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EXCITING SCENES

OVER THE DREYFUS CASE IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

The Premier's Refusal to Make Satisfactory Reply to an Interpellation Calling for Dreyfus' Confession Causes a Riot-A Words as "Lie," "Scoundrel" and "Coward" Bandied About-Froops Stationed in the Hall.

Paris, January 22.-The chamber o deputies was thronged today and there was great excitement when ex-Minister Cavaignac repeated the interpellation of the government on the subject of Dreyfus, of which he had previously notified the ministry. He affirmed the existence of the report of Captain Lebrun-Ronaud, containing the confession of Dreyfus, whose guilt, he was thus established and blamed the government's silence, which, the speaker claimed, permitted criticism of an affair legally decided. He asked the government to furnish a clear explanation of the situation.

The premier, M. Meline, in reply said he could not communicate the contents of Captain Lebrun-Renaud's report. The government did not think it right to publish it, because the ministers thought a parliamentary discussion would affect the judicial characdiscussion was opened, it could not be has a decided advantage, for the Britclosed. He said that the present cam- ish premier has forced Russia to show plorable. A great writer had used his fact that she regards the whole of pen to dishonor the army. (Prolonged applause and violent protests.) M. sula as being her exclusive prey; but Meline blamed the newspapers for by insisting that Ta-Lien-Wan, supporting Dreyfus and declared the (northeast coast of Port Arthur) by government had only done its duty in | made a treaty port, the marquis of Sal-

prosecuting Emile Zola. chamber, Mr. Brisson, intervened and is of little strategic value without Taabjured the deputies to calmness and | Lien-Wan. to set an example at the critical moment when the streets were crowded with disorderly bands.

the premier said the government France are deeply concerned in Great would know how to speedily quell Britain's claim to extend the Burmese them and re-establish order.

result sought had been attained, adinterpellation. This caused great excitement in the house and Mr. Jaures. the socialist leader, re-introduced Mr. characterized as "lies" the "incomof Zola.

Mr. Jaures of being the spokesman of the "Dreyfus syndicate," to which M Jaures replied: "You are a scoundrel

and a coward!' Mr. Debornis thereupon made a rush toward the tribune, but he was seized by several socialists and a series of fights ensued, during which M. Debronis fought his way to the tribune and struck M. Jaures.

charged the platform and the melee utterances, emphasizes that Great became general, with fighting and Britain does not intend to recede from shouting on all sides.

The president of the chamber, M. Brisson, being powerless to restore are merely voicing the determination order, left the chair, saying: "I am of the country, which recognizes that going to consult the procurator general."

A few minutes later the order was given to clear the tribune, amidst the greatest excitement among the deputies and journalists, who were threatening and jostling each other, and almost coming to blows.

It was asserted that M. Debornis had accused M. Juares of being paid by the "Dreyfus syndicate."

After the attack made upon him, M. Jaures was the object of an ovation upon the part of the socialist deputies. When the order was given to clear the tribune, the reporters were invited | while it may be observed that, while to retire but before so doing several of Great Britain is unlikely to budge them made a demonstration in favor

The newspaper men and the public, pouring into the lobbies of the house, found them occupied by armed troops, that had been summoned when the drawn. The spectators who had in the meanwhile assembled in excited take over Kassala, from the Italians, groups outside the Palais Bourbon found King Menelik of Abyssinia in (otherwise the chamber of deputies) were calmed by the announcement of render of the town (which his majesty

the decision.

A Preacher Charged Wite Forgery Richmond, Va., January 22.-Rev. Leslie Cook, who has been confined in Roanoke city jail, under an indictment for forgery, sawed out last night and made good his escape. The special case in which he was indicted involved a check purporting to have been signed by T. W. Wood & Son, of this city and which Cook had cashed during the meeting of the Baptist association in Roanoke, some months ago. He held a pastorate in Roanoke for a short

St. Johns Resignation Denied

on similar charges.

