

ing that committee to examine into all the circumstances relating to the alleged imprisonment of Bliss and Masterman in Paraguay, and the conduct of the late American Minister there and of the officers of the South Atlantic squadron.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Governor of Mass., announcing the ratification of the 15th Amendment.

Adjourned till Monday.

GENERAL.

San Francisco.—Savage and Smith, who murdered Lieutenant Commander Mitchell, of the United States Navy, in October last, were to-day sentenced to ten years respectively in the State prison.

Indian outrages are reported in Humboldt County, California. One man, while ploughing his field, was killed by the savages; his house was plundered and fired, the family barely escaping by flight. Immediate pursuit was made, but the Indians escaped into the mountains.

Late Arizona intelligence says Indian depredations and murders are numerous; the people are becoming exasperated and a war of extermination is suggested, commencing with the massacre of the Indians residing on the Government reservations.

Legal tenders 77½.

New York, 15.—The Overland mail, with California dates to Feb. 23rd, has arrived; an immense quantity of mail matter was received.

Washington.—The Senate Republican caucus nominated the following: John R. French, of North Carolina, Sergeant-at-arms; John M. Morris, of Conn., Executive clerk; A. M. Claff, of the Buffalo Express, Public Printer.

Lewistown, Me.—The Congregational Church, at Wilton, was crushed flat this morning by the weight of snow on the roof; only the library was saved.

Chicago.—The following are the chairmen of the House Committees: on Elections, Paine, of Wis.; Ways and Means, Schenck, Cooper second; Appropriations, Dawes, Beaman second; Banks and Currency, Garfield; Pacific Railroad, Wheeler, of New York; Claims, Washburne, of Mass.; Commerce, Dixon; Public Lands, Julian; Post Offices, Farnsworth; Manufactures, Morrill; Agriculture, Wilson of Ohio; Indian Affairs, Clarke of Kansas; Military Affairs, Logan, of Ill.; Militia, Shanks; District of Columbia, Cook of Ill.; Judiciary, Bingham; Revolutionary Claims, Boyd, of Mo.; Public Expenditures, Coburn, of Indiana; Private Claims, Blair of Michigan; Naval Affairs, Schofield, of Penna.; Foreign Affairs, Banks; Territories, Cullom, of Ill.; Invalid Pensions, Benjamin of Mo.; Roads, Ingersoll, of Ill.; Mining, Ferris of N.Y.; Freedmen's Affairs, Dochroy, of N.C.; Education, Arnell of Tenn.; Reconstruction, Butler of Mass.

Rochester.—Allen Smith was killed yesterday, while entering a church at the head of a funeral procession, by a trap door, which was blown by the wind from the belfrey, crushing his skull.

Washington, 15.—A delegation of the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians had an interview with the President to-day; they stated their desire to co-operate with the Government to preserve peace between the Government and the Indians. The interview was of a very pleasant character.

Boston.—Gloucester papers state that the gale of the 6th was one of the most disastrous to the fishing fleets ever experienced. As far as heard from six men were lost. Great fears are entertained for the safety of several vessels, which, when last seen, were in a disabled condition.

New York.—The Tribune's Atlanta special gives the details of more Ku Klux murders in Murray Co., Ga.

Joshua Hill denies that he sent a dispatch urging the Georgia Legislature to adopt the Constitutional Amendment.

Chicago.—A boiler exploded in a distillery in the northern part of the city yesterday afternoon, killing the engineer, severely scalding a boy and almost demolishing the building.

Chicago.—The Republican's special says the removal of Deftres, as Congressional printer, by the Republican Senate Caucus, causes much surprise, as it was not known that he had any opposition. A. M. Clarke, of the Buffalo Express was nominated after a severe struggle. There was no effort made to remove Gorham.

The Tribune's New York special says that James Fisk, junr., recently offered a million dollars for the New York

Times newspaper; the offer was declined.

Chicago, 16.—Cole and Sargeant have agreed to give Waite a naval office and Buckbee a postal agency, vice Truman of Oregon, declining.

The following appointments have been agreed to: Postal agent, Benjamin Underwood; Surveyor-general, E. L. Applegate; Indian Superintendent, Presidential elector Meachin; Internal revenue collector, Dr. Bowlby; Assessor Frazer is retained; Asst. Registers, A. T. Roseburg and Wm. R. Willis; Receiver, Flint; Indian agents, Jas. T. Gazely, Benjamin Simpson, Capt. Lovellette and John Smith.

New York.—Two hundred and sixty hogs, already dressed, were seized on Saturday at the Hudson river depot by the Sanitary Inspector, all somewhat diseased. It is believed that numbers of diseased hogs have been thrust upon the market.

Colonel Stockton has arrived at St. Marks, Fla., from the camp of the Cuban insurgents. He brings an address from the Supreme Junta, asking recognition and giving numerous reasons therefor.

