

when it was laid on the table 131 to 30. Logan proceeded, deprecating further discussion on this disturbing question, and concluded by moving to lay the whole subject on the table, which was agreed to 130 to 55.

The next business was a bill to authorize the building of a military and postal railroad from Washington to New York, which passed 100 to 54.

Pruyn attempted to offer a resolution instructing the committee on the revision of the laws to inquire and report the necessary legislation in regard to the subject of counting the electoral votes, but an objection being made, the House took a recess. The evening session will be exclusively devoted to the discussion of the tax bill.

#### GENERAL.

Cushing had returned from Bogota; he has been successful and bears a treaty for the approval of the Government, when the work on the proposed canal will be commenced.

Washington.—The President has accepted the office of arbitrator between Great Britain and Portugal on the boundary question which has arisen on the coast of Africa.

Late advices from Peru show that the republics of the Pacific coast have accepted the mediation of the United States in their war with Spain. A Congress of plenipotentiaries for the belligerents is expected in Washington during the Spring.

Secretary Seward has received a telegram from Caleb Cushing announcing that he brings a treaty in relation to the Isthmus canal.

New York.—A heavy easterly rain storm has prevailed all night, and is now raging.

The *Herald* advocates the bridging of the Hudson at the upper part of the city in order to facilitate communication with the roads west, thus overcoming the obstacles which will arise on a fuller development of the great volume of trade from that region.

In consequence of the crowded state of the insane asylum on Blackwell's Island, the officers were recently obliged to place two inmates in one cell. On Friday night one of the insane women arose and seized a heavy oaken tub or bucket and dashed in the skull of the other woman, sleeping in the same cell, and then scooped out the brains of the murdered woman with her hands, throwing them around the cell. The author of this deed tried to keep the horrible affair private.

The newspapers of both parties, generally, commend the speech of General Grant on Saturday. The *World* says the speech was no ordinary exhibition of the character of the man who thus quietly holds politicians at bay, and evinces resolute self-reliance, which is one of the most respectable qualifications that can be possessed in a man clothed with great responsibilities. The *World* considers the burden of his speech a virtual demand for the repeal of the Tenure of Office Act. The *Tribune* says his idea relative to cabinet appointments are frank, straightforward and business like; it commends his reference to economy and the payment of the public debt.

The President has pardoned Sanford Conover, alias Charles A. Dunham, convicted for forgery last December and sentenced to ten years imprisonment at Albany.

The Government has fully recognized, as United States territory, and as belonging to citizens of the United States, Serona Island in the Caribbean sea, valuable for its immense deposits of guano. Negotiations for their purchase have been concluded by citizens of New York.

Chicago.—The *Republican's* special says a representative of the Cuban patriots in Washington says the government has information that the patriots recently gained most important successes and were attempting to gain a foothold on the other end of the island, where a larger body of slaves were located, and which was more accessible to outside assistance. Their great need is artillery and practical men for commanders.

The *Tribune's* special says Dent's nomination as Minister to Chili is entirely unsolicited; he does not want the place, and will ask his friends not to confirm his nomination.

Washington.—Government has agreed to issue bonds for forty miles more of the road of the Union Pacific Company, reserving a large amount for the complete construction of the road.

The Committee of ways and means have agreed to report a resolution for opening a conference with the British North American provinces, relative to the navigation of the St. Lawrence, and

commercial intercourse; they have also agreed to report a bill to exempt from duty the cable bought for Collins' Russo-American Telegraph.

Secretary Wiles, to-day, sent to Congress a voluminous correspondence relating to the affairs of Paraguay. Lopez declares that Bliss and Masterman were criminals, being deeply implicated in a horrible conspiracy. In declaring Bliss and Masterman, Lopez said he did so not in a sense of reclamation but as a graceful courtesy on the part of Paraguay to the United States.

The House Committee on resolutions have decided in the Louisiana contested case, that the seat belongs neither to Menard nor Col. Hunt, Col. Mann, the deceased, having been legally elected.

Nashville.—A fire, to-day, destroyed the business portion of the town of Franklin, doing damage to the amount of \$100,000.

The Senate will probably concur in the House resolution requiring the government to disband the militia.

Indianapolis.—The Republican congressional convention, in the 8th district, nominated Jos. M. Tyler to fill the vacancy caused by the election of D. D. Pratt to the U. S. Senate.

Richmond.—In the United States District court, to-day, the District attorney, in accordance with the instructions of the Attorney General, entered a *Nolle prosequi* in both indictments against Jeff Davis for treason. And those against Lee, Hampton Breckenridge, Longstreet, Wise, Pryor, Seddon, Mahone, and Early and thirty others. On motion of R. Ould, the court released the securities of Davis' bail bond.

