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WASHINGTON, 16.—The House committee on foreign affairs has directed Wilson's bill to be reported providing for the payment over to China the Chinese indemnity fund, except such sum as is necessary for the liquidation of certain claims on the part of the United States against China.

Cox's bill was also directed to be reported paying to Japan \$785,000 from the funds in its possession, and to cover the remainder into the Treasury.

The ways and means committee referred the subject of McKay's approach to Judge Kelley for improper purposes to a sub-committee composed of Tucker, Frye and Morrison.

Edmunds' electoral count bill provides for a meeting of the electors on the second Monday of January instead of the second Wednesday of December, and provides for a State disposition of any controversy under such laws as it may have in existence before choosing the electors; the two Houses to proceed in conformity with the decisions of the respective States.

The general appropriation bills are now ready and will be taken up at once to the exclusion of other bills, so that several days may elapse beyond the day set before a debate upon the funding bill is entered upon. Meanwhile the opinion is gaining ground among members that three and a half per cent. is the proper rate of interest for the new bonds to bear, and aside from the few ultra-greenbackers, no serious opposition to the passage of the bill is anticipated.

It was the intention of the Senate committee on foreign relations to take up the Inter-Oceanic Canal question to-day, but in consequence of the exhaustion of the appropriation for public printing, the documents recently transmitted to Congress have not yet been returned from the printing office, and no action was taken.

Hon. Lucius Fairchild, United States minister to Spain, will represent the United States at the conference to be held in Madrid to arrange with the envoy of Morocco, rules relating to the protection by foreign powers of Jews and other subjects of the Sultan of Morocco.

The Secretary of the Interior today received a telegram from Los Pinos Agency dated March 14th, stating that a number of parties have already staked out placer claims, and taken up ranches on the Ute Reservation, and others are preparing to follow. The telegram says: "The next two weeks will see the reservation swarming with trespassers and a conflict is inevitable." The agent concludes with a request that troops be ordered to the reservation for the purpose of protecting the Utes. This matter was the subject of consideration at a meeting of the cabinet to-day, and later Secretary Schurz had a conference on the subject with Ouray, and the chief is now here awaiting the action of Congress on their agreement with the government to ceding their reservation. It was decided at this conference that in order to influence their nation against hostilities, the Ute chiefs should leave at once for Colorado. This afternoon the following order was issued:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 16, 1880.

It having been brought to the attention of the Interior Department that persons are now entering the Ute Reservation, in the State of Colorado, for the purpose of locating ranches and mineral claims, notice is hereby given that such locations and claims will not be recognized by the Interior Department, as lands embodied within said reservation are not now public lands of the United States, and no location made thereon can or will be recognized as legal, except those made after the lands shall have been regularly restored to the public domain.

(Signed) C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

The Secretary has also addressed a communication to the Indian committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, informing them of the threatened difficulty, and urging prompt action upon the pending agreement. It is said at the War Department that troops are now stationed at convenient points near the reservation, and if it is deemed necessary can be readily called into service to keep off invaders and preserve peace. It is understood that a

proclamation will be issued if the invasion continues.

Before the exodus committee, in answer to Voorhees, Burch, a witness, said the reason the colored men did not defend themselves in the parishes where they largely outnumbered the whites, was that these whites were men who inaugurated and sustained the rebellion, and they had kept up their military organization ever since, and had an army of trained fighters to-day. It was absurd to expect a negro with a hoe in his hand to resist them. Things are quieter now, and there are less persecutions than under republican rule, but the men are, nevertheless, being driven away.

The House committee on foreign affairs has disposed of two long-pending matters known as "the Chinese indemnity fund." Representative Wilson was authorized to report to the House for passage his bill which provides that the Chinese indemnity fund now under the control of the Secretary of State be paid over to the Government of China, except that a sum shall be retained sufficient in the opinion of the Executive to pay the amount which may be awarded by the Court of Claims to the owners of the ship *Forest Belle* for the plunder and destruction of said ship.

Representative Cox was also instructed to report his bill to the House with favorable recommendations. The bill directs the President to pay the government of Japan \$785,000 in gold coin now under the control of the State Department with interest. The bill further directs the President, from the increase and accrued interest upon said Japanese fund, to pay to the officers and crew of the United States ship *Wyoming* \$125,000 for their meritorious service on the destruction of hostile vessels in the Straits of Shimonoseki, in July 1883-4; and to the officers and crew of the steamer *Teaking* for similar services during September, 1884.

