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SENATE.

In the Senate Ross made a lengthy speech, characterizing the published report of his interview with the President as a gross exaggeration, but denouncing the removal of men from office, merely because they were appointed by Johnson. He said his future support of the Administration would not be blind or subservient.

Wilson called up the resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, with the consent of the Columbian Government, to cause further surveys for a railway or ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien. Finally the resolution was laid over.

Carpenter called up the resolution asking the heads of departments for information with regard to the number of clerks employed, whence they came, by whom recommended, etc. The resolution gave rise to a lively debate relative to the general question of appointments. Trumbull deplored the abuse which had grown up of office seeking, and gave notice that he would introduce a bill next session making it a penal offence for any member of either house of Congress to solicit office or sign papers of recommendation. Finally the Senate went into executive session.

GENERAL.

Washington, 17.—The following are among the nominations to-day. Ministers resident: Alfred Torbett, of Del., at Salvador; Alex. F. Russell, of Pa., at Ecuador; Hamilton of Ark., at Sandwich Islands; consuls, N. Niles, of Ill., at Victoria; David Spinnett, of West Va., at Melbourne.

Postmasters: Thomas S. Sherwood to Marysville, Cal.

Robert Gardner Register of land office Humboldt, Cal.; John H. Stephens, ditto, Le Grande, Oregon; Jas. Hunt, Receiver of Public moneys at Boise, Idaho. Ely Davis, Naval officer at San Francisco. Wm. A. Howard is confirmed Minister to China.

Nashville.—A Republican meeting in Blount Co., recently, denounced the appointment of Gen. Longstreet as an injustice to East Tennesseans.

Representative Stokes addressed the people of this city to-day, in reply to Andrew Johnson's recent speeches. Stokes indicated that Congress denounced Johnson as false to his party and friends. The speech consisted of a vindication of the action of Congress, in reply to the aspersions by Andrew Johnson. He accused Johnson of being the cause of all the trouble in Tennessee, and said he prevailed upon President Lincoln to except Tennessee from the Emancipation Proclamation that he might obtain all the credit. Most of the audience were colored.

New York.—Intense excitement was created at the Produce Exchange to-day, by the discovery of a defalcation of \$160,000. The defaulter is Peck, of the firm of Peck & Peck, of Brooklyn. Peck has disappeared; it is reported that he has sailed for Europe. It is said that some of the victimized firms have been obliged to suspend.

The work on the East river bridge will be begun on the return of the commissioners from the West, where they are examining the suspension bridges at Cincinnati and elsewhere. The plans of engineer Roebling are approved.

Baltimore.—Several firemen were seriously injured to-night by falling walls.

Washington, 17.—The President, to-day, sent to the Senate the following nominations: Ministers,—F. E. Dumas, (colored) to Liberia; T. J. Coffee, of Pa., Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg. Consuls: Hugo Hildebrand, of N. C., at Canade; B. Randolph Keim, of Pa., to Kincaing; A. Miles, of Ill., to Victoria; Jas. Park, of Ind., to Aix La Chapelle; Chas. G. Dyer, of Ill., to Bristol; David S. Pinnett, of West Virginia, to Melbourne.

Washington.—The following have been selected the board of visitors to the Naval Academy: G. H. Stuart, of Phila.; Cornelius Vanderbilt and J. B. Hawley, of Conn.; Dr. E. D. Kettles, of Galena; H. H. Wadsworth, of Maysville, Kentucky; Judge Humphreys, of Alabama.

The Senate has confirmed Edward McCook, Governor of Colorado; Chas. C. Crowe, of Ala., Governor of New Mexico; Wm. A. Howard, of Michigan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China.

Cincinnati.—Commissioners are here from New York viewing the suspension bridge, with a view to plans for a similar structure over the East River.

New York, 18.—Washington specials say it is confidently declared that Grant has directed a peremptory demand to be made of the Spanish authorities in Cuba for the immediate release of the brig *Mary Lowell* and the surrender of the two passengers taken from the *Lizzie Major*; a refusal to comply will be followed by hostile demonstrations by our navy.

The Philadelphia navy yard has received orders for the immediate fitting out of three monitors now there.

The Executive Committee, having in charge the erection of a monument to Humboldt in Central Park, have received an offer from the King of Prussia of the privilege of casting a bust from one now being made in Berlin.

Boston.—The funeral of Col. Rogers, of the *Journal*, this afternoon, was largely attended.

Atchison, Ks.—Over one hundred persons, belonging to the Excelsior Colony, N. Y., arrived here yesterday. They purchased large bodies of land on the Republican river, two hundred miles west, and will at once go to farming.

Work will commence to-morrow on the Atchison and Leavenworth railroad, and will be pushed with great energy.

New York, 18.—A fire broke out this morning in a table factory, 116 Monroe street, owned by Browne & Bliss; it is thought it was caused by spontaneous combustion. Damage \$50,000.

All questions argued before justice Blatchford in the U. P. case will be re-argued before Justice Nelson, commencing about the 19th. Judge Barnard has issued a supplementary injunction, forbidding the Corn Exchange bank to pay out any money due T. C. Durant.

