

declaration, done something not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing afford a sure guaranty of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstance every obligation it incurs, do not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give to prevent, in time of fear and apprehension, any sacrifice of the people's interests and public funds or the impairment of our public credit, in the effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present contingency.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Executive Mansion, December 20, 1895.

### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The second day of the big strike of the employees of the Traction company opened with the situation practically unchanged as far as running the cars is concerned. All branches are in effect tied up, although cars with formidable escorts of police have made their circuit of nearly every one of them without molestation, enabling the officials to declare the lines "open." At irregular intervals an immense concourse of pedestrians on Chestnut street have been treated to the extraordinary spectacle of a trolley car moving slowly along preceded and followed by four mounted policemen and carrying on the front and rear platform an aggregate of five policemen. Each officer is armed with a heavy oak night stick. Many deputy marshals are said to be running cars. Up to the writing of this dispatch not more than a dozen cars have made their way down Chestnut street, escorted in the manner described above. There are very few passengers, as the cars proceed so slowly that walking is preferable. Fortunately the weather is beautiful.

Mayor Warwick and Director of Public Safety Beitler, who spent the night in the City hall ready for any emergency which might arise, reported this morning with an evident air of relief that reports from all sections of the city are to the effect that everything is quiet today. This condition is without doubt due in a large extent to the determined stand taken by the mayor last night, when he served notice that it was no longer a fight between the Traction company and the strikers, but a battle between the city and mob violence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Selema Du Ghan, an Arabian of Brooklyn, has just received a letter from his sister in Jerusalem, telling of a threatened wholesale massacre in that place by the Turkish government. The letter says:

"If England goes to war with Turkey Christians here will be murdered by the Mohammedans. America is the best place in the world but we cannot go there now as it is too late. We may all be killed in a few weeks. We are willing to die, though, for God's holy will. I am glad you are safe in America. Take care and don't come back here, as you will surely be killed."

"Mr. Wallace, the American consul, will soon start for the United States and he would gladly take some of us along, if he only dared. If we attempted to move from here the Turks would become suspicious and kill us."

Mr. Du Ghan frequently takes parties on expeditions through the Holy Land and Egypt. He has become an American citizen and for the reason fears he may lose his life if he returns to his native country. He has been in America at intervals amounting in all to a period of sixteen years. He was born in Ramath, Gilead, and when four years old his parents moved to Jerusalem. He was educated at Mount Zion in one of the English schools. He took a party through Palestine a few years ago.

Mr. Du Ghan declared last night that he would take a party of American tourists to the Holy Land the first week in January, despite the fact that his life may be in danger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Hitt (Rep. Ill.) reported in the House this morning as soon as it had been called to order, and called for unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill to empower the President to appoint a commission to consider the Venezuelan boundary question and an appropriation of \$100,000 for the expenses thereof. The text of the bill is as follows:

"A bill making an appropriation for the expense of a commission to investigate and report on a true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the President to investigate and report upon the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana."

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the World from Caracas says:

The news of the Cleveland message, uncompromisingly upholding Venezuela and the Monroe doctrine, created the wildest joy and enthusiasm. It has produced new confidence in the future of the country, and it acts like magic.

The Venezuelan foreign office declares that it will sustain the dignity and sovereignty of the republic by force if necessary, and 100,000 soldiers can be put in the field. The government declines to speak officially in regard to the Urutan incident, but the World correspondent is assured that it will refuse to concede the indemnity of \$60,000 recently demanded by Great Britain.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 20.—Advice from Havana state that Campos will make desperate efforts to break the power of the insurgents. He has determined to force the fighting because of urgent orders from Madrid. The cabinet has informed Campos that unless decisive victories are won over the insurgents it will be impossible for Spain to procure money to maintain her army on the island. The minister of finance has said that the Spanish treasury is empty and the insurgents have made such a showing that it is impossible to float a new loan in any European capital.

### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The telephone wires are being placed under ground in Portland, Or.

Robert B. Montague, mayor-elect of Lebanon, Or., attained his majority after his election.

The salmon hatchery at Mapleton, Oregon, on the Stuslaw, will probably turn out 40,000 Chinook salmon this year.

The Oriental imports received at Tacoma for the year ending October 30th were valued at \$10,477,522. Of this over \$8,000,000 was tea and silk.

R. H. Megor, the recently appointed postmaster of Rawlins, Wyo., has been discovered to be \$530 short in his post-office accounts.

There have been 6,700 boxes of apples, 1,234 boxes of pears and nearly 600 barrels of hops shipped from Grant's Pass, Oregon, since September 1st.

Clifton E. Mayne, the ex-Ogden boomer who is in jail at Los Angeles, has been refused bail asked of the supreme court of California on the ground of his ill health.

William Brandon, a well known stock dealer and pioneer citizen of Petaluma, Cal., died Monday afternoon from injuries received several weeks ago by a horse kicking him in the face.

W. J. McGeorge, a young druggist, accidentally shot by a companion while hunting a week ago at Eureka, Cal., died at the hospital Sunday night from the effects of the wound.

It is announced from Portland, Oregon, that the Burlington railway has a good prospect of forcing the Union Pacific to allow it a western terminal either at Puget Sound or Portland.

Henry C. Tyson, the old man who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Joe Buzzell, near the San Joaquin bridge, Cal., on Thanksgiving night, had been captured six miles from Mercer, by Deputy Sheriff Wagner.

A very rich strike was made Wednesday in the Pure Quill mine at Angels, Cal., a shoot of ore being found which shows free gold in ribbon streaks and shows fully \$60,000 in sight. The shoot is five feet wide.

Monday afternoon \$21,168.30 was paid into the Los Angeles county, Cal., treasury by the bondsmen of ex-County Auditor Eli Hammond, being the amount of Hammond's defalcation, with interest at 7 per cent up to November 1st.

Tempe, Arizona, News: The canals company is about to resume operations and Prof. Guily will be here Monday, at which time he will pay all claims against the company. It is thought that from now on the project will be pushed steadily ahead.

A South Seattle, Washington, matrimonial agent named Newman has been indicted by the federal grand jury for using the mails to advertise fraudulently that he had a \$10,000 beauty 22 years old on his list who wished to find a suitable husband.

Sheriff Royce of Sedgwick county, Kas., arrived at Phoenix, Arizona, Wednesday morning, from Mexico, bringing with him G. G. Nordmark, arrested in Sonora. Nordmark embezzled \$450 from the Postal Telegraph