Norfolk, Va., January 22.-Vice President St. John's private secretary mise. denies positively the report that Mr. St. John will resign his position with the Seaboard Air Line to accept the management of the Union Pacific.

time. Cook is wanted in other places

AFFAIRS IN THE FAR EAST

Japan the Firebrand That May Cause War. The Status at Present Not so Bellicose, England the Master of the Situation

(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.) London, January 22.-While events are moving with somewhat dramatic rapidity in the far east and complica-Free Fight Ensues in the Chamber-Such | tions may any day develop a situation frought with momentous dangers, when the known facts and the position of affairs are analyzed there is really not much reason at the present moment to suppose the solution of the crisis will be found in a resort to war, There is reason to believe that diplo matic circles do not fear that it will be necessary to appeal to arms, unless (and this is the dangerous feature of the situation) Japan breaks from her mentors. So far as the European powers are concerned, the diplomats. throughout, are satisfied that the Chinese question will not break the peace of the world; but they have always feared that Japan will prove a firebrand. Unless she can be restrained from impetuous action, the departure of her fleet from Yokohama today for Chinese waters may prove to be the striking of the match which may lead to a dreaded conflagration.

Leaving out the possibility of war. the diplomatic game is most interesting. The marquis of Salisbury is slow in playing his trumps, but unless Russia and France have something up ter of the whole affair, and once the their sleeves, it would appear that he paign in regard to Dreyfus was de- her hand. She no longer conceals the Manchuria and the Liao-Tung peninisbury has countered the Muscovite's At this point the president of the design on Port Arthur, for the latter

France of course, resents the proposal to open Nan-Ning, which would clash with her exclusive interests in Regarding the street disturbances Tonquin, while both Russia and railroad into the Chinese province of M. Cavaignac replied that the moral | Lun-Nan, France has secured privileges in Yun-Nan which would be seding that he desired to withdraw his riously discommoded by the British railroad diverting to the north the commerce of such a rich province, while a railroad from Rangoon to Cavaignac's interpellation of the gov-! Shanghai, (which would be the naturernment. Continuing, Mr. Jaures al outcome of Great Britain's demands), would be a disastrous complete charges" filed in the prosecution | petitor of the great Trans-Asiatic line (from Samarcand to Port Arthur), M. Debornis, conservative, accused which Russia is so laboriously con-

As the Associated Press has indicated throughout, there seems to be an understanding between Germany and Great Britain; but, Germany at the time has so skillfully played her cards, alternately caressing St. Petersburg and London, that the relations between both capitals are better than for a long time past. The firm, confi-The conservatives and socialists dent tone of the British ministerial the main points of the position she has taken up and the cabinet ministers if Great Britain gives way now, she will only have to fight the battle in the future, when the completion of the Siberian railroad will render it more difficult to count upon a bloodless triumph. While, therefore the present situation is admittedly pregnant with possibilities, it need not be assumed that peace is endangered and war will follow if Great Britain maintains the ground she has taken up. Verbal bluster and naval displays are only the usual accompaniments of great diplomatic struggles and are intended to test the enemy's nerve. In the meanfrom the broad principle, which the of M. Jaures, shouting "Bravo!" "Vive | chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael-Hicks-Beach enunciated, there are glimpses of the fact that the negotiations at Pekin should not be accepted as necessarily final.

As usual, there is very explanation disturbance began in the chamber. of the sudden rush of British troops to sion. On learning this, many of the deputies | Egypt—except the right one. What protested, and the soldiers were with- really seems to have happened is that Colonel Parsons, while en route to the greatest state of wrath at the sur-Egyptians, and he was mobilizing an sides of the house. army with the intention of asserting his authority.

It is rumored that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria will shortly announce the betrothal of the Archduches Elizabeth, daughter of the late Crown Prince Rudolf, to the king of

Attorney General Walser Explains

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 22.-Attorney General Walser says he has not advised the railroad commission to compromise the telegraph rate case, but has advised against the withdrawal of the case and against any compro-

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MR. BAILEY'S CLINCHER

HE QUOTES MR. HITT'S WORDS AGAINST THE SPEAKER

To Show there was an agreement to Vote on Motion to Recommit the Diplomatic Bill-He Says there was A Misunderstanding or a Misstatement-Inquiry as to Execution of Colonel Ruiz - The Cuban Question Still Under Debate-The Teller Resolution.

