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BALCONY GIVES WAY.

FORTY FALL RIVER, MASS., PEOPLE ARE INJURED.

Accident Happens in a Crowded Rink—Spaniards Exceedingly Wroth Over Resolutions Passed by Congress—Trade in the East Is Stationary.

Hurt by Falling Gallery.
At least forty people, all young men and boys, were injured at the Casino Roller Skating Rink at Fall River, Mass., Friday evening, three probably fatally. The Fall River and New Bedford Tolo Clubs were playing a sharply contested game, and more than 2,000 people looked on from the balconies. Without the least warning, the guard rail in the east gallery gave way and 150 people were thrown to the skating surface, twenty feet below. Benches became couches for the wounded and the big rink soon took on the appearance of a hospital, to which a large corps of physicians had been summoned. The accident was due to the mass of onlookers pressing as close as possible to the rail to watch a critical play close to the gallery.

Mad Rush of Waters.
The greatest flood in the history of the Pequabuck Valley, in Connecticut, occurred Sunday morning, spreading ruin and desolation on every hand. The town of Bristol was a heavy sufferer during the storm of a few weeks ago, when six men lost their lives, but the waste of water Sunday collapsed all previous records. At Brooklyn a mill owner lost his life, and several accidents are reported from other points. The heavy rain and melting snow on the mountains swelled the basin of the old copper mine dam in Whiggsville, until it burst, tearing away 100 feet wide in the granite masonry and letting a volume of water covering seventy-five acres and forty feet high into the river below, which itself was a roaring deluge. The great body of water tore down the valley with a roar that was heard above the noise of the storm for miles away. The roar of the flood aroused families for miles around and many people whose houses the flood had not reached packed up what effects they could in anticipation of being summarily evicted. The highway bridges on nearly all roads crossing the Pequabuck were swept away. The lower stories of dozens of houses were covered with water all the morning, and much property in the cellars was ruined.

United States Consulate Attacked.
Headlines in the Chicago Tribune Monday, relating to the action of Spaniards when they received news of the Cuban resolutions passed by Congress, read: "Spanish Mob Stones Our Flag—Fierce Attack Made by 15,000 Men on the United States Consulate in Barcelona—Police Repel Rioters After a Hard Fight—Rage of the People Against Uncle Sam Flamed to Fever Heat at a Public Meeting—Lazation at Madrid in Imminent Danger—Public Feeling Is Intense, and Hasty Preparations Are Being Made for a War—Students Are Shouting 'Death to the Yankees' in the Streets." The news created great interest at Washington. A special cabinet meeting was held, and a demand read from Spain that this government disavow the Senate's action. Officials at Washington expect quick and ample apology from Spain, and reparation for whatever damage may have been inflicted.

Horseless Mail Wagons Adopted.
Horseless mail wagons will soon be used in all the large cities of the United States. It has now been definitely decided by the Postoffice Department to employ the horseless wagons in the transportation of mails in city and country districts where there are no railway lines and where the service can be improved by making "separations" (separating the mails between offices while in transit). It is intended to place these wagons in service in cities which cover a large area and where "separations" between four or five stations will greatly facilitate mail deliveries.

Dun & Co.'s Review.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "In some quarters business gains at the West, rather than at the East, but there is no general change for the better, although hopefulness still predominates. The want of sufficient demand for the products of great industries still retards actual improvement. Strikes of some importance in garment making and kindred lines affect trade in Chicago and Baltimore, but there are fewer labor difficulties than usual, as existing conditions warn wage-earners that controversies at this time are unwise."

BREVITIES.

John Yulios, of Bethlehem, Pa., who offered Mrs. John Beagan a glass of beer and was beaten therefor by her husband, has died from the injuries inflicted.

Prof. C. D. Woods, of Middletown, N. Y., vice director of Storrs Agricultural College, has been appointed dean of the agricultural department of the Maine State College and director of the experiment station at Orono.

Fire broke out at midnight Monday in the wholesale and retail house furnishing establishment of Gordon & Keith, Hall-fax, N. S., and when gotten under control at 3 a. m. had practically wiped out the entire block. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The dead bodies of Flora Larbig and Edward Peters, aged 17 and 19 years respectively, were found in the basement of 350 West Fourteenth street, Chicago, Friday. Murder and suicide had been committed during the night. Peters was jealous of the girl.

Amos Winans, head carpenter for the Cadillacs at Sioux City, Iowa, was caught in a shaft of the cutting-room and beaten to death.

Two children of Howard Allen, of Kokomo, Ind., aged 4 and 2 years, locked in the house during the absence of their mother, found some matches and burned themselves to death.

