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AGREES TO RECOGNIZE CUBA

Cameron Joint Resolution is Made Even More Emphatic,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ACTS

resulted in an agreement to report the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuban | the law statement of Secretary Olney, the administration's policy in regard to the insurrection in Cuba intent to enlist as a soldier or marine or

The committee changed the resolution so as to make it more emphatic. The title was changed to read, "Joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the Republic of Cuba," the words "the republic of" being the independence of the Republic of where proof of the facts could be obtained where proof of the facts could be obtained Instead of declaring that the United States "should" use its friendly office it makes it read the United States

Office it makes it read the United States

DENVER, Dec. 18.—The Rocky Mountain office it makes it read the United States

The resolution as amended is as follows: Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the independence of the Republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba.

Secretary Olney occupied the greater part of the time of the meeting answering ques-tions and suggestions made by members of the committee. He and Senator Morgan engaged in several spirited colloquics. Mr. Olney made two points against the Cameron resolution, as follows: 1. That the Cuban insurgents have estab-

2. That the right to recognize a new state rests with the president, independent of cougressional action. He contended, in elaboration of the first

point, that the pretended government of the island was without habitation. Suppose you recognize the independence

"I, for one," sald Senator Morgan, "while advocating this recognition, want it under-stood that I am opposed to annexation."

The secretary made the impression upon some of the members of the committee, by struction of American property was deplor-"They are, however," he added, "the

'Not of war properly conducted, but of

The secretary set at rest the story, which Consul General Lee has provided the State department with an elaborate report on the condition of affairs in Cuba. "It is not he said. "General Lee has made no general written report at all. He has made reports on several special cases, but not on the situation as a whole." It also developed ouring the examination that the government has made no demand in the case of the Competitor and in other cases of a similar

character beyond for information. While the committee will report the reso lution as agreed upon Monday, it is not ex-pected that the question will be pressed until after the holidays. The disposition of the committee will be to press the resolu-tion to a speedy determination as soon as ssible after the question is once taken up

for debate. The committee was prompt in hour of 10:30 today, all the members except Senators Gray and Daniel being present. The meeting was for the express purpose of continuing the discussion of a policy on the Cuban question to be recommended by the committee, and Secretary Olney was present for the purpose of giving advice and placing before the committee information in his possession bearing upon the question. The meeting was strictly private, Mr. Olney being the only person not a member of the nittee who was admitted to the con-

It was early understood, however, that the tendency of the secretary's advice was Congressman-elect John J. Lenz was among against precipitate action by the committee, the speakers. but that the advocates of the Cameron reso to change their determination to report it Secretary Olney, it is claimed by the members of the committee who favored this letter from Gustav Schalchter, 975 Maraction on Cuba, did not have any new in- ket street, Phildelphia, second lieutenant mittee knew as much about the condition of affairs in Cuba as the secretary did. The secretary counseled moderation and urged that there was no counseled moderation and urged the Cuba that the counter of the cuba the counter of the cuba that the counter of the cuba formation to present and they say the comthat there was no regular form of govern-

CAME TO THE CAMERON. The regular call of the Cameron resolution as reached immediately after Mr. Olney left the room at 12:15, and was arrived at without division or expressed difference of opinion. The only division was as to the time that the resolution should be reported graph operators. I can assemble my com-Senator Cameron moved its ay next. Senator Sherman report on Monday next. until after the holidays. When the ameron motion prevailed by a large major

Secretary Olney did not make any statement regarding the attitude of foreign gov-ernments in case the United States took The secretary did not proffer very much advice to the committee, but con fined himself mainly to a statement of facts in possession of the State department regarding the conditions in the island and what the government had done. These included information furnished by the Ameri can consuls and agents, also information furnished by the Spanish authorities.

The time of the committee was taken up largely with Secretary Olney's statement and with reading portions of the report on the resolution prepared by Senator Cameron. Mr. Olney refused, after leaving the committee room to reveal the nature of his com-

Another member of the committee is re-consible for the statement that there was surgents. To division on this proposition.
"Do you mean," he was asked, "that the LITTLE BOCK Dec. 18 Two carbonds

committee was unanimous? members holding that the question should be opened in the senate until after the

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DANGER IN ENLISTMENT FOR CUBA.

