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GENERAL NEWS.

An Exhaustive Report by Secretary Lamar on the Interior Department.

The House to be Organized at Once, the Senate will Probably Delay.

Terribly Severe and Fatal Earthquake in Bessignand and Elsewhere.

President Sadi-Carnot is Formally Installed in the Elysee Palace.

Senator Palmer's Exclusion Bill, Ostensibly anti-Anarchic, but Including Mormons.

Terrible Fenian Plot Alleged Found Out.—Saturday's News, Etc.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

LAMAR'S REPORT.

A Lengthy and Able Document.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Secretary of the Interior has submitted his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887. It is a voluminous document and gives lengthy details of the various branches of the service within the Interior Department. That portion of the report referring to adjustment of railroad land grants, has already been covered in these dispatches. The

SECRETARY SAYS:

"Under the existing laws it is apparent that the area of public land is rapidly diminishing. This would not be an evil, if the land was passing into the hands of *bona fide* purchasers for actual settlement, but the facts are known to be otherwise. It is a subject to which I have been forced to give much thought and the conclusion to which I have come is that the most flagrant frauds and abuses that exist can be remedied by legislative action, and that such action is the sole remedy. A detailed statement of the work performed by the general land office shows commendable zeal in the purpose to preserve the public domain; prevent fraud and illegality in the acquirement of large arreas of public lands and to recover them from unlawful possession and appropriation. Investigation shows that from March 3, 1885, to October 1, 1887, the number of

ENTRIES CANCELED

for fraud, illegality, abandonment and other causes amounted to 91,078, embracing an area of 14,238,913 acres, making an aggregate of lands restored to the public domain of 45,663,894 acres.

The total number of entries and filings made during the year was 218,178, an increase of 1,110 over the previous year, whilst the number of original homestead entries was 52,028, a decrease of 9,610 entries; and final proof was made on 19,866 homestead entries, an increase of 510 entries. The preemption entries were 21,403, an increase of 5,501 entries. Under the desert land act, 2,242 entries were made, a decrease of 276 entries. Under the timber and stone act of June 3d, 1878, 695 entries were made, being an increase of 226 entries.

I respectfully but earnestly recommend the immediate and

TOTAL REPEAL

of the pre-emption laws, timber culture acts and the relinquishment acts, and add thereto the cash entry laws and the desert land law. The injurious effects of the laws remaining on the statute books in their present form has convinced me that all except the homestead law should be swept from them. More than a quarter of a century has elapsed since the passage of the homestead law. Its operations during the last decade have shown it to be the wisest and most honest method of disposing of agricultural public lands, embracing all the advantages of the pre-emption system without its acknowledged facilities for fraud and abuse."

On the subject of unlawful inclosure of public land, the secretary says: "The work of returning to the people large areas of the public land hitherto illegally appropriated by corporations and individuals engaged in the

CATTLE BUSINESS

on the plains has progressed most successfully during the past year. Special agents report the removal complete. Efforts are in progress for the removal of illegal fences, throwing open to public use and occupancy nearly 5,000,000 acres of public land.

Special attention is called to the several reports of the governors of territories, all of which are burdened with complaints of want of public surveys within their respective jurisdictions.

I have endorsed the recommendation of the commissioner for $900,000, but I beg to urge an appropriation of $200,000 not asked for by him, to be specially devoted to the survey of lands within the granted and indemnity limits of the different land grants to railroads.

ANOTHER SUBJECT

which I would respectfully suggest demands immediate legislation. It is the matter of private grants claimed to be derived from the Spanish or Mexican governments. This legislation, in my opinion, should be directed to two points—First, to provide for the trial and final determination of such claims, subject only to appeal to the Supreme Court; second, an act of limitation barring the presentation of new claims of this character within a stated period. The surveyor general of New Mexico states that during the past examination has been made of a number of new claims, and old claims heretofore favorably reported yet pending before Congress the unconfirmed area of which aggregates by estimation 4,000,000 acres, while he thinks 200,000 acres will cover all legal and equitable rights thereunder. The

VITAL NECESSITY

for legislation looking to the preservation of the timber resources of the country becomes more urgent every year. Settlers in many localities feel themselves compelled to violate law to obtain timber from the public lands to supply their absolute, necessary wants. Legislation is needed which would look to the preservation of natural forest lands at the headwaters of navigable rivers and also a method of putting within the reach of settlers the legal means of providing them with timber for building homes, fuel and other domestic purposes.

