparations for the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which will assemble in this city next week, are about completed. Miners from the bituminous and block coal regions in the western and southwest parts of the state, will be represented. Many steps that are of importance to them and all the other miners in the country will be considered. The men at the head of their organization refuse to discuss the question for publication, but it is the general opinion that this convention will be the forerunner of a demand for another increase in wages. They were granted a small increase at the conclusion of their big strike, but they feel that they have not yet received their due. Changes for the betterment of conditions in the coal fields will also be demanded, it is understood. There are a number of things now controlled by the operators that are distasteful to the miners, and some action to modify the alleged evils will be brought about if the miners have their way. The miners and operators will hold their joint meeting the 30 of this month, and the grievances of the miners will then be submitted. The result of the refusal to grant their demands cannot be foretold. There is a possibility of another strike, but it is not considered probable, as the miners are averse to going on strike except as a last resort. The sessions of the convention will all be held in Tomlinson hall. Headquarters will be in the Occidental hotel.

Action against the proposed straw board trust was to have been taken today by the members of the Western Paper Box Manufacturers' association, who are meeting in this city. They say they will take radical steps if necessary to protect themselves against any increase that the straw board trust may declare. Yet they say they have no intention of organizing a paper box trust to control the price of boxes. They will bring it about in some other manner, they say. There were about 200 of them in attendance. About 100 of the members of the organization are men interested in the sale of materials for the box manufacturers. Under the bylaws of the association they are eligible. Several of them attended this meeting. Most of those at the meeting were Indiana men.

The Marion county Republicans will enter the coming campaign to elect legislators and county officers crippled by factional strife. It has all been caused by the contest between Charles N. Elliott, city clerk, and Harry B. Smith, county auditor, for the chairmanship of the county committee. Now Smith has withdrawn, but his withdrawal has left sore spots. Some of his constituents might have supported all the ticket had he been defeated, but now they will continue "soot," it is believed. Smith declares that he resigned from the race for the good of his party and because of the methods adopted by the city administration of Bookwalter's "ring" to defeat him. He says Mayor Bookwalter is using his office to aid Elliott's campaign and the nomination of the ring leaders.

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## McKinley Day.

Cleveland, Jan. 17.—Telegrams and letters received by Ryerson Ritchie, secretary of the McKinley National Memorial association, indicate a general observance of McKinley day throughout the country. Governor Yates of Illinois has suggested holding special services in the churches on Sunday, Jan. 26, and exercises in the schools on Jan. 29.

INTRICATE ENGLISH  
Hose Comes Either in Pairs Or By the Foot.

Havana, Jan. 17.—At the trial of the charges growing out of the Cuban post-office frauds yesterday, the examination of Ezes G. Rathbone, ex-director general of posts of Cuba, was concluded. During the hearing Rathbone was questioned further relative to the furnishing of his residence in El Cerro, Havana, from the postal funds. He said he could not have been expected to furnish his official residence from private funds, that he had not known how long he was going to remain in Cuba, and that General John R. Brooke, ex-military governor of Cuba, and General William Ludlow, ex-military governor of the city of Havana, had furnished their official residences from government funds.

Rathbone said his superiors knew of his expenditures in this respect and had not made objection thereto, and that these bills were only for moneys spent for house furnishing and not on his private account. The examination of a bill from a New York department store showed that 50 pairs of hose which it was alleged Rathbone bought for his private use, read 50 feet of hose. The examination of Rathbone did not bring out any strong points for the government, the matters touched upon involving only small amounts compared with the large amount of embezzlement alleged and believed to be out of proportion to the sentence asked for by the fiscal. In most of the incidents taken up during Rathbone's examination, it was only a question of whether he had been authorized to make the expenditures in question, and there was a lack of evidence showing criminal intent.

The matter of the expenses of the witnesses who have been brought here from the United States to testify in these cases is now worrying the postoffice officials. The clerk of a New York hotel, one of the general opinion that this convention will be the forerunner of a demand for another increase in wages. They were granted a small increase at the conclusion of their big strike, but they feel that they have not yet received their due. Changes for the betterment of conditions in the coal fields will also be demanded, it is understood. There are a number of things now controlled by the operators that are distasteful to the miners, and some action to modify the alleged evils will be brought about if the miners have their way. The miners and operators will hold their joint meeting the 30 of this month, and the grievances of the miners will then be submitted. The result of the refusal to grant their demands cannot be foretold. There is a possibility of another strike, but it is not considered probable, as the miners are averse to going on strike except as a last resort. The sessions of the convention will all be held in Tomlinson hall. Headquarters will be in the Occidental hotel.