Government of This Country Will Take Action Against Offenders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Departmen information of the enlistment of companies in different parts of the country with the view of joining the insurgent forces in Cuba. nor can it be authoritatively stated just what course would be pursued by the gov-Washington, Dec. 18.—The meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations today was important in two respects. It resulted in an agreement to report the Camfor a man actually to enlist, inasmuch as the law inhibits citizens under the penalties independence and it developed, through the named above from enlisting or entering

> Cuban volunteers, nearly 1,000 strong, de-cided today to leave for the Florida coast on cided today to leave for the Fforda coast of December 26 on foot, provided horses enough are accurred to carry their supplies and ac-coutrements. Colonel McAndrew, command-ing officer of the volunteers, has received scores of letters from various sources offering material uids. Judge Asa A. Story, com mander of Humphrey Post, G. A. R., Twin Brooks, S. D., writes that his post will join the movement practically in a body, its mean bers furnishing their own arms and mounts Colonel McAndrew today received a letter from Senator Cullom, thanking the volun-teers for their indersement of his recent speech on the Cuban situation.

OFFER HOME RULE TO PORTO RICO. Spanish Cabinet Discusses a Plan for General Reform.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The dispatches from Madrid that a cabinet council has taken up the question of applying home rule reforms to Porto Rico are regarded by officials here as having an important bearing on the proposed reforms for Cuba. of the island, what are you going to do The two islands have been treated together by Spain and in the plan of home rule re-forms proposed some months ago both is lands were included in the same bill, the measure being entitled, "A law for the reorganization of the civil administration of Cuba and Porto Rico."

some of the members of the committee, by the way he pursued this line of inquiry, that while he was disposed to hold out strongly for the president's prerogative, he was not nearly so strongly opposed to Cuban independence as he had been a year ago, and that he would be entirely reconciled to it is satisfied as to the future course to be pursued. He did not dissent strongly from a point made that his own report showed a sufficient cause for action, and he admitted that a state of affairs which permits the killing of American citizens and the destruction of American property was deplordistinction is explained by the officials on the ground of a depreciated silver currency which would make a \$10 payment in Porto Rico equivalent to \$5 in Cuba. When this feature is adjusted it is befleved the next step will be to apply the reforms to Cuba. has been very industriously circulated, that | The general character of them has been Consul General Lee has provided the State given heretofore in these dispatches, the

Two Thousand Citizens of Atlanta Express Their Sympathy. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.-The most en thusiastic public meeting ever witnessed in Atlanta was held at the court house

tonight, when 2,000 citizens expressed their sympathy with the Cuban patriots. Ex-Governor Northen presided. Resolutions were adopted favoring the recognition of

needing was held here tonight at the Board of Trade rooms and resolutions were adopted urging the recognition of Cuban in ependence. The meeting was participated n by many leading citizens.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A mass meeting of colored men was held tonight at St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal church to express sympathy with the Cubans. A committee was appointed to go to Woshington and urge the adoption of the Cameron resolutions. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.-Fifteen hundred citizens attended a mass meeting at the city hall tonight to express sympathy with the Cuban insurgents. Accolutions were the Cuban insurgents. Acsolutions were adopted urging the president and congress to recognize the independence of Cuba.

Volunteer Company for Cuba. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The Jersey City equipped and drilled company of fifty voluteers, who have seen service in the United States army during the Indian troubles and at present are members of the National guard. They have seen service in artillery, cavalry and infantry. Included in this number are two qualified surgeons, an apothecary, two electricians and two telemand at three hours' notice."

Rushing Provisions Into Cuba. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- During the coming week large quantities of provisions. principally lard, hams and bacon, will be shipped from this city to Cuba in order to be entered before January 1. On that date General Weyler's order raising tariff on imports 5 per cent goes into effect. Thousands of tierces of lard and hams and boxes of bacon are being hurrled off. This rush began immediately after Weyler's order a month ago. Some flour has also been shipped, but not any

amount, owing to the discriminating duty

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 18 .- Rob Fergu son, who has a large stock ranch in the west, was here today. At Fort Worth he says he met an agent of the Cubans who is in Texas for the purpose of buying \$50,-All that I can say as to our proceedings,"

said a member of the committee, "la that we adopted a motion to report the Cameron resolution immediately after Mr. Olney left."

Another member of the committee is not yet known, but the agent has the privilege of selecting.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 18.—Two carloads nothing to say of the resolution. "Yes; it amounts to that. There was of heavy artillery passed through this city some difference of opinion as to the time yesterday for the south, over the Iron that the report should be made, some of Mountain road. The conductor said the Mountain road. The conductor said the cars were billed to a Texas port and that not be opened in the senate until after the bolidays."

Schator Cameron's report deals at length with the question of precedents in the mainth the port to which the cars were destined. The mother of the comtesse de Paris, the dischasse de Montpensier, was a Spanish infor the Cuban partriots.

SPANISH SOLDIERS SUFFER

of Justice has not yet received any official Fourteen Thousand of Weyler's Men Crowd Havana's Hospitals,

DISEASE DOING ITS DREAD WORK

Yellow Jack, La Viruela, Fever and Ague, Rheumatism and Bad Colds Join in Decimating the Imperial Army.

Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company. HAVANA, Cuba (by way of Tampa, Fla.). Dec, 18 .- (New York World Cablegram -- Special Telegram.)-There are about 14,000 sick oldiers in hospitals in and about Havana. The regular hospitals speedily became overrowded and warehouses and other large suildings are now used for the purpose. Four hundred and thirty-eight cases of yellow fever have been reported in this city n the last seven days, proving that the lisease is epidemic. Smallpox continues epidemic, but chiefly among civilians, only a few cases being reported among the sol-The disease has assumed the hemorrhagic form, a severe type, and there are many deaths daily. No attempt is made to isolate smallpox. I saw a child suffering from the disease in a cab yesterday. The child's face was covered with postules.

The army has had a great lot of sick-ness to contend with. There have been numerous yellow fever cases and cases of simple chills and fever have exceeded the usual figures 10 to 1. The country has been rank with malaria and the unacclimated troops have suffered severely. The government was compelled to temporarily disposes the hundreds of orphans in La Beneficencia asylum, on the beach of a western suburb, and about 2,300 cots were placed in its degratization and corridors. The placed in its dormitories and corridors. The cots were filled speedily with the sick sent in from Pinar del Rio. I visited all the wards and found fully four-fifths of them suffering from malaria in some form. There were about sixty cases of yellow fever, but no attempt was made to seclude the patients. The hospital is thoroughly infected, of course, and there are numerous patients there to be treated for malaria or course. comparatively simple disorders who will con-tract the yellow fever and die.

LIST AND CAPACITY OF HOSPITALS. Here is a list of the military hospitals of Havana. Alfonzo hospital, on the hill near the Principe fortress, has 4,000 beds; stood that I am opposed to annexation."

"How, then, would you maintain its independence?" asked the secretary, himself becoming interlocutor, "How would you for instance, prevent Spanish domination over the island?"

"I would," replied the Alabama senator, "establish if need by a protectorite. I instance, prevent Spanish normal design of the island?"

"I would" replied the Alabama senator, as meaning that the Cuban reforms in the case of Mexico.

Rico reforms as meaning that the Cuban reforms as meaning that the Cuban reforms in the council will bring about one of two results, either to put the Porto Rico reforms into speedy execution and then follow them by applying the sick. The infant hospital near the Cuban reforms to sick soldiers necessitated its use again, and the cot beds are all occupied. It is a wretched place, unfit for the purpose of curing the sick. The infant hospital near the Cuban reforms into speedy execution and then follow them by applying the sick. The infant hospital near the Cuban reforms as meaning that the Cuban all filled. The Maderia parracks on the Juan Peseo have recently been utilized as a hospital and have about 1.120 beds. The Santa Catalina hospital was formerly a great warehouse. It puts out into the harbraye, carnest, honest man. bor from Regla, opposite Havana. Two were filled yesterday. Two other houses near by are also in use for hospital pur-

poses.

As far as it is possible the medical de-partment, presided over by the chief im-spector of sanitation, General Dorido, fur-At the Alfonzo XIII hospital I found the wards clean and beds in good order. There were numerous attendants. The same may When this be said of La Beneficencia and San Amdition of affairs. There was difficulty in se curing a competent force of attendants. The nurses are mostly Chinamen, who do the best they can, but who are far from being trained. The place is unclean and unwholesome. Yellow fever cases are sandwiched between the patients afflicted with common colds or rheumatism. I saw the body of of yellow fever lying on a cot next to a bed occupied by a soldier with a swollen leg. Hie was sitting up playing cards with a The cot on the other side contained a soldier down with bronchitis.

A tour of the hospitals shows compara tively few soldlers suffering from wounds. There are less than 400 wounded now in the hospitals and many of them have been here several months. The largest number here several months. The largest number of wounded under treatment at any one time in the whole island was 694. SCENES IN THE CITY.

for a century

has been destroyed. The fine old trees have been cut and space leveled. General Weywindows of the palace were commanded from the thick growth of vegetation in front of it. A. Wilkes Booth or Guiteau could do mischief with a rifle. Therefore the park was swept away as a military precaution. A stranger landing in Havana would not know the country is in a state of civil strife and that the city is under martial law No soldiers are on duty. The usual spick and span police loiter on street corners. The familiar guard of volunteers is posted in front of the palace, the Spanish bank and the prison. The shops are wide open, but the clerks and porters do not display much activity, principally because there is nothing to be active over, for trade is lauguishing. The Stock exchange, the Producexchange, the sugar and tobacco markets and all business that depends for success on agricultural prosperity are at a standstill There is little shipping in the harbor, wharves are usually lined at this time of year with vessels loading with sugar. There are none now. One only sees Spanish liners that have brought troops from over the sea and tramp steamers discharging coal or military supplies. There are small garri-sons in the harbor, forts, the Morro, the Sabanas, the Atartes and the Principe theaters are open, presenting Spanish farce, vaudeville and comic opera. The great square in front of the town theater is filled it night when the military band plays, and numerous bright-eyed young women with attendants promenade, their gay raiment contravening with the sober blue of Spanish officers. Many officers are to be seen, most of them convalescent or on return to duty in the field. WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN.