The Secretary asks that a special appropriation be made to complete the survey of the public land strip and that Congress authorize the establishment of a land office within this strip on lands therein at some central and accessible point, subject to settlement under the homestead laws with the commutation features eliminated. The

PECULIAR FORM

and situation of the strip makes the question of its proper disposal a question of some doubt; its condition approximating most nearly to that of New Mexico, naturally suggests that it should be made a part of that territory subject to its laws and government."

Referring to the Indians, the progress of the several tribes toward civilization, etc., the secretary says: Surrounded on all sides by the forces of civilization, all the reservations closed in and pressed upon by the ever increasing masses of population made up of daring and aggressive settlers, miners, ranchmen and traders, with no possibility of removal to other reservations, or of escape into mountain fastnesses, the only alternative presented to the

INDIAN RACE

is absolute extinction or a quick entrance into the pale of American civilization."

Touching the removal of whites from the Round Valley reservation in California the secretary quotes a long statement from General Howard and says: "Some action by Congress on the subject is required and the foregoing report shows clearly the character of the legislation needed and the urgent necessity therefor."

On the subject of pensions the secretary says: "The estimates for appropriations made by the commissioner of pensions, I have examined critically and believe they are made with due regard to economy and to the needs of the service. I respectfully suggest that they may be made without curtailment.

IN ADDITION

to the recommendation of the commissioner, I would suggest that widows who remarry and who may subsequently become widows or be divorced without fault upon their part should have their pensions revived to them for a period of such second widowhood.

The secretary recommends that the Inter-State Commerce Commission be authorized to report direct to the President, to appoint its own officers and employes and to draw on the treasury for the payment of salaries of its subordinates, as well as for all expenses incurred under the act."

On the general condition of Alaska, the secretary says: "Tracts of land producing vegetables and grasses, affording rich pasturage for cattle, may be found at many points on the islands and mainlands. The extension of the

LAND LAWS

to such portions of the territory would be of great and signal benefit and would invite the permanent settlement of citizens. The climate in the southwestern sections near the influence of the Japan current, is temperate and greatly superior to that of those sections on the Atlantic coast in the same latitude, with the same advantages of civil government which are enjoyed by citizens of other territories. The people of Alaska would soon enter upon an era of prosperity which would justify the expectations of its most sanguine friends.

The reports submitted by the governors of the territories are this year unusually full and interesting. They give gratifying views of prosperity, and express the brightest hopes for the near future. In

ALL THE TERRITORIES

the progress of establishing industries of agriculture, stock raising and mining, has been uniform and healthful and the development of new resources varied and important."

CONGRESS.

The House Will Organize at Once, the Senate May Not.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—It has been customary to devote one day of the first week of the session to the introduction of bills. Many of the most experienced congressmen are of the opinion that it should be abolished and probably an effort will be made to prevent the introduction of bills until Speaker Carlisle shall have announced his committee appointments. The Speaker has already begun to sketch out the organization; but owing to the close division of the new House on party lines, and the large number of new and untried members, it is probable the work of selecting committees will occupy Speaker Carlisle's time nearly up to Christmas. In the meanwhile no legislative business of importance can be done. A

STRONG EFFORT

will be made to have a rule adopted to prohibit the introduction of private bills in the open House and require that all measures shall reach the appropriate committees through the medium of the petition box. This would effect a saving of time to the House and expense to the government. At present 1,900 copies are printed of every bill introduced. Should the proposed rule be adopted, no private bill will be printed until it is acted upon by the committee and reported to the House for its consideration.

SENATE CONTESTED CASES.