On motion of Representative Atkins, the appropriation committee agreed to report an amendment to the special deficiency bill pending in the House providing for an appropriation of \$8,665,000 to complete the payment of pensions the present fiscal year. An appropriation of \$62,765,000 is required to pay the pension rolls during the present year. Judging from the large additions to the rolls continually being made, the next Congress will be called upon to pass a still larger deficiency bill.

The Senate elections committee by a strict party vote has decided to submit to the Senate resolutions, declaring that Kellogg is not and Spafford is, entitled to a seat. The republicans submit a minority report.

The House committee on ways and means decided to devote next week to several questions involving changes in the tariff laws and hold daily meetings until they are disposed of.

NEW YORK, 16.—The Shanghai correspondent of the London *Times* writes, reviewing the China market and the prospects of trade. He says: Except in a season of abnormal depression in America, it is unlikely that the United States will be for many a day a serious competitor with England in the Asiatic or any other foreign market for piece goods. The carrying trade of China tends to pass more and more into English hands, and in the immediate future it is likely that the whole of the river navigation along the Yangtze, between Shanghai and divers routes, will pass under the British flag. The Clyde-built iron river steamers which replaced the old American wooden ships, have proved during the last few years a great success. From the coasting as well as the river carrying trade of China, the American flag has departed; the only American steamers left being two or three men-of-war that are too unseaworthy to sail home. The German interest both on shore and at sea steadily declines, and we English are left to share the trade, a most profitable one at times, so far as regards China. There is no lack of energy or enterprise among our merchants.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, 16.—The Union Pacific emigrant train from San Francisco brought to Council Bluffs this evening about 600 passengers. The train to-morrow will bring 500 more. There were about 50 Chinese on to-day's train, a number of these people are going to New York, Boston and elsewhere, on a visit, taking advantage of the \$35 through rate; many expect to locate in the eastern States. Many Chinese are also going West.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., 16.—At the

Hammond colliery, this morning, just after the men had gone into the shaft to work, word came up that the gangways had caved in and imprisoned about 20 miners. The men in the adjacent breast came up as swiftly as they could possibly be hoisted, while others descended to rescue their companions. All escaped except Martin McDonald who was mortally injured. The wildest excitement prevailed.

NEW YORK, 17.—The *World* says: The magistrate who sentenced Kearney took the proper course in imposing so serious a penalty, for Kearney has been a serious nuisance for a long time. For the next six months, at least, California will be free of him, and at the end of his seclusion he may begin darkly to apprehend how unwise a man he has been, and determine to devote himself in future to his private business.

The *Herald's* special dated Shanghai, 16, says: I hear on the best authority that the Pekin authorities have sentenced Chung How, late ambassador to Russia, to death. His decision, that reaches me to-day, carries with it grave complications between China and Russia, for the Czar will certainly resent the punishment of an envoy. A sudden warlike spirit seems to have gained possession of the Chinese people, on all sides there are symptoms of the coming struggle before which all wars of the empire will fade into insignificance. The army is being carefully trained in the principles of European tactics. Their spears and match locks are being replaced by rifles, the bamboo lances of the cavalry are giving place to the sabres of the British troopers. The governor generals of 18 provinces of the empire have been charged with a special military commission and new powers are conferred on members of their staff. A general inspection has been ordered by the war minister, accounts of the war departments overhauled and coast defences strengthened. A number of foreign drill-masters have been brought to Tientsin. A proposition is already being made for calling out the regular volunteers, who are only mustered on the gravest occasions.

The *Tribune* says: It seems to us that the most serious danger to the State is to be looked for in Sacramento rather than at San Francisco. No "harmonious and mutually honorable settlement" is possible except upon the basis of justice, of which the lawmakers of California show no very lively appreciation. The unfortunate and deluded people will not find complete relief until they have got rid of their new Constitution, but in the meanwhile the legislature if it choose, might mitigate the mischief caused by that monstrous instrument. Having suppressed Kearney, the Citizen's Protective Union will perhaps find a good field for its activity in sustaining the enlightened and conservative members of the legislature in their efforts to save something out of the wreck of California's credit.