WEYLER SAYS NOTHING ABOUT IT

Declines to Talk on the Action of the Senate Committee. HAVANA, Dec. 18 .- The correspondent o the Associated press obtained an audience with Captain General Weyler at the palace tonight, the captain general having been informed of the object of the visit and having had presented to him a copy of Senator Cameron's resolution agreed upon by the for eign relations committee of the senate. Cap eign relations committee of the senate. Cap-tain General Weyler read the resolution very attentively, but in reply to a request for an expression of his opinion he replied: "I cannot say anything upon the proposition of the senate committee." The correspondent urged General Weyler to say something, but he issisted upon maintaining a sirier rehe issisted upon maintaining a strict re-

For the Aid of Spanish Soldiers MADRID, Dec. 18 .- The comtesse de Paris has sent 1,000 pesetas to the relief fund for wounded Spaniards in Cuba and the Phil-

THREE FRIENDS REACHED CUBA. Roberto Solar Brings Important Items of News from the Island.

TAMPA Fla., Dec. 18.-Reberto Solar, who camp of Colonel Raoal Arrango in the provinces of Havana and Matanzas, arrived on the steamship Olivette tonight. Mr. Solar, in an interview said: "I was told before leaving Havana that the last expedition of the Three Friends had been successfully landed on Tuesday night. I believe the report to be

on Tursday light. I believe the report to be true, as official circles in Havana were greatly agitated that night.

"There can be no longes any doubt that Maceo is dead. I saw a letter which should now be in the hands of the junta from Brigadier Adolfo Castillo, who is fighting in Havana province, stating positively that Maceo had been killed by Spanish treachery. He did not give any particulars, saying he would forward then in a few days or as soon as he was satisfied that he bad obtained the true story. I also saw the in-surgent accredited agent in Ha-vana and he told me Maceo was dead. but that his death was surrounded with mystery. I cannot doubt this proof. The conditions in Cuba are such that the Spaniards have densinion only over that part of the island on which they stand; that is principally the cities. The entire country is in possession of the insurgents, even that immediately surrounding Havana. The talk of the insurgents being starved out is ridicu-

The world may not believe it, but the Spanish authorities are drowning some of their prisoners at Playo del Chivo (Beach hold favorable action on the resolution. of the Goal, near Havana. Those whom they drown they declare belong to a secret negro society called "Naniges." but, as a fact, they class any one as Nanigos if they wish to drown them. The victims are taken out in boats, their hands tied up to their neeks and a weight factored to them so necks and a weight fastened to them, so that when they are thrown overboard they plunge head downward into the water, which is alive with sharks."

MACEO MISTOOK THE TROOPS. Rode Out to Meet the Guerrillas At-

tached to Girujeda's Column. rright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 18 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-A letter written by Jose Miro, chief of staff, describing General Macco's death, has been shown me. Miro planned many of Macco's operations. The letter is dated Managua December 9, two days after Maceo's death. Miro writes that Maceo was encamped near a small house and was expecting to be joined by the forces of Castillo and Sanchez. He saw the advance guard of Spanish irregular cavalry (guerrillas) belonging to Major Girujeda's column, and rode forward to meet them, believing them to be friends. A volley was discharged at him and his troop and he fell in the road. Miro makes no charge of treachery or bad faith against the Spanish commander.

Maceo was uncompromising, the Cuban sympathizers say, and would have listened to no overtures from his enemies. It was war to the finish with him. I have also seen, two letters written by Lacret, the Cuban leader in Matanzas province. He complains leader in Matanzas province. He complains of the failure of the junta to respond to his calls for aumunition. He writes he has sent considerable money to New York through trustworthy channels, but has had no response. He says that unless he is added he cannot hold out much longer. I am not permitted to quote the two very interesting let-WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN.

CUBANS GATHER IN SANTA CLARA.

Santa Clara, with the intention, apparently,

Matanzas and Havana.

the Cabanas fortress. The official gazette publishes a notice announcing the disappearance of Prof. Frias of the University of Havana.