It is said to be probable that objection will be made tomorrow by the republicans to the admission of Senators Turpie, of Indiana, and Faulkner, of West Virginia, some leading republicans holding that there are grave *prima facie* grounds for the investigation of their titles. The democrats, on the other hand, hold that the only flaws in the title of the senators named are merely technical, and propose, in case objection is made, to make similar objection to the admission of certain republicans. This is likely to precipitate a conflict over the organization of the body, which may delay other matters indefinitely. Should the objection not be made, or should a compromise or understanding be reached, the Senate will tomorrow appoint the

CUSTOMARY COMMITTEE

to give notice to the House and President of the organization of the Senate and readiness to proceed to business. If both houses complete their organization to-morrow, the President's message will be laid before them on Tuesday.

The House will be called to order at noon by Mr. Clark, clerk of the previous House, and after a quorum of members have responded to their names the work of organization will be proceeded with.

Sadi Carnot Installed.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—President Sadi-Carnot was formally installed in Elysee Palace this afternoon and later received visits from ex-President Grevy, M. Rouvier, President Peytial, of the budget committee, and other leading politicians. The President stated that it was his intention, after the new ministry was formed, to at once close the present session of Parliament until after the coming senatorial elections.

THE RESIGNATION

of the cabinet, which followed the election of the new president, will tonight be placed in the hands of the President, and Gen. Bruyere will invest the latter with the grand collar of the Legion of Honor, Gen. Faidherbe presiding at the ceremony.

The newspapers of this city generally approve the election of M. Sadi-Carnot, and consider it an augury of peace. Telegrams from the provinces without exception testify to the satisfaction felt at the result of the election.

WELL RECEIVED IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 4.—The election of President Sadi-Carnot has produced an excellent impression here. The Rome newspapers here congratulate the French people upon the election of President Sadi-Carnot.

PARIS, December 4.—President Sadi-Carnot has requested the ministry to remain in office for the present, for the dispatch of public business.

Rioter Arrested

QUEENSTOWN, December 4. A man named Fogarty, prominent in the rioting at Limerick last Sunday, was arrested here to-day. He was about embarking on the steamer *Arizona* for New York.

The Daily.

IROQUOIS, Dak., Dec. 4.—This afternoon a passenger train from the south got stuck in the snow one mile west of here. The engineer of the passenger train from the east had the cab window closed and did not see the flagman of the "stalled" train, and dashed into it at full speed. Nine persons were injured, but none were killed.

About to Resign.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4.—It is rumored that Count Tolstoi is about to resign the office of minister of the interior, and that he will be succeeded by Privy Councilor Manasseine, now minister of justice, who will be succeeded by M. Philipiff.

The Channel Telegraph.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The negotiations between England and France looking to co-operation in the working of channel telegraph wires, promise to result favorably. France, as well as England, refuses to renew the concessions to the submarine company which, thus nonplussed, will be obliged to sell on England's terms. England, it is thought, would reduce the rate to two pence per word.

The Sculptschina Opened.

BELGRADE, Dec. 4. — The Skuptschina was opened today. King Milan read his speech from the throne. He expressed pleasure at the personal greetings of the deputies.

More Earthquakes.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—There have been several shocks of earthquake throughout the province of Calabria. The railway station at Mongrassan has been destroyed and the town of Bissignano has suffered greatly from the shocks.

The first shock at Bissignano was felt at 5 o'clock in the morning. The people at once fled from their houses and this prevented an awful calamity. The second shock, which was much more violent, occurred at 7 o'clock. Bissignano is almost entirely destroyed. Four thousand persons are rendered homeless any many others are missing. Twenty-five are known to be killed.

The Anarchists' Benefit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The committee of arrangements for the entertainment to be given next Saturday night for the benefit of the families of the dead and imprisoned anarchists, decided today, that, notwithstanding Mayor Roche's prohibitory order, they would at all hazards place beer on sale at the hall. Their first move will be to attempt to procure an order from the courts annulling the mayor's order.

Apache Outrages.

TUCSON, Arizona, Dec. 4.—A band of renegade Apaches under command of Maria Ellis, the well-known Indian desperado, who with five companions, escaped at the time of the surrender of Geronimo, attacked a party of travelers near Los Nogales, in the district of Montenum, 38 leagues from Bavispe, on the 25th of November last, killing Clementez Lopez and wounding another Mexican named Moran. The Mexican authorities are in pursuit.