Washington.—The pardon of Dr. Mudd was signed by the President to-day, and sent to the State Department to receive the signature of the Secretary and the United States seal. It will be transmitted to the commanding officer of the Dry Tortugas.

A committee has been appointed to notify Grant and Colfax of their election; They will discharge this duty on Saturday. They will visit Grant at head quarters and Colfax at his residence.

The Committee of the inauguration ball have completed their arrangements. The ball will be given in the new north wing of the treasury department. Grant and Colfax and families will be present.

New York, 12.—Bamberger, who shot Miss Bond and then himself, yesterday, died late last night. The girl still lives.

The trial of George W. Thorn, late revenue collector in New Jersey, charged with internal revenue frauds, commenced in the U. S. District Court at Trenton, yesterday.

Chicago, 21.—Washington specials say the Senate military committee have agreed to report a bill, abolishing brevet commissions except in time of war for meritorious conduct in the face of the enemy.

San Francisco, 10.—A heavy rain storm has prevailed the past two days throughout the State. Railroad and telegraph communication is impeded in all directions; portions of the San Jose railroad have been washed away, and the track of the California and Pacific is covered with water from the Sacramento river, which has overflowed its banks. Bridges of the California Northern road have been swept away by the floods. There have been several snow storms in the mountains, the snow has drifted twelve to fifteen feet deep in places. Snow slides are reported along the Central Pacific road near Emigrant Gap and Cisco, destroying a portion of the snow sheds. Thus far trains have only been delayed a few hours.

New York, 12.—Blaisdell, to-day, was sent to Sing Sing to serve out three years for whisky frauds.

San Francisco, 11.—Reports from the interior indicate that the recent storm has been the most destructive of any since the winter of 1862. It visited every portion of the State, Santa Clara and San Joaquin valleys suffering the most. The lower portion of the City of Stockton is flooded, the cellars in the principal streets being filled by the Calaveras river overflowing its banks. No loss of life is reported.

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Springfield, Mass.—Major General Barnes, of the U. S. army, died at his residence in this city to-day; he was one of the commissioners of the Pacific Railroad.

Nashville.—Governor Brownlow sent his resignation to the Legislature to-day, to take effect on the 21st.

New Orleans.—The steamer *Nellie Stevens* was burned on Caddo Lake, Red River, last night. Sixty-three lives were lost. The boat and cargo were a total loss.

New York.—A Washington special

says it is expected that General Sherman will be offered and will accept the position of Minister to England.

Washington.—Senator Abbott's bill authorizes the consolidation of the Atlantic and Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroad companies, under the name of the Texas and Pacific Company, to construct a railroad and telegraph from Marshall, Texas, to connect the Atlantic and Pacific, east of the 100th meridian, and to aid the enterprise by granting lands, and guaranteeing the interest on the bonds to the amount of \$40,000 per mile.

The *Herald's* special at Jacksonville, Florida, says a number of Cuban gentlemen, have been here for some time past under suspicious circumstances, and lately chartered the steamer *Henry Burden*, announcing that she is bound for Nassau. About the same time a steamer laden with coal, arrived from Charleston, and transferred the coal to the *Henry Burden*, which immediately sailed. The vessel had a quantity of munitions of war aboard, and no doubt was bound to Cuba for the service of the insurgents.

Washington.—A special says that Col. Leavenworth testified before the Indian Committee that in Custer's battle in the Washita mountains, only fifteen Indians were killed and only thirty lodges were attacked, though General Custer reported fifty-three lodges were attacked and a hundred and three Indians killed. He says that Mrs. Blinn, who was reported to have been killed by a squaw during the fight, was shot by our own soldiers.

H. A. Bowen, a Wall street financier, sails for London to-day, for the purpose of ratifying negotiations with European capitalists for the purchase of a western railway.

Chicago.—The coroner's jury have found a verdict that General Murray McConnell was killed by Geo. W. Robinson. The latter is in jail. McConnell had Robinson's note for some five hundred dollars, for the possession of which the murder was committed.

Two women's suffrage State conventions are in session in this city, under the auspices of the two Chicago Sorosis societies, an irreconcilable difference between the organizations preventing their uniting in one convention. Anna Dickinson, Susan Anthony and Mrs. Cady Stanton are among the prominent people present from abroad.

#### FOREIGN.

Madrid.—The Carlists are active in the Basque provinces. France is watching the frontier closely, and yesterday arrested twenty-eight Carlists while attempting to cross; they were sent to Bayonne.

Ottawa, Ontario.—Whelan was hanged to-day at 11.15; he made no confession. Everything was quiet.

London.—The House of Lords met to-day, but without important business adjourned to the 16th.

Reverdy Johnson is the guest of the corporation of Glasgow. After a dinner given to him he made a speech defending the *Alabama* treaty. He said he regarded it as settling the points at issue and would prevent further trouble.