Serious Complaints from Madrid. MADRID, Dec. 18 .- The newspapers here sublish dispatches from the United States growing, and declaring that certain American newspapers are publishing false news, in order to excite public opinion. El Liberal The picturesque park in front of the palace, an ornament to the lower part of and to frankly make known the situation in

VENEZUELANS UNDERSTAND IT NOW

York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.) -The people and the press of Venezuela are beginning to understand that the treaty by the United States is in behalf of Vene-The Chacame Guaricio gold mine has een bought by a Franco-English syndicate

for \$6,000,000. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18 .- The min-Ister of ways and communications, Prince Chilkow, and the minister of finance, M. de Witte, with a view to promoting ex-ports to America, have resolved to intro-duce a direct reduced through railroad

tariff to Hamburg, Bremen and Bremer-MADRID, Dec. 18 .- Four additional batcolony, has asked for reinforcements of ten additional battalions.

New South Wales Must Import Wheat wheat yield for New South Wales is 7,354,000 bushels, which is 1,250,000 bushels below the local wants.

China Joins with Other Nations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- A cablegram reeived from United States Minister Denby at Peking today states that China has ac epted the rules for the prevention of col-

PARIS, Dec. 18.-The Chamber of Dep uties today adopted a credit of 549,000 francs to provide for the official participation of France in the Brussels exposition. Crispl's Daughter Elopes. MILAN, Dec. 18 .- The Secolo states that

Signor Crispi's daughter, the Princess Lin-

gua-Glossa, has eloped with one of her ser Pill to Prohibit Colored Emigration ADELAIDE, South Australia, Dec. 18 .- The races has passed the legislative council.

Bishop Kenne Arrives at Rome. ROME, Dec. 18 .- Bishop J. J. Keane, for Washington, has arrived here.

South American Steamer Ashore COLON, (via Galveston), Dec. 18.—The

NEBRASKA FOR CUBA LIBRE

spent seventeen months in the insurgent Congressmen Willing to Support the Cameron Resolution if Reported.

WILL PASS IT IN SPITE OF CLEVELAND

Enough Votes in Favor of the Declaration to Give it Life Over the President's Veto if Applied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- (Special Telegram.)—Conversation with representatives of the Nebraska delegation now in Washington, leads one to believe that they will all vote for the passage of the Cameron Cuban reso lutions, if it should be reported out of the house committee. There is no doubt but that eventually the resolution will pass the senate and be reported to the house, where will go into the hands of a committee unfavorable to any hasty action. It is, howit is though; that enough votes will be se cured to pass the joint resolution over the president's veto, should be decide to with-

Amended, or rather revised deeds for South Omana postoffice site have been received at the Department of Justice and conditions now seem favorable for request that tran-scription of the abstract shall be sent on to Washington in order that the authorities may see the condition of the property. This is purely a matter of formality and will require but few days until the deal is finally settled and cheeks drawn for the several amounts named in the deeds.

2:30. The building is seven stories in height and occupied by several stores, principally clothing.

The fire started in Colheim's furniture

site for monuments on a battle field known as "Masszcre Hill," where Licutenant Col-onel Fetterman and eighty-six men in the onel Fetterman and eighty-six men in the Sjoux war of 1866 were massacred by the red men under Red Cloud, near old Fort Phil Kearrey. It is regarded as one of the most historic places in western history. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5.090. Mr. Mondell was also able to pass through the house a bill persioning E. W. Bruner of Charge carrying a pension of \$12 per Cheyenne, carrying a pension of \$12 per

month.

Representative Andrews succeeded in passing bills for the relief of Andrew G. Willetts of Red Cloud, granting a pension of \$30 per month, and George W. Churchill of Clay Center for \$50. Bills were reported favorably today fo

the purchase of sites for the location of public buildings at York, Hastings, Norfolk and Plattsmouth. The Plattsmouth bill was introduced by Representative Strode, and while it carries an appropriation of \$100,000 is limited in cost with others in purchase of a site. It is not expected that any of thes bills will be passed at this session, but they are reported for the purpose of givng them a status in the Fifty-fifth congres Will Owen Jones, managing editor of the Lincoln State Journal, and wife are in the city for a few days.

PUSHING PRIVATE PENSION BILLS Some Will Be Passed Over the President's Veto if Possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Representative Pickler of South Dakota, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, eays he intends to press forward as rapidly as possible General Westward M. ment Toward
the Province of Havans.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—It is now established
beyond doubt that the insurgents are concentrating their forces in the province of
up by urging the passage of other pension pension to Nancy C. Allabach, which the Attempt to Place All the Blame for bills which the president vetoed.

of moving westward to the provinces of his pension bills were disapproved by the The Zaragesa battalion at Sinobre and by congress in three instances. The Francis for the check kiting, by means of which the Miraguaya, province of Santa Clara, has been E. Hoover bill was passed by both houses cngaged with a band of 500 insurgents under in May, 1895; the Nancy C. Allabach rethe leadership of Ermon Alvarez. The ceived the approval of the senate, and on the enemy left fifteen killed and the countrymen December 14 last the house refused to pass operations and that Teller Sidney E. May enemy left fifteen killed and the countrymen December 14 last the house refused to pass of that vicinity say that the insurgents over the president's veto a bill pensioning carried away thirty wounded. The troops Lydia A. Taft. The other measures Mr had one captain and five soldiers wounded. Pickler desires to press to a vote are these colonel. Pena, has been in the interest of Charles E. Jones, Caroline wounded in the Manzanilla district.

