

The Nicaragua Surveying Expedition—A Dead-End Affair: The Appropriation Committee's Report on the Holiday Recession—The Interstate Commerce Bill Considered in the House.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—At the conclusion of the morning session, Mr. Vest called up his resolution objecting to sending the proposed surveying expedition to Nicaragua.

Mr. Morgan moved that the matter be considered in secret legislative session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, and the doors were ordered to be closed.

While the order was being executed, Mr. Conger said: "I call for the other side," to which Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, replied, "There is no other side to it," which raised a laugh at Mr. Conger's expense, as the rule provides that on the affirmative, the doors of the Senate shall be closed.

The Senate then, at 12.30 p. m., went into secret legislative session. During the secret session the doors were for a few minutes considered opened for the purpose of receiving a request from the Naval bill, which request was granted.

At 3.45 p. m. the doors were re-opened, and Mr. Hoar moved to take up for consideration the House resolution providing for adjournment from to-day until January 5th. The resolution was taken up, Mr. Hoar asking the Committee on Appropriation to report on the condition of things in case the Senate should agree to the resolution in question.

Mr. Allison said that if the Senate passed this resolution, and the two houses should adjourn on the 1st of January, he would not be able to get any money from which the navy could be paid. Every Senator could judge for himself whether it was the duty of the Senate to adjourn.

Mr. Hale said the Senate had yesterday, by unanimous vote, supported the position of its own committee, insisting on its amendments. The House was advised of this fact. It appointed conferees and sent the bill back to the Senate, where it arrived at 5 o'clock.

Further discussion Mr. Reagan yielded to Mr. Randall, of Penn., to permit him to report the conference disagreement on the Temporary Naval Appropriation bill. Mr. Randall said there should be no ill feeling between the two houses on account of the disagreement.

adjourn to-day it is to meet Wednesday, the 24th inst. The constitution, he said, prohibited adjournment for more than three days without the concurrence of the Senate. He asked unanimous consent that it should be agreed that on the 24th further adjournment should be had until the 27th, then to the 31st, and then until the 5th of January, and that on those days no business whatever shall be transacted. This would accomplish the judgment of the House on the question of holiday recess. There was barely a quorum in the House this morning, and it would be impossible to get one next week.

Mr. Randall's motion was agreed to, but unanimous consent was not given to the agreement for further adjournment. Consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill was taken up. The amendment of Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, was rejected—yeas 58, nays 118.

Mr. Peters, of Kansas, offered an amendment to the "long and short-hand" provision, by adding the words, "longer distance" to limit to the longest competing port at which two or more railroads compete for business. On this amendment no quorum voted and a call of the House was ordered. The call showed 196 members present.

Mr. Peters withdrew his amendment, and the consideration of the bill was postponed. Mr. Randall introduced a bill making temporary provision for the support of the navy for the month of January, 1885, on the basis of the six months' appropriation. The bill was passed without division.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, of Pa., the Senate's joint resolution was passed, declaring Christmas and New Year's days, holidays for all per diem government employees.

The House then adjourned until Wednesday, December 24th. Though there is no definite agreement that no business shall be transacted on Wednesday, there is a tacit understanding that consecutive adjournments shall be taken for three business days at a time until January 5th.

THE CASE OF MAHONE AND OTHERS AGAINST THE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NORFOLK, Dec. 20.—The hearing in the case of Mahone and others against the Southern Telegraph Company, in which a receiver is asked for, began to-day before Judges Bond and Hughes, of the United States Circuit Court. The case was argued by Messrs. C. C. Griffin and Gen. Bradley T. Johnston for the plaintiff, and the defendant, George W. Mahone, appeared in person, but the defendant company appeared only by attorneys.

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NEW YORK. Recovery of Bodies from the Ruins of the Burned Brooklyn Orphan Asylum. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BROOKLYN, December 20.—Early to day search was resumed in the ruins of the burned Catholic orphan asylum. About noon, when the workmen had almost concluded that there were no more bodies buried beneath the debris, they came upon a group of six, all of whom were burned to a crisp. This makes sixteen bodies in all that have been recovered.

Bishop Wm. F. Dickerson (colored), of the A. M. E. Church, died of heart disease at Columbia, S. C., yesterday. He was 40 years old. Bishop Dickerson was a member of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in London in 1881.

LOCAL NEWS. A Fugitive Arrested. We see by the New York World that Geo. W. Wingate, late general manager of the North British Investment Company, of Toronto, Canada, has been arrested in New Orleans on the charge of forgery and embezzlement, and that in his pockets were \$8,808 of the \$10,000 with which he left Toronto, the Canadian money having been changed at Detroit into American.

THE CRIMINAL COURT. The Board of Justices will meet at the Court House to-morrow morning, at 10.30 o'clock, to consult with the County Commissioners with reference to the Criminal Court and other county matters.