Atchison.—The immigration to Northern Kansas is unprecedented. The crops promise well.

Baltimore.—The three firemen, burned under the ruins last night, were extricated to-day; one was dead. The building was one of the oldest in the city, and is said to have been occupied as headquarters by Gen. Kosciusko.

Washington.—The director of the mint has obtained specimens of ores from the Charlotte mines in North Carolina, some of which, upon being assayed, yielded from 1,650 to 9,000 per ton, gold; the silver 1,150 per ton.

New York.—The *Herald's* New Orleans special says a formidable and well-organized expedition is preparing for Cuba, and there is no doubt that it will be of a serious character. It is stated that the command has been tendered to the rebel General, Harry Hazen, but he declines. General Steadman will probably be the leader. Collector Casey, who is brother-in-law of President Grant, openly says he don't want to hear or know anything about the expedition. The District Attorney appeals to Washington for instructions, but receives only vague generalities in reply.

The *Herald's* Washington special declares that the government is making active preparations for war on the Cuban question.

The *Tribune's* special says, the government will preserve a strict neutrality.

Chicago.—The *Tribune's* special says, that Reverdy Johnson asks to be allowed to remain till August; but it will not be granted. It is probable that the government will allow the British government to make the next advance for settling the *Alabama* claims; the negotiations will be transferred from London to Washington.

It is generally believed that the Senate will adjourn on Wednesday.

Secretary Cox has ordered, in the McGarrahan case, that no patents for the land in dispute, be issued, till Congress finally determines on the case.

The *Times* special says, the new Consul-General to Cuba, Plumb, was formerly Secretary of Legation to Mexico, and received instructions, when about to depart, to look after the better protection of American citizens. The same special thinks that the President, and Secretary Fish, will take a conservative view of the *Alabama* claims' question; and that Motley will receive only general instructions, to be followed afterwards by details.

Boston.—A reform league is about being initiated to secure reform and economy in the civil service, moderate tariffs, reciprocity with Canada, and a return to specie payment, etc., etc.

The President thus far, has sent in nearly six hundred nominations to the Senate, about three hundred and seventy-five of which have been confirmed.

St. Louis.—J. P. Capelles' jewelry store, in North Fourth Street, was

robbed yesterday of about three thousand dollars' worth of property; the burglars entered through a skylight, letting themselves down by a rope. There is no clue.

New Orleans.—The *Crescent* newspaper has merged into the *Times*.

Philadelphia.—John Lawler, one of the proprietors of the *Sunday Dispatch*, died yesterday.

Washington, D. C.—Chandler has offered a resolution in the Senate, directing the President to open negotiations for the settlement of all existing controversies with England, on the basis of the surrender of all the British North American possessions. He made a lengthy speech in support of his resolution and said he hoped the proposed negotiations would be made and the Canadas acquired peaceably; but if England desired war let it be short, sharp and decisive. The Michigan veterans alone would capture the British North American Provinces. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following were among the nominations made to-day: Samuel Shellabarger, Minister to Portugal; Geo. W. Lippett, of Rhode Island, Secretary of Legation, at Vienna; A. P. Sullivan, Collector for New Mexico.

A special Cabinet meeting was held to-day to consider important business.

Chicago.—There was a severe thunderstorm in northern and central Illinois, last night, a Catholic Church being erected in Bloomington, was blown down; loss \$35,000. Much damage to houses and property is reported at other places. Several buildings were struck by lightning. An immense quantity of rain fell.

An express announces the suspension of Frank Patterson & Co., packers and provision merchants.

San Francisco.—The Crowne Point and Kentuck shafts have been opened; there were no indications of fire. The water has risen nearly five hundred feet above the level; it will take several days to overcome it. Explorations, so far, denote the actual damage as very slight.

St. Louis.—The most terrific hailstorm that ever visited the city, occurred this afternoon; many thousand windows were broken and hardly a house in the western part of the city escaped injury. The hail was of immense size. Hundreds of horses ran away. The rain descended in torrents. The storm extended to the west.

Washington.—The Senate has confirmed, Consuls S. L. Trowbridge of Ill., to Vera Cruz; George T. Allen, of Ill., to Moscow; Saml. D. Jones, of Cal., to Revel; John C. Caldwell, of Me., to Valparaiso; J. J. Martin, of Ark., sixth auditor; C. M. Hawley, of Ill., associate Justice of Utah; W. W. Brookings, do, of Dakota; Henry C. Fletcher, U. S. Attorney for Colorado; John Pope and Hodnett, Assessors of Dakota; Saml. B. Davis, of New Mexico, Register of land office; W. R. Willis, Roseburg, Oregon. Receivers of public moneys, Otis Perrin, at Stockton, Cal., R. Flint, Roseburg, Oregon. Edward Stephens for consul at Leeds, was rejected.

The U. S. steamer *Galena* is reported ready for sea. The *Saratoga*, apprentice ship, will soon leave for a cruise in the Cuban waters.