New Orleans.—Gen. Canby has issued an order appropriating \$35,000 from the State Treasury of Texas to carry on the provisional government of that State for the current year.

Louisville.—The funeral of Mr. Guthrie was attended by the Masonic fraternity and a large number of citizens.

Washington.—Commander L. M. Powell has been commissioned a Rear Admiral, on the retired list.

The Executive Mansion was crowded with visitors this morning.

New York.—S. T. Clark, the financial editor of the Tribune, died to-day.

The Post says the Central railroad, having neglected to pay the Government tax of five per cent. of its net earnings, the question will come before the Internal Revenue Department. The amount involved is \$1,200,000.

The Commercial's special says A. T. Stewart asked the favor of naming a man for the office of District Attorney of New York; the President said he had promised that office to a friend last summer.

St. Louis.—A Denver dispatch, on the authority of Mayor Ames at Ft. Lyon, says Custar was captured eight days ago on a scouting expedition; no particulars are given.

Washington, D.C., 16.—Gen. Donaldson has retired from active service.

New York.—The Herald's Washington letter says it was the Treasury Ring and not the law of 1789 that ruled out Steuart. The law has been a dead letter for years. Secretary McCulloch violated its provisions, and had it not been for the weakness of some of the President's friends, who quailed before the clamor of the Treasury Ring, two-thirds of Congress would willingly have voted for the repeal of a law which had become obsolete and useless.

Philadelphia.—The remains of the Right Rev. Michael Egan, the first Bishop of Philadelphia, and of the Right Rev. Henry Cornwell, the second Bishop of Philadelphia, were removed to-day to vaults under the Cathedral sanctuary. A solemn pontifical mass was celebrated in which several Bishops participated.

St. Louis.—The steamer Ruth, which was burned last night below Vicksburg, was one of the largest and finest vessels on the Western Waters. She belonged to the Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company, and cost two hundred thousand dollars four years ago. The cargo was valued at hundred and thirty thousand. The fire caught in the hold near the boilers. The boat was immediately sunk and lies in fifteen feet of water. A portion of the cargo will probably be saved.

Minneapolis.—The citizens have unanimously voted to issue a hundred thousand dollars in bonds to improve the Falls of St. Anthony.

Washington.—General orders have been issued consolidating the infantry regiments to twenty-five, in compliance with the late act of Congress. The order directs how vacancies shall be filled and how the number of officers shall be reduced.

Fish was qualified as Secretary of State, to-day, and afterward attended a Cabinet meeting.

The resignation of General Rawlins is accepted. The position of additional assistant Secretary of the Treasury, lately held by Cooper, has been tendered to W. A. Richardson of Boston.

The Secretary of the Interior has sent to Congress a statement, signed by the Government directors of the U. P. R. R., reciting the facts of the recent injunction by Judge Barnard, and calling the

attention of Congress to the matter that they may make such legislation as is deemed necessary. The statement was referred to the Pacific Railroad Committee of both Houses.

New York.—A Rumor says that ex-congressman Halsey, of N. J. will be Register of the Treasury, and that Augustus L. Ford will be District Attorney for the Southern District of N. Y. The latter is represented to be an old acquaintance of President Grant.

Chicago.—The Republican's Special thinks the session will be prolonged to the middle of April.

Senator Sumner pronounces the statement that he intends making a belligerent speech on the Alabama treaty to be without foundation. He says that should he make a speech on the subject it will be more pacific than any he ever delivered.

Our squadron in the Cuban waters is to be immediately reinforced by several vessels of the Pacific squadron. Two first-class iron clads will be ordered to Key West.

Chicago.—Army orders were issued last night, assigning Sherman to the command of the Military Division of Missouri; Halleck to the command of the Division of the South, with his headquarters at Louisville; Thomas to the command of the Division of the Pacific; Schofield to the command of the Department of Mississippi; Howard to the command of the Department of Louisiana. The Department of Washington is discontinued, being merged in the Department of the East. The Department of the Cumberland is discontinued being merged into the Department of the South.

The Tribune's special insists that Sumner has prepared a warlike speech on the Alabama treaty and question.

St. Patrick's day was generally celebrated.

New York, 17.—Several important nominations have been agreed upon in the Cabinet, but it is positively asserted that the President will make no further important nomination till the Tenure of Office bill is disposed of by the Senate.

The Tribune's Atlanta special says the Fifteenth Amendment has been ratified by the House, 64 to 32, the Democrats voting for its ratification on the ground that it denied the negroes the right to hold office. It comes up in the Senate to-morrow. The same special reports more Ku-Klux outrages on negroes; they killed some and whipped others.

General Wm. Barstow, formerly on the staff of General Dix, died last night.

Two more victims of the fever ship James Foster died yesterday.

Commander Owens has been ordered to San Francisco to take command of the gunboat Cyane.