Dr. Zetucha has arrived here and will will have first to be acted upon by the invalid pensions committee before being reported to the house.

Says the Secretary Cannot Influence the Secretarial Election. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Senator Vest of Missouri has been considerably annoyed reporting that the Cuban agitation there is by the report that he is holding up the nomination of Secretary Francis until after the senatorial election in that state. Referring to the report the senator said today "It is absurd. There is not a Palmer or McKinley democrat in the Missouri legislature, and I do not see how Secretary Francis could be a factor in the election of a United States senator from my state. Besides this Treaty Through Their Heads.

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CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.) the nominations of all the Palmer or McKinley democrats."

of arbitration negotiated with Great Britain BATCH OF PUBLIC BUILDING BILLS Three Nebraska Towns Are Favored by the House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The house com mittee on public buildings voted today to report and place on the house calendar : large number of public building bills which it had practically agreed last session to report. The list includes bills providing for building in the following cities: Hastings, Neb.; York, Neb; Platismouth, Neb. Clinton, Ia.; Boise, Idaho; Reno, Nev.; Santa Rosa, Cal.; Salt Lake, Utah; Alameda, Cal. Tacoma, Wash.; Stockton, Cal.; St. Cloud. Minn.; Fergus Falls, Minn.; Fulton, Mo. Woodland, Cal.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Kansa-City, Kan.; San Diego, Cal.; Fresno, Cal. Deadwood, S. D., and Butte, Mont.

alions of Spanish troops embarked for the De Lome Says He Will Say Nothing. Philippine islands yesterday and General WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senor Dupuy Polivijada, the new captain general of that de Lome, the Spanish minister, was in-WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Senor Dupuy formed of the action of the senate committee on the Cameron resolution soon after it occurred. He did not seem either dis-SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18.—The gov-turbed or surprised. He said, as it was ernment statistician estimates that the a matter before congress, he must decline to discuss it or comment upon it in any way. Anticipating, however, that statements of various sorts would be attributed to him by the press, he wished to forestall them by saying through the Associated press that any alleged interview with him which might appear would be unauthorized.

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- (Special Tele (ram.)-First Lieutenant Frederick R. Day has been transferred from company H to ompany C. Twentieth regiment. First Lieutenant John J. Pershing, Tenth

> cavalry, has been ordered to this city for emporary duty. Leaves of absence: Captain George Pond, resistant quartermaster four months; Second Lieutenant Ernes; B. Gose, Eighth infactry, extended one month.

Troubles of a Texas Congressman. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representativ Miles Crowley of Texas today forfeited \$5 ollateral deposited by him at the police station late last night as security for his ap-pearance in police court today to answer a charge of disorderly conduct, growing out of his alleged rough handling of an old woman organ grinder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Earne line steamship Earnweil. Captain Available cash balance, \$226,033,488; gold Hacks, is ashore off Vento Frio.

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THE BEE (Weather Forecast for Net =

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nifesto. Kentucky Mob Take ree Victims. 3. Lincoln May Take a Street Rallway. South Dakota Election Law Explained. Soldiers' Home Trustees Escape.

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Parson Passmore Passes Away. 1 0. Active Career of Antonio Macco. 11. Bits of Feminine Gossip. 12, "Minervy," A Christmas Story,

Notes on Current Literature.

Elliott Puts on a Bold Face.

FIRE IN BIG ST. PAUL HOTEL. Annex, Seven Storles High, Threatened for a Time. ST. PAUL, Dec. 19 .- A fire broke out in

the Ryan hotel annex this morning about

named in the deeds.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming introduced a bill today locating and fixing the street side. For a time it threatened the Schuette block and the Ryan hotel. The furniture company's loss is estimated at \$100,000. The Ryan annex was built at a cost of \$400,000. The upper stories have never been completed.

At 3 a. m. the fire seemed to be under ontrol. The fire is confined to the annex. ARAPAHOE, Neb., Dec. 18.-(Special Telegram.)-The dwelling house of Joseph Metzner was totally destroyed by fire this morning about 2 o'clock. Insurance, \$400. MORE RICH GOLD DISCOVERIES.