## SEVEN MASKED MEN

## Hold Up a Kansas City Southern Train But Get Little.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 17.—The southbound Kansas City Southern passenger train was held up half a mile north of Spiro, I. T., by seven masked men. The robbers flagged the train between Spiro and Redland. While two of the seven men covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers others forced a porter who had appeared on the steps of the forward coach to uncouple the baggage car from the rest of the train. The baggage car uncoupled, the engineer was compelled to pull up the road a distance of a mile. There the robbers after disarming the messenger, went through the baggage and mail cars. Their work finished, one of the robbers handed the messenger the revolver taken from him and all made for the timber. Postoffice officials deny that any registered mail was taken, and the express officials say that one package containing \$3 covers their loss.

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## TERSE TELEGRAMS

Count von Waldersee and his wife will visit America in April.

Five Indians were killed during the recent trouble at the Tongue River agency in Montana.

King Edward opened Parliament yesterday with a ceremonial in all essential respects similar to that of February last.

A strong belief prevails in London financial circles that negotiations for peace have been opened between the leading Boers and the British government.

In the disturbance at Pekin between three Japanese soldiers and an Austrian sentry one of the Japanese was killed and the sentry was badly bayoneted.

On the return of the Colombian gunboat Boreas to Panama with troops from Chiriqui it is expected that Gen. Alvaro will attack the revolutionary fleet.

The railroads are calling taxpayers convention to have a home company to book which does not give Gen. Admiral W. S. Schley, credit for the naval victory at Santiago.

A heavy snow storm swept over Germany this week. The snow is three feet deep in Thuringia. Railroad and telegraphic communication has been interrupted.

Wholesale dismissals in the census bureau have begun. Several hundred already have received their discharges and 500 others and possibly many more will go Feb. 1.

John B. Easton, at present captain of the Boston Navy Yard, has been selected to command the battleship Oregon, which is now fitting out on the Pacific coast.

The Chinese emperor went from the Forbidden City to the Temple of Heaven before daylight yesterday, offered sacrifices and gave thanks for the safe return to Pekin.

Senator Vest has introduced a resolution appropriating \$2,000 for a marble bust of ex-Senator Daniel W. Voorhees, of Indiana, to be placed in the Congressional Library.

**Local Merchants Complain.**  
Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 17.—Local merchants complain that rural free delivery is causing a dullness of trade.

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## "NO" SAID SALISBURY

When Asked If Boers Had Made Peace Overtures.

London, Jan. 17.—Lord Salisbury, in his address to parliament yesterday, defended martial law in South Africa and urged the opposition to remember that they were not dealing with the question as to whether or not they could make out a good case against the government. The premier pleaded that they should not allow their eagerness to improve their party position make them forget the issue whether or not Great Britain should be the victor in the war. He reminded the opposition that a wrong settlement now would impose grave difficulties and embarrassments upon the nation for many years to come.

Replying to the premier, Lord Rosebery said he favored a passive policy of peace which would receive overtures when made and that in this connection he wished to know the truth of the rumors concerning the visit to London of Dr. Kuyper, the premier of Holland. Had Dr. Kuyper brought such overtures, he asked.

"Not so far as I know," answered Lord Salisbury.

"Have any overtures been received from the Boer leaders in Europe?" asked Lord Rosebery.

To this question Lord Salisbury answered "No."

## Howard's Defense.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 17.—Jim Howard took the stand in his own defense yesterday afternoon, being the first witness called on that side. At the forenoon session Judge Thomas R. Gordon made the opening statement for the defense. He paid a high tribute to the personal and political career of William Goeoel and was severe in his arraignment of ex-Governor Taylor and Caleb Powers. He contended that his client, the defendant, however, was innocent. Howard's defense in the present as in the former trials is an alibi. He swore that he was in the board of trade hotel when Goeoel was shot, talking to Ben White and Joe Wages. He said he went to the statehouse the first time that afternoon. He says he was clean shaven and denied that he exhibited any cartridges to W. H. Culvert.

## Fierce Viennese Storm.

Vienna, Jan. 17.—Over 100 persons were injured, many of them severely, by a great windstorm which swept over Vienna yesterday. Houses were unroofed, chimneys were blown down and the streets were so filled with debris as to seriously impede traffic. People were blown down while on the street and a number of horses were killed. A train was blown off its tracks and passenger traffic has been tied up.

## In a Crowded Street.

Cincinnati, Jan. 17.—The show window of William Fink's jewelry store on Main near 13th street was broken last night and a tray containing 60 diamond rings valued at \$2,500 was stolen. The robbers escaped after firing several shots at Mr. Fink, who pursued them. The thoroughfare was crowded at the time, but the robbers escaped.

## Poor Old Man!

He—Do you think your father would be willing to listen to my plea this evening?

She—Heavens, don't plead! Threaten. Pa's more used to it.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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5 Cottage Grove	9:42 am	4:48 pm	Converse ...		1:51 pm
6 Kellville	10:00 am	5:15 pm	Marion ...</td		