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TIMELY TOPICS.

The Senate adjourned last Thursday. Bismark was 70 years old on the first.

No new cabinet has yet been formed in France to succeed down-fallen Ferry. There is talk of peace in China.

The President appointed, last Saturday, John R. Garrison, of Virginia, deputy first comptroller of the Treasury and John S. McCalmont, of Penn., commissioner of customs.

There was some wild talk by two or three of the extremists among the Democratic Senators about not confirming the appointment of post-master Pearson, but they were squelched incontinently.

Premier Ferry was hooted at and insulted, when he and his colleagues resigned, not only by the mob in the legislative hall and soldiers had to be called into service to keep down a riot.

General Grant was very much worse last week. He was weak and unconscious and was thought to be sinking. He revived, however, and it is thought (Sunday) that he may live several days yet.

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