Grand Encampment the Scene of Much Excitement at Present. RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 18 .- (Special Telegram.)-John Myers came in today from Grand Encampment district, He reports the recent discovery by Robert Harrold of Laramie of a very rich gold lead. The crevice is fifteen feet wide, filled with a red honeycomb quartz which glistens with good gold. There are about 190 men in the district, a great many of whom are employed by English capitalists. They have made some wonderful discoveries in gold, assays running from \$500 to \$1,500 per ton. In the Golden Eable, it is claimed on good authority, that assays have run as high as \$20,000 per ton, at a depth not exceeding twenty feet from the surface. The forma-tion is granite slate and gnelss, Great dykes of quartitie and trachite are inter-spersed throughout the entire mineral zone.

DEFENSE IN DENVER BANK CASE.

the Wrecking on O. E. Miller. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—The prosecution today and Attorney Charles Hartsell made the opening address, from which it appears president, and subsequent action was taken an attempt will be made to place all blame Mr. Hartsell claimed that President Charles operations and that Teller Sidney E. Mc Clurken, the third defendant, in receiving Miller's bogus checks, merely followed the custom of the bank. McClurken was the first witness for the defense. He did not deny any of the acts charged against him, but disclaimed responsibility for the bank's methods.

CHINAMEN COME FROM MEXICO.

selves Over the River. EL PASO, Dec. 18.—During the past few days Chinamen by the wholesale have been smuggling themselves across the river sev eral hundred miles below El Paso and also across the Mexican line in Arizona. J. H Bohan, Chinese agent at this point, catches a bunch of the "yellow kids" every day try ing to pass through to New Orleans or Sar Francisco. Today he found locked up in a Pullman sleeper six Chinamen who had smuggled themselves into this country and had no tickets. The county jail here is full of Chinamen, who are here in violation of

SENATOR WARREN IS QUITE ILL. Chicago Physicians Operate Upon

the exclusion act.

Him for Appendicitis. CHEYENNE, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.) -The friends of United States Senator Warren are much concerned about his illness. Senator Warren left here for Washington early in December and was taken iii at Chicago, where he has since been under the treatment of physicians. It was finally deelded that an operation for appendicitie was necessary and the operation was performed today. A report received tonight from his physicians states that the senator stood the operation very well and so far as can now

His Wife and Step-Brother Dead. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Anton Benning, huckster, returned to his home about his wife stretched upon a cot in one room and in the front room the corpse of his step-brother, Henry Kimmerling, both shot through the left temple and both cold in death. It is believed Kimmerling was in love with the woman and killed her through jealousy.

Soldier Guilty of Manslaughter. len a soldier in the Fifteenth Infantry, I S. A., was found guilty of manslaughte in the federal court today. March 20 Allen shot and killed Daniel M. Call, also a private in the Fifteenth Infantry. The killing grew out of a boxing contest, in which Allen was worsted.

John Randolph Tucker is III. LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 18-Hon. J Randolph Tucker, the eminent jurist and dean of the law school of Washington and here with pleurisy. He is 73 years of age. Two Men Killed in a Wreck.

CAMDEN, O., Dec. 18.—The westboun Baltimore and Southwestern train was de Troubles in the Business World.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Ole Berg, manufac-turer of moldings and picture frames, made an assignment today. The assets are \$100,-000 and the liabilities are estimated at about \$125,000,

At New York—Arrived—Ems, from Genoa; Europa, from London; Norge, from Copenhagen, Sailed—Karlsruhe, for Bremen, At Liverpool—Arrived—Britannie, from New York; Servia, from Boston, At Gibraliat—Arrived—Werra, from New York, for Naples and Genoa, At London—Sailed—Massachusetts, for New York.

FIND HIS ACCOUNTS SHORT

Trusted Treasurer a Defaulter in a Large

Amount. CONFESSION OF FRANK C. MILES

Boston Safety Deposit and Trusk Company's Directors Give Out

an Official Statement

to the Press.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.-Frank C. Miles, for nore than twenty years the trusted treasurer of the Boston Safety Deposit and Trust company, one of the oldest establishments in this city, is a defaulter for at least \$100,000. The defalcation was discovered late this afternoon by the president and a meeting of the directors was immediately called. After their hurried consultation, a reporter of the Associated press was sent for, and upon his arrival at the banking rooms the following statement, which had previously been prepared, was handed to him by President Stone in the presence of the entire board

of directors:

To the Associated Press: The examining committee of the Boston Safety Deposit and Trust company, finding a defleit in their securities, called upon the treasurer, Frank C. Miles, for an explanation, when he confessed that he had misapplied securities, which may involve a loss to the company of from \$5,000 to \$100,000. The company holds a responsible bond of indemnity in the sum of \$30,000. Mr. Miles had no connection with the safe deposit vaulis of the company.

W. F. M. STONE.

President.