SENATE.

Washington, January 22.-Two amendments were offered in the senate today to the Teller resolution, one by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, declaring it to be the duty of the government under existing laws to maintain the parity in value of its gold and silver money, and the other by Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, substituting for the Teller resolution a declaration that it is the financial policy of the United States to maintain the existing gold standard until an international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world for the free coinage of silver shall be reached. There was no 'debate upon either amendment, both being proposed after Senator Stewart, of Nevada, had addressed the senate for an hour and a half on the resolution.

The senate devoted an hour to the consideration of bills on the calendar and shortly after 3 o'clock went into executive session. At 5 o'clock p. m., the senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The sensational episode at the close of the Cuban debate on Thursday, when Speaker Reed, and Mr. Bailey, the democratic leader, in parliamentary language questioned each other's veracity, the one charging and the other resenting the imputation of bad faith, had its sequal in the house to-

On a question of personal privilege Mr. Bailey secured the floor. He said he would not revive the controversy for the purpose of sustaining nimself or showing that his adversary was wrong as explanations in such cases did but little good, usually leaving the partisans of each only the more firmly convinced of the correctness of the position of his side. But, said he, an examination of the record showed that there was an agreement that there should be a yea and nay vote on the motion to recommit, so explicit and distinct that he felt it his duty to call it to the attention of the country. He quoted Mr. Hitt's last remark: "And it is understood, Mr. Chairman, that at 4 o'clock tomorrow there shall be but one yea and nay vote, that on a motion to recommit." (The democrats broke forth in applause.)

"That was precisely my statement," continued Mr. Bailey. 'I do not desire to impute motives other than honorable ones to any one, for I am slow to charge falsehood or unfair dealing, but I do affirm that there has been either a misunderstanding or a misstate-

He was met by Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, General Henderson of Iowa, one of the floor leaders of the majority, and also by the speaker, with the argument that no agreement such as alleged, even if made, which thew denied, could have waived the rules of the house and that any agreement for a vote on a motion necessarily assumed that the motion would be in order under the rules.

This closed the incident. While the language used today was strong there was no display of temper and no excitement was occasioned, although the statements and counter-statements were enthusiastically applauded by

the respective sides. Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, submitted a privileged report from his committee, recommending the passage of a resolution of inquiry, requesting the state department, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the house all information in its possession relative to the military execution of Colonel Ruiz, a Spanish envoy to the insurgent camp of Aranguez. The resolution was adopted without divi-

That the Cuban question is still uppermost in the minds of the members was evinced during the debate on the Indian opposition bill much of which was devoted to it. Mr. Cummings, of New York, made a particularly eloquent speech on the spirit of '76 which regarded as part of his domain) to the evoked tumultuous applause from both

The house at 5 o'clock adjourned.

To Amend Constitution of Virginia Richmond, Va., January 22.-ln the senate today Mr. Withers offered a bill providing that at the general election to be held in Virginia for the election of representatives of congress, there shall be submited to the voters the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" The bill was referred.

To Amend the Inter-State Commerce

Law Washington, January 22.-Senator Cullom today introduced a new bill for the amendment of the inter-state commerce law. The bill is intended to cover the defects of the present law as indicated by the courts. It gives the inter-state commerce commission authority to prohibit any railroad company or other common carrier from charging more for a long than a short haul over the same

OPPOSITION TO LONGSTREET

His Confirmation as Railroad Commissioner Vigorously Opposed by Several Sena; OF JUDGE ROBINSON AS TO THE tors-The Vote in His Favor.