Total Exchanges.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Managers of the leading clearing houses in the United States report the total gross exchanges for the week ending Dec. 3d, 1887, to be $1,113,277,109; a decrease of 17.3 per cent.

A MODEL BILL.

Senator Palmer Wants to Exclude Anarchists, Paupers, "Mormons," Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Senator Palmer, of Michigan, will introduce in the Senate a bill for the purpose of regulating and restricting immigration to the United States by keeping out persons who seem likely to be undesirable citizens. The bill will provide that all persons coming from foreign countries for the purpose of residing here shall be provided with a certificate from the United States consul for the district of his residence, setting forth that the said consul is satisfied that such person is a

SUITABLE AND DESIRABLE

person for citizenship in the United States; that no certificate shall be granted to any convict except those convicted of a political offense, nor lunatic or idiot, nor to any person unable to take care of himself or herself, nor any anarchist or nihilist, nor any person hostile to the principles of the Constitution or form of government of the United States, nor to any believer or professed believer in the Mormon religion who fails to satisfy the consul upon examination that he or she intends to and will conform to and obey the laws of the United States.

Fire.

QUEBEC, Dec. 4.—A fire this morning in the furniture factory of P. Valliere destroyed the building and contents. Loss between $75,000 and $100,000.

Negroes Shot.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 4.—A mob of 75 masked men took three negroes from jail at Charleston, Miss., last night and shot them to death. They were charged with the assasination of a white man.

Failure.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 4.—J. W. Gale & Co have failed. Liabilities $150,000, assets $100,000.

Dastardly if True.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The *Morning Post* declares that certain Parnellites recently urged Fenians to murder Lord Hartington, which they refused to do. American Fenians then undertook the task, arriving on the continent for that purpose a fortnight ago. These, in concert with a few Irish Fenians, made an arrangement by which the rails on the road between Kingston and Dublin were to be removed in order to wreck the train carrying Lord Hartington and Mr. Goschen last week and in the excitement shots were to be fired into the carriage occupied by the English visitors. The scheme was abandoned when it became known that Lord Hartington and Goschen traveled by different trains. It was next arranged to attack Mr. Powers' carriage in a lonely lane, murder Lord Hartington or to carry him into the Wicklow Mountains, where he was to be held as a hostage for the release of O'Brien and other political prisoners. The plot miscarried, owing to the watchfulness of the police.

Good Wishes.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—M. Grevy, in an interview with the new President, expressed the hope that M. Sadi-Carnot would be happier in the Elysee Palace than he himself had been and would not be as glad to leave it when the time came to leave. M. Grevy boasted that he had slept eight hours last Friday night and said that he had not had that pleasure for six weeks previously. M. Sadi-Carnot is officially a Catholic but really a deist and spiritualist, accepting the views of his friend Jean Raymond.

Dempsey vs. Reagan.

NEW YORK, December 4.—It has been rumored all evening that the prize fight for the middle-weight championship between Jack Dempsey and Johnny Reagan, took place in this vicinity tonight. At this hour no details have been received.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S NEWS.

The Cutting Affair.—Lower California.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, Dec. 3.—In government circles there is no apprehension of difficulties with the United States over the review of the Cutting case. The United States made the demand on the Mexican government several weeks ago, in a friendly manner, suggesting, in order to prevent future entanglement and the rupturing of the good relations at present existing between the two countries, that Chihuahua and the other states of this republic maintaining the doctrine of extra-territorial jurisdiction, should repeal the laws in conflict with the established principle of international law.

INDEMNITY

in the Cutting case is also suggested, without a specific sum being mentioned. The question is one devoid of personal consideration. Mexico showed no disposition to avoid friendly discussion on the point of international law involved. The matter, it is said, will go through the usual diplomatic councils and satisfaction is expressed that Bayard has handled the case so as to avoid placing Mexico in an embarrassing position. The press is very likely to deal with the matter in a different spirit from the government, the real position of the case not being understood by the newspapers, and some heated declamation is probable. The friends of President Diaz, who is a candidate for re-election, say that his opponents will endeavor to show he is over friendly to Americans.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Another election story started by the opponents of Diaz, is that he sanctions selling lower California to the United States. Mr. Messick, government inspector of colonies, who has just returned from Lower California, said: "There is not a word of truth in the report. The President never dreamed of such a thing. The American residents of Lower California would themselves be the strongest opponents to the annexation, as under the Mexican rule, they are enjoying exemption from taxation and receive liberal treatment in all business ventures." He says that these Americans would, in fact shoulder rifles and fight against annexation. The clericals are doing all they can to stir up opposition to the continuance of Diaz in power. The chief allegation against him being his partiality for the American people and the introduction of

