

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

SENATE.—After the usual preliminaries of an organization, Mr. Mason, of Virginia, introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a select committee of inquiry into the nature and consequences to the General Government of the recent capture at the United States army, located at Harper's Ferry.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, gave notice of an amendment to the above, providing also for an injunction as to the nature of the recent capture of the Frankfort arsenal.

After the passage of the usual resolutions, notifying the House of its readiness to proceed to business, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Nearly all the members were in their seats at the opening hour, and a ballot was had for Speaker, with the following vote: John Sherman, Black Republican, 110; Biddle, Administration Democrat, 88; Gilmer, Southern American, 20; Scudder, 13. One hundred and sixteen votes are necessary to a choice.

After the ballot the House adjourned.

December 10.

The Senate was not in session to day.

In the House, Mr. Hickman, of Pennsylvania, endeavored to have a resolution adopted to elect Speaker, and other officers, by the plurality rule. The effort was characterized as a plan to enable certain gentlemen to elect a Republican Speaker by indirect means. A warm debate ensued.

There was no vote taken, and the House adjourned until Monday.

Old Brown's Body Arrives in New York.—Extremism among the abolitionists.

On Saturday evening, about eight o'clock, the remains of John Brown, the victim of fanatical zeal, arrived in this city, by the Camden and Amboy railroad, via Amboy.

The body came on in charge of J. M. Hopper, an undertaker, from Brooklyn. Mrs. Brown did not come on with the body from Philadelphia, but was expected in the city last evening.

She has not seen the body of her husband yet, and in all probability will not until its arrival in North Elba. Immediately on arriving, the body was privately conveyed in a wagon to the wholesale undertaking establishment of Messrs. McGraw and Taylor, No. 163 Bowery. The body came on in the same condition as when thrown in by the Virginia authorities.

The coffin, or box, as it may be termed, is of common one inch white pine, and inside, near the head, were several drops of blood. The body was immediately stripped and placed upon ice, and after being completely frozen, was put into a plain solid wood coffin, studded with silver headed nails, and then encased in a square pine outside case. There was no glass on the coffin. Except among the sympathizers with Brown's movement, until yesterday afternoon nothing definite was known in regard to the place where his body was taken, but as soon as the fact became generally known large numbers of curious persons applied for permission to see the body. As a general thing this request was promptly refused, and last night some of them attempted to scale a back door leading to the place where the body lay. Not succeeding in this, they attempted to gain admission by battering down the door, but the door was too strong for their efforts, and they went away much incensed. Of course there were hundreds of Brown's friends comprising the most prominent abolitionists of this city, who were allowed a sight. Last evening our reporter applied for admission at the house of Mr. Taylor, No. 127 Chrystie street, and was received in a very gentlemanly manner, and every facility afforded him.

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December 7.

SENATE.—Mr. Mason's resolution of inquiry into the Harper's Ferry affair was laid up, and a long discussion ensued thereupon.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, favored an investigation, but wanted a similar occurrence investigated that took place near Libby, Missouri, in 1855.

Mr. Mason, of Virginia, desired official information on the case, for the purpose of Congressional action. He called John Brown a vagabond, ruffian, thief and robber.

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December 8.

SENATE.—Mr. Slidell, of Louisiana, gave notice of a bill and appropriation to facilitate the negotiations and acquisitions of the island of Cuba.

A spirited debate took place on Mr. Mason's resolution. Adjourned until Monday.

Houses of Representatives.—This body engaged in the discussion of the slavery question, and there was no ballot had for Speaker.

December 9.

Houses of Representatives.—Party positions were discussed. Messrs. Logan and Davis, of Illinois, showed the fallacy of the charge that Judge Douglas had connived with Horace Greeley to secure the election of the former to the United States Senate.

Mr. Logan said that Mr. Kellogg, who made the charge, sneaked away like a sparrow when called upon to produce proof to substantiate it.

Mr. Kellogg advanced towards Mr. Logan in a belligerent attitude.

Mr. Logan thereupon put himself in position for a fight.

The friends of both parties rushed in and separated them, amid the greatest possible tumult, which soon subsided.

A young Gorman in New York city, while rusticating up in Ulster county, last summer, picked up some peculiar pebbles in a brook, and taking them to the city, discovered that they were baryta fragments of the purest kind—the heaviest of metallic earths, and largely used in making white lead. He purchased one hundred acres of the land of Robert L. Peil, at once, and has since sold a half interest to parties in New York for \$20,000, the partners also agreeing to put up the necessary machinery for grinding the mineral for market.

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