General Canby has arrived at Richmond, and will assume command of the district to-morrow.

San Francisco, 20.—Legal tenders 763.

The reported change of the officials at the branch mint in this city creates indignation in the business community; nearly all the principal bankers and business men have united in telegraphing to Washington, protesting against the removal of the present efficient officers. The change involves the suspension of the mint operations for several weeks, and will have a damaging effect on financial transactions generally. The nomination of D. W. Cheesman, as sub-treasurer is regarded unfavorably, and a long protest has been telegraphed to Washington, urging his rejection by the Senate.

The people of Sacramento and the Central Pacific railroad company are making extensive preparations to celebrate the completion of the Pacific Railroad.

The Newark carpenters, by striking, have received \$3.75 per day. The Orange, N. J., carpenters are on a strike for \$4.

The *Tribune's* special says that notwithstanding the fierce assaults of Brownlow upon President Grant, in the executive session, because the President nominated Ricks instead of Brownlow's son-in-law, for pension agent at Knoxville, the President sent in the latter's name for the place to-day, on the ground that the rebel press was exult-

ing over the statement that Grant had ignored Brownlow.

Workmen have gone to Mt. Vernon to put the place in repair.

Office hunters are leaving rapidly.

St. Louis, 20.—The damage by the hail storm is variously estimated at from twenty to a hundred thousand dollars; the latter sum is probably most nearly correct. The demolition of glass alone, is quite fearful; no serious casualties are reported.

Chicago.—Despatches from all parts of the country report the storm was one of the most extraordinary violence. At Dubuque a large amount of property was destroyed. Houses were carried away, and one man killed and a number injured. At Indianapolis, the Indiana Central Railroad freight depot was blown down, a watchman killed and several other employees seriously injured. The Rev. Daniel Ballow, a Universalist minister from Utica, who had taken refuge in the depot, it is feared was fatally injured.

Augusta, Ga., 19.—The *Chronicle* says that Dr. Ayres, the Republican member of the Legislature, who was killed near Louisville, Ga., was murdered by a negro, who has been arrested; Ayer's pocket book and money were found in the negro's possession.

Washington.—Chas. Lyman, of Vt., long a clerk in the dead letter office, has been appointed its superintendent.

New Orleans.—Capt. Giles, of the schooner *Lizzie Majors*, publishes an account of the seizure of the two passengers by the Spanish frigate. He says the passengers taken had passports made out in due form, and regularly signed by Dulce, which had been recognized by the authorities at Calbaren, where the vessel touched. The Captain formally protested against the seizure at the time, declaring that the Spanish authorities would be held responsible. The Captain also describes the murder of the prisoners by volunteers at Calbaren.

The steamer *Nina Semmes* struck a snag, and sunk, above Baton Rouge, on Saturday night; the boat and cargo are a total loss. Everybody on board was saved.

Cuban volunteering is going on rapidly, but quietly. Recruits are promptly forwarded to Cuba in small detachments.

New York.—Justice Dowling commenced yesterday, the examination in the case of the late forgeries upon Jay Cooke & Co., by which twenty-six thousand dollars were obtained from the National Bank of the State of New York. Affidavits were submitted by the assistant-cashier of Jay Cooke & Co. and the paying teller of the bank, declaring that the checks were forgeries.

Poughkeepsie.—Professor Mitchell, the renowned mathematician, died at Vassar College, yesterday, from general debility.

Baltimore.—The case of Kimberly against Gen. Butler, was argued to-day in the Circuit Court, Chief Justice Chase presiding.

Philadelphia.—Arrangements are being completed for a great National Sunday School Convention, to be held at New York, April 28th.

John Moriarty, President of the *Irish Republican*, has telegraphed Senator Chandler, the thanks of twenty thousand Irishmen for his recent speech on the *Alabama* treaty; he says reconstruction, resumption and extension of territory, the vindication of the national honor and the liberation of Ireland would follow hostilities against England.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day: David A. Nunn, of Tennessee, Minister to Ecuador; C. N. Riate, of Texas, Minister to Nicaragua; Jas. W. Boul, of Ill., Secretary of Legation to Mexico; Aaron Seely of N. H., Consul to Hesse Darmstadt; Lewis M. Bursen, of Indiana, Chief Justice of Montana; H. Richardson, of Md., U. S. Attorney for Montana; Geo. R. Maxwell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for New Mexico; Jas. Kelley, Postmaster at New York; F. S. Richards, of Tennessee, Consul at Leeds; Chas. B. Bronscomb, of Mo., Consul at Manchester; J. T. Howard, Consul at Leghorn; Jas. L. Foley, of N. Y., Secretary of Legation at Madrid; Thos. McElrath, Appraiser of Merchandise at New York.

Louisville.—The storm last night was very severe; several trestles along the lines of the railroad were partially washed away. One freight train was wrecked, but there was no loss of life.

Nashville.—The Republican State Convention, to nominate candidates for Supreme Judges, met to-day. The nominees are George Andrews, the present incumbent of East Tennessee;

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