AMERICAN IDEAS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The officials of the Department of State are at a loss to account for the feeling that appears to have arisen in Mexico as the result of the discussion of the Cutting case. It is said the subject has been presented to the Mexican government in accordance with the forms of international law, with a view to the settlement of extra-territorial jurisdiction and not with any intent of endeavoring to enforce vexatious claims in an arbitrary manner. As a matter of fact, there has been no new presentations of Cutting's claim against the Mexican government. No fixed money indemnity has been demanded, and nothing has been said that would in the judgment of the department warrant the creation of any ill-feeling between the two countries.

The Fidelity Case.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 3.—The Harper trial was resumed today.

W. H. Chatfield and Sol. P. Kineon, directors of the Fidelity Bank, testified that the board did not authorize the issue of the certificate of deposit to the Chemical National Bank of New York or the payment of the drafts to the Chicago grain brokers. The board had never been consulted with reference to the issuance of any certificates of deposit.

Court adjourned till Monday, before the bookkeeper's testimony was all in.

The Railroads.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 3.—The Union Trust Company, of New York, filed a petition in the district court yesterday against the receiver of the Houston East and West Texas Railway Company, claiming a prior lien on all property as trustees under two mortgages. Default in the payment of the bonded interest is set up and a decree is prayed for ordering the sale of the road.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Another change in the travel to the Pacific coast will be inaugurated on the Union Pacific Railway tomorrow, when through sleeping cars will be put on from Council Bluffs to San Francisco, Los Angeles and other Southern California points, and also through sleepers between Kansas City and Ogden.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—A Winnipeg special says: All hope of any further work being done on the Red River Valley Railroad until after the session of the legislature has been abandoned.

The Russo-German Tangle.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—On the side of Russia, the situation still continues grave. The Czar has failed to gain control of the anti-Teutonic party, and if he himself is convinced of the friendly intentions of the German government he has been unable to persuade the majority in the imperial council that some radical measures are necessary to restore an *entente*. In the meantime the anti-Germans, perennial in the ministry, remain in power, and an order of De Giers, instructing the press to cease attacking Germany,

IS DEFIED.

The severest contest during the session of the Reichstag will be over the bill making the legislative period five instead of three years. The bill is practically a government affair. The official organs support the proposal strongly, on the ground that it will relieve the people of the disturbing influences of often recurring elections, while giving greater independence to Parliament. There will be a fierce and envenomed fight before the measure can pass, but it will pass with a solid majority, equaling the septennate vote. No combination can defeat any bill having the support of the government groups.

The project to organize the landwehr and landstrum is still before the Bundesrath, but some of its provisions were made known tonight. No

OFFICIAL ESTIMATES

have as yet been issued as to what result the project will have in strengthening the reserve, but it is reported it will increase the defensive force of the empire by 400,000 men.

THE PRINCE.

The latest bulletin from San Remo announces that the crown prince drove out today in a closed carriage, the weather being wet. There has been a decided diminution of congestion of the larynx in the last few days, and nothing indicates a return of the serious symptoms which appeared at the end of October.

Criminal Cases.

PRESCOTT, Arizona, Dec. 3.—The grand jury has returned indictments against Ed. and James Tewksbury and Tom Graham, principals in the recent vendetta in Tonto, in the eastern part of this county; also they indicted eleven others on both sides.

Ed. Tow, formerly superintendent of the Prescott & Arizona Central Railroad, arrested for appropriating a barrel of apples, pleaded guilty today to the charge of burglary in the second degree. The penalty may be from one to five years.

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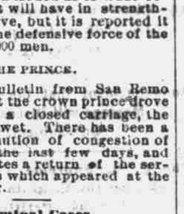

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