Washington, January 22 .- The senate spent two hours in executive session today in discussion of the nomination of General James Longstreet to be commissioner of railroads, which nomination had come over from yesterday because of the objection made then by Senator Vest, who today opposed the confirmation in a sharp and vigorous speech. He was followed on the same side of the argument by Senators Daniel, Berry and Caffery. The opposition was based upon the general ground of General Longstreet's connection with the Kellog-Warmouth faction in politics in Louisiana in the reconstruction days of that state.

Mr. Caffery was especially zealous in his opposition, saying that General Longstreet had in those days antagonized the best interest of his state and that for this reason he was opposed to him. He held that the general's position at that time indicated a want of judgment which would render him incapable of filling so important a position as that of railroad commis- charge.

Senator Daniel while coinciding with these views, also expressed opposition to General Longstreet because of his criticism of General Lee in his book on the war. He did not go into details. but said that he could not in his capacity as an advisor to the president in the matter of appointments, consent to such a selection as this and that he must utter his dissent on this as well as on other accounts.

republicans, Turner, populist and Bacon, democrat of Georgia. The republican senators characterized the opposition as a course which looked very much like the waving of the "bloody shirt." Senator Bacon said that, while a democrat and a southern man, he could not see his way clear to oppose General Longstreet's confirma-Longstreet had identified himself with the republican party after the war, he had been a gallant confederate officer and was on this account well regarded in the south. Senator Bacon also expressed the opinion that it was time that disagreements which succeded the war and the friction which resulted therefrom should be forgot-

During the discussion there was some reference to the fitness of the general to the office and the declaration was made that he was not competent to the performance of its duties. Senator White brought out the fact that the general was 77 years old. The vote for confirmation was 33

A FAMILY SCANDAL

In German Royalty-Grand Duke Louis Lays Violent Hands on His Wife-More Prussian State Loans Needed-Increased German Missionary Troubles in China

(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.) Berlin, January 22.-The court festivities of the week (including two which are usually the most imposing of the year, viz: the order and decoration fete, and the investiture of the new knights of the Black Eagle) were

far from gay, owing to the absence of way commission, will also be a witthe empress and other princesses and | ness, and no doubt the livliest of all. the prevalence of influenza in court circles. The emperor himself is far from well. The number of decorations conferred was larger than ever before, totaling 2,009.

There is much comment in Berlin court circles at the news from Darmstadt of the increasing matrimonial differences of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Louis. A fortnight ago there was a terrible scene between them and insulting epithets were used on both sides, the trouble culminating, it is asserted, in the grand duke laying violent hands upon his wife and eject-Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has been repeatedly appealed to by his daughter,

been sent to Queen Victoria; but both | plant in this city. the duke and her majesty profess their inability to cure the trouble. The czarina, who was also approachel on the subject is said to side with her brother. Duke Louis. The quarrels are said to be largely due to the national prejudices of the Germans and English, and vice versa. The announcement of the minister

of finance, Dr. Miquel, in the diet on Wednesday, that, notwithstanding the increased tax receipts and the surplus, new Prussian state loans are necessary, has created a sensation.

From the information which has reached the foreign office, it appears that the German missionary troubles in China are becoming widespread and are leading to new complications between the two governments. The Protestants as well as the Catholics have been attacked.

The colonial society has perfected an organization for sending young German women to Damaraland, with the view of marriage. The first batch sails from Hamburg in February.

Official statistics just published show that Prussia flourished in 1896-97. The number of incomes over 900 marks has risen to 2,763,995, an increase of 111,-480 over 1895-96. Only seven Berlinmarks. The largest is 3,000,000.

PECULIAR FORGETFULNESS

FREE PASS CRIME

He Remembers to Charge Grand Juries on This Matter Only in Counties Traversed by the Southern-To Test the Hotel Ta Law-Durhamites Stirred Up Over the Raffling Indictments-It Looks Like Huncock Must Go-Programme of Railway Commission This Week

Messenger Bureau,

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22. The anti-saloon league will have a mass-meeting tomorrow afternoon at Metropolitan hall. It is salu that a great effort will be made to put the temperance question as an issue in the municipal election in May.