The ship *N. B. Palmer*, reports that February 15th, latitude 30, longitude 30, she spoke the steamer *Derwent*, from Glasgow, for the Island of Trinidad, with her cargo in the after hold on fire for four days. The steamer hoped to be able to reach Trinidad.

CHICAGO, 17.—The *Times*, after expressing satisfaction that it was mistaken in supposing the courts would not punish Kearney, says, in conclusion of a long article: "No sentence was ever more richly earned than the one which the San Francisco police court has pronounced upon Kearney. It is to be hoped not only that it will be fully executed upon him, but also that other ringleaders of the mob may receive an equal measure of justice and that the communistic mayor, Kallach, after first being impeached and removed from his office for using incendiary language, may be sent to join Kearney at the penitentiary."

The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says: Mrs. Lockwood's statements, so far, have been borne out and she complains that Senator Ben Hill will not sue her for defamation of character so as to give her a chance to defend herself.

WASHINGTON, 17.—The Secretary of War, to-day, sent to the House of Representatives a letter from General McDowell, asking an appropriation for improvement on the Presidio reservation by planting trees, constructing roads, enclosing grounds, etc., if this is agreed to by Congress it will add the Presidio to the number of San Francisco parks.

Senator Jones, Nevada, reappeared in the Senate, to-day, for the first time since recess. He was warmly greeted by his hosts of friends on

both sides of the Chamber, and announced to them his intention of remaining in Washington until the close of the present session. It is not thought probable that Senator Sharon, who started homewards last Saturday will reoccupy his seat this session.

Postmaster-General Key said that he intends to postpone action on the report of his department officials concerning Wells, Fargo & Co's letter carrying business until he obtains the views of the Pacific Coast congressional delegation on the subject, and that he will also wait to hear arguments of any persons who may wish to come here within a reasonable time to present them.

Californians in Washington are of the impression that the Postmaster-General will not cut off this service as recommended by the commission, but that he will content himself with making regulations to insure a proper collection hereafter of the full amount of postage.

W. T. Green was, to-day, appointed postmaster at Sheet Iron, Colusa County, vice Reed resigned.

The President is very indignant at the conduct of Major Reno in failing to save himself from degradation by resigning, and to-day summarily dismissed him from the service.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 17.—The Senate passed the bill embodying the postal money order convention with the United States.

St. Petersburg.—Gen. Skoboloff is of opinion that there will be no necessity to march to Merv, as the Turcomans will advance to meet the Russians.

It is semi-officially stated that Prince Orloff has not been recalled from the legation at Paris but has only been summoned to give information in relation to the Hartmann affair.

The first of the four political trials before the chief military tribunal has ended by the conviction of the prisoner who was sentenced to death.

Rome.—It is alleged that the Pope, having learned that seven Catholic dignitaries in England had used violent language against the British government, and supported the Irish movement, has expressed his disapproval at their conduct and dispatched letters of remonstrance to them.

Cape Town.—The general post-office has been robbed of all the diamonds awaiting shipment by mail, valued at £75,000.

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CLERKS OF COUNTY COURTS.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah: That at the general election in eighteen hundred and eighty, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the several counties of this Territory, a Clerk of the County Court, who shall be ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court for each County, whose term of office shall be for two years, and until his successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified. He shall within twenty days after his election, take an oath of office, and give bonds with approved security to the acceptance of the County Court, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and such oath and bond shall be filed with the Probate Judge.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved Feb. 20, 1880.

I, Arthur L. Thomas, Secretary of the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the above act, entitled "An Act providing for the election of Clerks of County Courts, approved Feb. 20, 1878," is a true and correct copy as appears by the records on file in my office.

Attest: My hand and seal at Salt Lake City, this 21st day of February, A.D. 1880.

[SEAL.] ARTHUR L. THOMAS,
Sec'y of Utah.

The Chicago papers state that the entire sewerage of that city is poured into the Chicago River and then served up daily as a beverage to the citizens through the water works. That is, perhaps, the reason why so many people of Chicago use beer instead of water as a regular beverage.

A young lady in Chicago, who asked by the officiating minister "Will you love, honor and obey this man as your husband and be to him a true wife?" said plainly, "Yes, if he does what he promised me financially."—*Gold Hill News*.

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