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LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The Tuesday Question Causes Some Talk in the House.

LEGISLATION WANTS INFORMATION

But Bill Set Against Discreetous To President Cleveland—Employees Approved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The legislative question divides up the legislature of the House today. The talk was caused by the statement that Livingston, of Georgia, thinking Congress could not be kept waiting until Cleveland's return, he is in favor of the contents of Laird's bill. His rapid introduction of a resolution calling on Olney for the correspondence, it is said, would be a rather unusual course of procedure, several influential members, both Republicans and Democrats, suggested to Livingston that such action might be construed as an attack on the president. The speaker was asked to withdraw his amendment. A bill by Hopkins (Rep., 11th) passed and the status fixing the course of the district of Chicago so that a dozen would embrace all of the new and Illinois and Indiana. Hopkins' bill was introduced in the interests of Asbury, who is interested in the bill to pay their dues on cars at the port of Chicago.

The bill of office was then submitted to the House, and the bill introduced by Senator Rosen Hill, of Ohio, as deputy speaker and the three others agreed upon by the Democratic majority.

THE SALE OF THE ATCHISON

The Greatest Action the World has Known.

No. One Offered to Mr. Elihu Root Has Deposited \$300,000 in Cash.

TOKYO, Japan, Dec. 8.—A 100-shareholder meeting at Tokyo will occur the greatest auction the world has ever known. At that hour J. B. Johnson, special master in chancery, will offer the highest bidder for cash in hand the entire system of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. Nothing will be reserved of the 10,000 miles of track, 10,000 locomotives, thousands upon thousands of buildings, rolling stock and fixtures, estimated to reach the imperial value of \$300,000,000.

Special Master Johnson is to act as auctioneer, and as preliminary to receiving bids, will read the order of sale judgment, which will cause something more than an ear. One feature of this auction is materially different from the ordinary. No one will be allowed to bid unless he has first deposited \$300,000 in cash with the special master, or his attorney, before bidding.

Major Henry C. Cadwallader came to Tokyo for the purpose of confirming the sale.

Damage by Fire.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Dec. 8.—The largest fire that has taken place in every part of Connecticut, it was reported, burst out. The loss is \$100,000.

The Apache Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—No war department or the bureau of Indian affairs regarding the Apache trouble in Arizona.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The able men in the Senate proceedings to-morrow in the great hall of the Senate of America, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, on the day of the election.

Senator Carter, Louisiana, re-elect, re-suspension of the trial term of the Senate. The trial of the Senate of the United States, which was suspended on the 1st instant, was adjourned until the 1st instant.

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BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Dec. 8.—The severe storm which prevailed over western Connecticut, and which has caused great damage, especially to villages in the mountain districts. An earthquake was felt at Haddam, this morning.

Disasters and Desecrations.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Dec. 8.—On the morning of Saturday, Nov. 24, Major William H. Muller, the Prussian minister for the interior, Emperor William permitted him to retain his title and rank as minister of state and decorated him with the order of the Red Eagle.

Numerous wrecks.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from London states that numerous wrecks occurred during the storm that swept Italy. Much damage was done, especially along the coast.

A Midnight Blaze.

BIRMINGHAM, Conn., Dec. 8.—A fire which started in a building recently erected by G. S. Gray, on Main street, about midnight. In a few minutes the flames had consumed the block and attacked the town hall adjacent. The town hall was a small building, in which was the Western Union telegraph office. The building was the property of Charles F. Vassar, a well-known resident. These buildings were burned.

On Bailey avenue, to the west and rear of the Gage block, was a row of houses, which were all consumed by the flames. All the houses were built of wood and were all torn together with great violence, a big new wooden building.

On the south side of the town hall main street, was the building occupied by the Binghamton Press, a residence, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Foster, in which the New England Telephone Co. was located. It is thought all these buildings were consumed, but telephone connection was cut off and has not been restored.

Consecration of Madison Auditorium.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The funeral service of General William H. Muller, the Prussian minister for the interior, was held yesterday afternoon at the German church of St. John's, Washington, D. C., at 2 P.M. The services were conducted by General Domingo Montenegro, the minister of the expedition, his son-in-law, Captain Domingo Montenegro, who is to take the command of Venezuela out of the hands of President Crespo, and to free the country from the financial difficulties which have driven the revolutionists into desperation. By the time General Domingo Montenegro made his speech, the audience had adjourned. It is claimed he spoke for a short time, but was not a forcible arraignment against the president. The sermon by General Montenegro was brief and carried out thus far as a prominent Venezuelan in our city.

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Postage Checks Indisposed.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—A long paper was sent to the Chinese post office, which went right up over the orders by postmaster general. When they had arranged to give an address at the Central Music Hall, they did not do so, but instead gave a concert in the Western Union building, and the revenue was used to help the Chinese post office.

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General Domingo Montenegro is an ex-president of Venezuela and one of President Crespo's closest enemies. He was one of the most popular presidents in the country, and although he protested that he was too young for aged for the hardships of warfare, the providers of the revolution insisted that he should lead the forces.

Hayes Thruway Firsts a Fortune in the Hills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A special from Los Angeles, Cal., says:

Newsmen from the Colorado desert mining camp of Pueblo, near Yuma, last Mary Thurman, daughter of Judge C. H. Thurman, as made the visitation known to the desert camp for years. She was prospecting in the hills and found a vein promising to make her a fortune.

Mary Thurman was once the belle of the hills, and was the favorite of Lieutenant Cowles, now United States marshal at Laramie, who recently wedded Miss Rosalie, sister of the secretary of the United States treasury. Cowles was a disagreeable and his wife was a beauty. They were soon west to San Diego and lived at Tijuana on the Mexican side. They met and married. Thomas Gilford, a dashing adventurer, who prided in his wife and two little children, was the next to wed. He was a member of the old lady set, but Judge Thurman refused to permit her to enter the door, and she returned. She got a divorce from Gilford and then surprised her husband married again. However, the baseball player, Gilford, was a gambler, having come of eastern California.

When seen by an Associated Press representative this morning, Allen W. Thurman said: "When my sister was last in Colorado I found her in the mountains, and she was a fortune in the hills. I believe she wished the money to use in the development of her mining interests, which at that time were enormous. Her husband, Mr. Gilford, was an adventurer, and they have no assets in prospecting and operating mining property for some time. I have no information on them, however, nor can I say anything positively. We are not in a position to say whether we may have a gold mine in the family."

Stockholders Want to Know What Becomes of a Big Share of Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Herald today says: The stockholders of the American Tobacco company are anxious for an explanation from the directors of what has become of the big surplus of more than \$3,000,000 and the apparently sudden contracting of earnings which led the management to pass the next quarterly dividend on the stocks. The statement given out on Saturday distinctly stated that there would be a surplus of \$1,250,000, or nearly seven percent, after paying the dividend on the preferred stock. A reporter called Frank T. Morgan, a stockholder, but he returned to his interview.

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