STATE GLEANINGS. —Wilson Advance: The tobacco sale at Battleground yesterday was even more than a success. At 10 o'clock there was between 18,000 and 20,000 pounds on sale. —Ashville Advance: Hon. R. B. Vance returned home yesterday. Mrs. Vance, whose illness occasioned him to leave Washington before the adjournment of Congress, is, we are glad to learn, much better.

COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20, 6 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—The market was quoted steady at 27 1/2 cents per gallon, with sales reported of 300 cases at that price.

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Weather Indications. The following are the indications for to-day: For the South Atlantic States, partly cloudy weather and local rains, northeast to southwest winds, higher temperature, lower barometer.

RIVER AND MARINE. —Norwegian barque Kallisto, Uglund, hence, arrived at Amsterdam December 18. —The steamer Wm. Noyes, which was partially destroyed by fire some days ago, still remains sunken across the dock at the foot of Dock street.

CHURCH CALENDAR. First Presbyterian Church, corner of Third and Orange streets. Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Wilson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Lectures Thursday night at 7.30 o'clock.

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TO BE SHOWN SOME GOODS. Mr. McCall took down a number of articles which the negro had handled up, and taking them from the counter put them away in a valise. Thereupon they appeared to think of something he had forgotten and called for an axe handle. This was produced, and taking it in his hands he asked Mr. McCall to count up and see what his purchases amounted to.

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COTTON MARKETS. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 20, Evening.—Sterling exchange 48 1/2. Money 1 1/2. Four per cent Government bonds steady; new four per cent 1884; three per cent 10 1/2. State bonds steady.

COTTON MARKETS. (Continued.) Cotton dull; sales of 17,000 bales; up-lands 11c; Orleans 11 1/2c; consolidated net receipts to-day 25,959 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,918 bales; to the continent 33,094 bales; to France 1,900 bales. South-ern hour quiet—Commodore fair extra 40 00 @ 85; good to choice to 39 00 @ 40. Wheat—spot 1 1/2c higher; ungraded 94 @ 90; ungraded white 85 1/2 @ 88; No. 2 red December 80 @ 80 1/2. Corn—spot 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 higher. Oats a shade better. No. 2, 53 1/2. Coffee—spot fair; Rio dull at 37 1/2; No. 7 Rio on spot 35 1/2; January 35 05. Sugar dull and nominal; fair to good refining 4 1/2 @ 4 1/4; refined steady, Molasses steady. Rice firm. Cotton seed oil—crude 34 @ 35; refined 40 @ 41 1/2. Rosin dull. Spirits turpentine dull at 30 1/2. Pork dull no sales reported; new mess on spot 12 25 @ 12 80. Middles dull; long clear 6c. Lard 5 1/2 @ 6 points higher, closing firm; contract grades on spot 37 00. Freight to Liverpool firm—cotton 13-64 @ 7-53 1/2; wheat 6 1/2.

CHICAGO, December 20.—Flour unchanged. Wheat in fair speculative business; opened steady but closed about 1/4c higher than yesterday; December 71 @ 72; January 71 1/2 @ 72 1/2; No. 2 spring 71 1/2 @ 72; No. 2 red 73 1/2. Corn slow; fluctuations slight; speculation limited; shippers bought moderately of lower grades; closed without special change from yesterday's closing figures; No. 2 white and yellow in fair demand at 36 1/2 @ 37; January 35 1/2 @ 35 3/4. Oats dull and easy; prices show no special change; closing at 24 1/2 @ 24 1/4 cash and 24 1/2 @ 24 1/4 December. Pork—mess, fair business; an firm feeling prevailed; there was an advance of 10 1/2c, but the advance was not fully supported to the close; the inquiry on shipping account was moderate; cash 10 75 @ 10 80; December 10 80; January 10 70 @ 10 80. Lard—trading was moderately active, but a stronger feeling developed; advanced 2 1/2c per 100 lbs. to 60 00; December 60 65; January 60 60 @ 65. Dry salted meat—shoulders 64 1/2 @ 65; short rib 55 00 @ 60; clear 55 00 @ 60. Sugar steady and unchanged; standard A 5 1/2c; granulated 6c. Whiskey steady at 1 1/2.

ST. LOUIS, December 20.—Flour in demand. Wheat opened fairly active and higher, and closed 1/4c above yesterday; No. 2 red 78 1/2 @ 79c; cash; December 78 1/2; January 78 1/2 @ 80c. Corn higher and firm; 34 1/2 @ 34c; 35 1/2 @ 34c; December; January 35c. Oats higher and slow; 25c bid; bid. Provisions—Pork—mess, fair business; firm at 10c—net receipts 2,979 bales. August, firm at 10c—net receipts 1,549 bales; Charleston, dull; prices nominal; buyers and sellers apart; at 10c—net receipts 3,600 bales.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine—37 1/2; no sales. Rosin steady at 1 05 @ 1 10. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 28c bid. Rosin steady at 1 00 for Strained and 1 05 for Good Strained.

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