Washington.—This city is still over-running with office seekers, the number is increasing by every train. The Senators and Representatives are overwhelmed with letters and personal applications. Efforts are being made to secure the appointment of Eben Bassett, colored and principal of a school in Philadelphia, as minister to Hayti.

The Joint Committee appointed by the British and American Governments, to settle the Hudson's Bay and Puget sound difficulties, meets at New York to-morrow. The united amount of the claims of the two companies is \$6,000,000.

The President has sent several nominations to the Senate to-day; they were not of an important character.

Andrew Johnson left for Tennessee yesterday.

Memphis.—A negro has confessed to being one of the nine who formed a conspiracy to burn the town of Helena, Arkansas, to avenge the hanging of a negro last September for rape. Three of the party went to Gen. Hindman's house, one of whom murdered the General through the window.

A resolution was introduced in the Arkansas House of Representatives to-day, for deposing Speaker Price on various charges. After a bitter discussion the House adjourned without action.

Sleet on Sunday night destroyed the fruit crop.

Washington.—The Senate has confirmed Frank Moore, of New York, Secretary of Legation at Madrid.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Senate has indefinitely postponed the Constitutional Amendment.

Washington.—The first section of the amended bill to enforce Fourteenth Constitutional amendment in Georgia, reported from the Judiciary Committee by Trumbull, repeals so much of the act of June 25, 1868, as relates to Georgia. Section second revives military government in Georgia. Section third continues the Provisional State Government, and declares null and void the expulsion

of the African members of the Legislature, and restores them to their seats, and commands the persons admitted to their places to vacate the same. It prohibits any person, disqualified under the Fourteenth Amendment, to holding a seat in the said Legislature. Section fourth makes it the duty of the President to station such part of the land and naval forces of the United States in the said State as shall be sufficient to carry the act into full execution, and that all officers in command of such forces shall, on demand of the acting Governor, render aid and assistance in the administration of the government, and protection to life and property, and in the administration of justice.

Senor Garcia presented his credentials to the President, to-day, as Minister of the Argentine Republic, and was warmly received.

Albany.—The House has passed the Constitutional Amendment.

New York.—Western Union Telegraph 37½ @ 38.

Chicago.—The Republican special has news from Gen. Custar to March 2d, which indicates that the report of his capture are unfounded. He was then about starting north from Medicine Bluffs in the Wichita mountains. Trouble was reported with Pawnees at Ellsworth, Kansas. The Pawnees have heretofore been peaceable. Seven thousand Navajos are reported at Ft. Wingate. There are constant difficulties occurring between them and the Pueblos.

Washington.—The President signed the bill to strengthen public credit, being the first bill he has signed. Wm. A. Richardson, of Boston, accepted the appointment of additional Secretary of the Treasury. The Reconstruction Committee agreed to report the Senate bill extending the time for the removal of illegible civil officers in Virginia, with an amendment including Mississippi and Texas. Henry C. Niles has been assigned duty as the chief of the Appointment Bureau of the Treasury department. The rush of office seekers to-day on Secretary Boutwell and the greatest there has been since his appointment.

Baltimore.—Dr. Mudd has arrived from Dry Tortugas.

New York.—Señor Morales Hemas has arrived fully empowered by President Cespedes as Minister from the Provisional Government of Cuba. He goes to Washington to seek the recognition of the Revolutionary Government.

Washington.—It has transpired that arms and ammunition have been sent from New York to be reshipped for use in the Cuban revolution. The Administration don't appear to be doing anything to stop these movements.

The Supreme court to-day decided not to render decision at this term on the Constitutionality of the greenback issue.

Hartford.—Guy R. Phelps, President of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, died to-day.

The overseers of Harvard college have nominated Chas. W. Elliot for President of the University. They will submit his election to a future meeting of the corporation. Elliot is 38 years old, and was stroke oar of the first boat's crew of Harvard. He represents the young America element among the graduates.

Memphis.—The other negroes concerned in the murder of Gen. Hindman have been arrested at Helena, including the man who fired the shot.

Wilmington.—The Delaware Senate by a strict party vote, have rejected the amendment to the Constitution.

Little Rock.—After a stormy discussion in the House to-day, the resolution deposing Speaker Price, passed 29 to 23. Mr. French is elected Speaker. Price, in a paper to-day, says the resolution is a stab at Governor Clayton.

It is reported that Risa Roughabe, the present Greek Minister at Washington, has been appointed Minister to Constantinople.

The Post's special says the House Committee on Elections have reported Covode as entitled to the seat in the pending contest.

New York, 18.—Captain Armstrong of the emigrant ship James Fowler died of fever at his residence in Brooklyn last evening.

Chicago.—Washington specials say that the House Committee on foreign affairs considered the Cuba and St. Domingo question, but came to no decision. In the meantime the West India squadron is being heavily reinforced, the ostensible object is to protect American citizens in Cuba, but it is well understood that it means something else. Should the revolution gain much further headway, steps will undoubtedly be taken to recognize the independence of the island by the Government.