Havana.—Telegraphic communication between this city, Lango La Grande and Villa Clara, destroyed by the revolutionists, has been restored. It is reported that the leaders of the revolutionists, in the sugar districts of Cienfuegos, Villa Clara and Trinidad, are Adolfo, Corodo and Brother Frederick. The former was, until recently, American vice Consul at Cienfuegos and was removed by request of Lersundi. He was Colonel in a Philadelphia regiment of Zouaves during the rebellion in America. The latter, until last week was American consul at Trinidad, and has just resigned.

Havana.—The arrests of suspected parties throughout the city and island continue. Police and military are among the prisoners. Many well known planters, merchants and lawyers, and the English Consul at Cardinas, have also been arrested.

There was a meeting of merchants at the palace last night, to raise funds for the Government, but without any decisive result.

Madrid.—Ten thousand troops are to sail immediately for Cuba.

Athens.—The chambers have been convoked by the new ministry, and will meet in five days.

London.—A banquet was given to the Ministry to-night, at Fishmonger's Hall. Gladstone made a speech in which he reviewed the progress already made regarding the dis-establishment of the Irish Church. He declares his intention of proceeding speedily and

prudently, and said he was encouraged by his constitutional knowledge, by the character of the Queen, who associates herself with the interests and affections of the people, by the character and ability of his colleagues, by the favorable judgement of the country and by the justice of the course. Bright also spoke, and urged the necessity on the part of the House, of being more economical.

A Montreal dispatch says the government has refused to give up Whelan's body to his friends. The Fenians threaten a large demonstration unless the body is surrendered.

The Fenians at Quebec held a large meeting and petitioned the Lieut. Gov. to respect Whelan.

Paris 12.—The Constituent Cortes was opened yesterday, with great ceremony. President Serano said the nations of Europe, in obtaining a higher civilization, had thrown off the traditional bonds which had fettered the public mind. Spain had long delayed following the example of their neighbors, but now she calls upon her representatives to construct a new edifice. The former extravagances, and the embarrassment of the finances, the Government relies upon the Cortes to remedy by economical legislation regarding the interest on the public debt and the expenses of the army and navy. He urges the consolidation by the deputies of the radical principles of liberalism in religion, the press and education adopted by the provisional Government. He claimed that the Spanish revolution was irresponsible for the Cuban rising, the latter being due to past errors. He hoped the insurrection would be speedily extinguished and would be replaced by durable tranquility based on reform. He said that slavery would be abolished gradually, without compromising property in the Antilles.

Honolulu advices to January 26th say the Privy Council has adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the Kings father, and condolence to the affected relatives.

The small pox excitement at Honolulu is rapidly subsiding.

The want of steam communication between Honolulu and the other islands is felt by the business community, the prevailing calms frequently interrupting the mail and commerce.

London.—It is stated that the Persian army, with the Shah at its head, has gone to Bagdad. In the meantime the Turkish troops are pushing forward to the Persian front.

Havana.—A small Spanish schooner, which had cleared for New York, was seized to-day by the authorities on suspicion of having arms and supplies aboard for the rebels. The cargo was overhauled but nothing was found to confirm the suspicions.

The mixed commission, appointed to raise funds for the Government, resolved to recommend the Spanish bank to furnish a loan of \$8,000,000, the Government to provide for its repayment by imposing a special tax of 5 cents on each box of sugar exported; a dollar on each load of manufactured tobacco, 5 cents on each 1,000 cigars and 5 percent additional on all import duties now paid.

The *Diario* admits that the revolutionists are in possession of the entire Puerto Principe district, except the city. Secret deposits of arms have been discovered at Cardenas. The rebels have made the town of Nicaragua a rallying point for the central depot. Arrests of suspected parties continue. Several Americans and other foreigners are in custody. Prominent Cubans continue to emigrate in large numbers. A portion of the insurgents in the district of Cienfuegos is marching towards Howel Grande, a colored district. Sugar is advancing on account of its scarcity.

The *Herald's* Rio letter of Dec., 29th, states that Admiral Davis had arrived at Buenos Ayres with Bliss and Masterman, and expressed himself satisfied with Lopez' explanation. He believes that Washburne, Bliss and Masterman were all engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow the Paraguayan government. The remnant of Lopez' army is at Augustura, the present seat of his government.

San Francisco.—Late Acapulco advices say that Governor Alvarez has been ordered to the city of Mexico. Gen. Arce has been placed at the head of the government of the State of Gerrio during his absence.

Robbers again infest the road between Acapulco and the city of Mexico; a strong body of troops has been sent to disperse them.

Numerous horrible outrages have been committed throughout the country; but the perpetrators go unpunished.