The success of the uniformity agreement in the Pittsburgh coal district is assured. At the second day's session of the railroad shippers over forty operators, representing 70 per cent. of the entire tonnage, affixed their signature to the agreement.

SENATE IS FOR CUBA.

RESOLUTIONS FAVORING RECOGNITION ARE PASSED.

Belligerent Rights Are to Be Duly Accorded—Weyler Called a Butcher and Spain an Outlaw Nation—Galleries Break Out in Applause.

In Name of Humanity.
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the opinion of Congress a condition of public war exists between the Government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.
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Early in the afternoon, says a Washington correspondent, the sentiment among the Senators themselves apparently rose to fever heat, and it was easy to see that Cuba after many long delays had its day in court. The resolutions which were passed not only recognize the fact that there is a state of war existing in the Island of Cuba, but also in effect suggest that the friendly offices of the United States should be offered by President Cleveland to the Spanish Government in the direction of securing the independence of Cuba.

No one doubted that when the Senate finally got to work there would be a practically unanimous sentiment in favor of the Cuban insurgents, but recent events have hastened matters considerably, and the arrival of Capt. Gen. Weyler on the

island with his prompt pronouncements of coming butchery, and his past record of bloodshed, even and women uniting in their manifestations of approval. This is entirely against the rules of the Senate, but the Vice President and the Sergeant-at-Arms were powerless in the face of the people themselves who had come to see the first step taken toward Cuban freedom. At frequent intervals in the proceedings the galleries took part, in spite of all threats to clear the seats.

The vote of 64 to 6 is a sufficient indication of the feeling of Congress, for the Senate is always the more conservative body and least liable to be led away by popular clamor. As soon as the resolutions were passed in the Senate they were brought over to the House and were there received with cheers.

There was a good deal of careful maneuvering required to put the resolutions in a shape which would not embarrass the

administration. Although the Constitution requires all resolutions to be submitted to the President before taking effect, it has been the custom of Congress not to send concurrent resolutions to the White House. They have been used only in expressing the opinion of Congress and are employed on matters which do not need legislative approval. In the present case it was desired only to express to the world that the American Congress was in favor of recognizing the Cuban patriots as belligerents, and also to put on record the belief that the time for securing the independence of the island was at hand. It was not desired to have them signed by the President, because if that were required it might embarrass him in his diplomatic correspondence with Spain relative to the possible independence of Cuba.

Congress the Responsible Body.
The stand taken by the administration throughout the Cuban affair has been that inasmuch as the United States have a treaty with Spain they are bound to observe its provisions. In his first message the President stated pretty clearly that the responsibility for any action, as far as Cuba was concerned, lay with Congress. All that he said was that Spain, being a friendly nation, must have the benefit of her treaty.

Friends of the President declare that he has never been other than willing to grant belligerent rights to Cuba, but that he is distinctly unwilling to assume responsibilities in the matter which should be shouldered by Congress. Congress alone can declare war, and the President is decidedly unwilling to take the initiative in a matter that may cause active hostilities with Spain. He is known to have declared himself recently to one of his friends in the Senate, and is represented as saying: "Let Congress pass a joint resolution declaring it wants Cuba recognized and Cuba will be recognized."

No one expects Spain to let the island go without a struggle, but it was considered to be the only proper thing for this country to do to make a peaceable proposition first and then, in case that were rejected, to secure independence by armed intervention if necessary.

Vest for Cubans.
A stirring speech by Mr. Vest in behalf of Cuba was the event of Thursday in the Senate. It came unexpectedly, and served to arouse enthusiasm.

The Senate had agreed that the final vote on the Cuban resolution would be taken at 4 p. m. Friday, and the debate was proceeding. Mr. White of California and Mr. Gray of Delaware contending as a legal proposition that the United States could not at this time recognize Cuba's independence. This aroused Mr. Vest, first, for question, then for remonstrance, and then to one of the bursts of eloquence with which he at times electrifies the Senate.

He spoke of Spain as the toothless old wolf who had had lost one by one all her litter, and was still clinging to this single remaining cub. He pictured Spain as the impotent giant of Despair in the Pilgrim's Progress, gazing on defeat. In impassioned words he apostrophized liberty in periods of rare beauty and fervor, adding with ringing emphasis that the Cuban patriots would never, never again become the unwilling subjects of Spain.

CLEVELAND'S BIRTHPLACE.
An irreverent and soulless Trolley Company About to Cut It in Two.
The little parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, N. J., the birthplace of President Cleveland, is in danger of being demolished by an irreverent trolley company and a soulless corporation.

The parsonage is a pretty wooden structure two stories high. It sits back from the road in Bloomfield avenue, as fine a driveway as can be found in New Jersey. Unfortunately this little house is in a direct line, according to the surveyors' plans, with the tracks of the trolley.

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