More than the above, the official refused to say, except that Miles had been treasurer of the institution since it began, business or the institution since it began, business in 1875, and during all the twenty-one years, had handled the funds of the company in the most conservative and careful manner, not even a whisper being heard as to his integrity until today. The company has a capital of \$1,000,000 and does a regular trust company business, besides having a large number of safe deposit vaults which it course. number of safe deposit vaults, which it rents to private parties for the safe keeping of securities. Miles had full charge of the cash deposits and securities belonging to the company and these held as collateral for loans and it is from these securities that

he abstracted these missing.
At a late hour tonight, the examination committee was still in session at the bank trying to ascertain if \$100,000 covered the entife deficit. Papers to present for a warrant for Miles' arrest were prepared, but it is too late for the granting of such a warrant teday. Mr. Lincoln stated to the Associated press reporter that the securities of the company had probably been hypothe-cated by Miles and the money raised on

them and used in speculation.
Miles, who is 40 years old had a luxurious home at 340 Beacon street. The Boston Safety Deposit & Trust company is a state Institution and does not come under the national bank act, being directly under the supervision of the savings bank commissioners of this state. The last examination was made by the commissioners on November s, and according to the state-ment issued by the commissioners, all the securities were intact at that time. In order to deceive the examiners at that time, Miles either substituted other securities or persuaded the Savings Bank commissioners that everything was all right and they took his word for it.

COMPANY SWINDLER IS ARRESTED.

Henry M. Armstead Taken in Denver on Complaints from New York, NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Henry M. A. stead was arrested today in Donver, Colo., on information furnished by the district attorney of this city. Armstead is wanted here on a charge of having swindled Thomas Taylor of Midway, Pa., out of \$45,000 in what purported to be a prospectus of an irrigation and hydraulic company, which claimed to control 12.000 acres of valuable land in Golding, N. M. Taylor came to New York, met Armstead here by appointment and turned over to him about \$45,000 in notes for stock in the company. Taylor, who is a miner, went to New Mexico and found that the land was gold producing and he at once entered into an agreement to sink wells. This he did at a cost of \$15,000. When the company did not pay him for this he became suspicious and made complaint. Armstead then gave him as a guarantee 5,000 acres of land in Tennessee, which was found to be worthless. Armstead was in-

EDWARD MORSE FIELD'S TROUBLES

Locked Up as a Crank After a Night's NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Edward Morae Field, eldest son of the late Cyrus W. Field, was arrested last night in a car etable. He was talking loudly and gesticulating violently, and a policeman took him into custody under the impression that he was a crank. His face and hands were smeared with mud, and he was attired in a solied suit of Scotch corduroy, Norfolk jacket and cap. In the police court this morning he presented a pitiable appearance, shivering as if with the palsy. He was charged with in-toxication and made no defense, but an at-torney for the Field family appeared for him and secured his discharge by explaining that Field was not in his right mind.

Edward Morse Field, who was his father's Edward Morse Field, who was his father's favorite son, was educated at Williams college. He was the sentor member of the firm of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co., brokers, which failed in the panic of 1891. Field made \$1,000,000 in his first year in Wall street, and his father looked upon him as a master of finance. After the failure it was discovered that Field had squandered at least \$2,000,000, and that his forgeries were enor-\$2,000,000, and that his forgeries were enor-

In one day just before the failure \$440,-000 disappeared, which never was accounted for. Field was arrested, and when put on trial insanity was pleaded in his behalf, but the jury disagreed, and Fields was sent to the Buffalo asylum for observation. He was sub-sequently adjudged insane and regularly com-mitted to the asylum, from which he was released about a year ago. Field has re-cently been making his home in a Raines

HARVARD WINS THE JOINT DEBATE

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 18.-A large attendance assembled tonight in Alexander hall to hear the joint debate between Princeton and Harvard. President Patton of Princeton university made the untroductory address and presented to the audience Talcott Williams as the presiding officer. Mr. Williams made a few brief remarks, advocating intercollegiate debates. Mr. Williams stated the subject of debate as fol-

Resolved. That assuming the adoption

Princeton took the affirmative. The speakers for Princeton were H. H. Yocum, Robert Sterling and R. M. McElroy. Those for Har-vard were Sydney R. Wrightington, Frank D. White and Charles Grilk. After the close of the speeches the judges, Senator Joseph R. Hawley, Provost C. C. Harrison and Hamilton W. Mabie, retired, and in ten minutes came to a decision in favor of Harvard. Princeton men tendered to the Harvard representatives in the joint debate a banquet.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Insurance Com-missioner Rose today served a notice withdrawing the permit for the Texas Life In-surance company at Tyler, Tex., to do busi-ness on the ground that it would be hazard Queenstown-Arrived-Umbria, from York,