There is certainly a big stir at Durham, growing out of the numerous indictments for gambling, which is another name for raffling, says Judge Robinson. A Durham citizen says that in no place has there been more raffling. He says it went on in premises owned by the foreman of the grand jury and that the mayor was also a raffler. A pile of indictments a foot high is the result of Judge Robinson's

'As to Judge Robinson's failure to charge the grand jury against free passes anywhere save in counties along the line of the Southern Railway, he says the omission was solely due to forgetfullness.

The last revenue act exempts from license tax those hotels whose business is under \$1,000 a year. A test case is now made up, to go to the supreme court. The lessee of the hotel at Durham contends that this is discrimina- the key and that his counsel told bigu These objections were replied to by tion and is unconstitutional and hence Senators Hoar, Chandler and Hawley, | refuses to pay. The superior court judge decides in his favor and the state appeals.

Though only a few days ago the superintendent of the penitentiary en in. stated that it was impossible this winter to furnish any convicts to counties, for public road work, yet the governor and the attorney for the penitentiary decide that forty-five convicts can be furnished Cabarrus county for that tion. While it was true that General purpose. That county was the first to apply. Under the new law counties which thus take state convicts must pay all expenses of transportation and food and clothe the prisoners. But as the law allows only a brief use of convicts there will be no cost for clothing.

Republicans who have come here during the past four days, almost without exception, favor as Judge Dick's successor in the judgeship James E. Boyd.

During the term of office of Revenue Collector Simmons over 800 illicit distilleries have been destroyed. This is a very fine record.

reau of labor statistics that the annual value of the state's oyster product is new only about \$150,000. The five days' session of the rail-

way commission next week is expected to be sensational. Tuesday the commision will try to "punish" Vice-President Andrews and other afficials of the Southern. Then it has cited the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line. the Southern and Seaboard Air Line to appear and show cause why rates should not be materially reduced. The Southern Express people will also be called for testimony as to why they gave Governor Russell free rates. The governor may be a witness. He made such a flat failure in his testimony against Otho Wilson that he may not care to appear again. James W. Wilson, chairman, or as the governor would say, "ex-chairman," of the rail-It is said that near the places where whiskey is sold at dispensaries, moonshiners are procuring the empty bottles from purchasers and filling them

with their own product. It is learned that ample time will be given Robert Hancock by the governor to try to prove the inaccuracy of the grave charges against him. It is now known that he did see the governor while here, despite his denial, and also that the governor directed him to come here from New Bern. The odds are greatly against Hancock, as it is said by persons near the governor that Hancock will find it extremely difficult, not to say imposible, to extricate ing her from the room. The duke of himself and remove his entanglements. A cold storage company, with \$6,000 capital, was chartered today by the and letters of bitter complaint have secretary of state and will have its

Five convicts made their escape last Saturday night from the Helifax farm on the Roanoke river. A discharged guard allowed them to escape. The United States court will hold a short term here beginning February

Governor Russell declines to pardon Tom Robertson for seduction, but will make his term one year if he pays his victim \$1,000.

Another Outbreak in Havana Imminent Key West, Fla., January 22.-It is learned from passengers by the steam. er Olivette-which arrived from Havana tonight, that General Calixto Garcia recently entered the town of Guines and now occupies that place.

It is learned from the same source that another outbreak in Havana is imminent, which (if it occurs), will probably be directed against Americans. General Blanco, it is said, has concentrated his forces in Havana to be ready to immediately put down any such demonstration.

The Want of Food in the Klondike Washington, January 22.-The reports that have been coming to the war de-

partment indicating that there is no scarcity of food in the Kiondike, have now taken another turn and reports ers have incomes over 1,000,000 to show that there is already great scar- taken place in the Cubitas mountains recity there with prospects of worse to suiting in the capture of the insurgent's. capital,



THE SHERIFF'S RESURN

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On the Writ Installing the Two New Railway Commissioners-Bernard's Successor as Solicitor

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 22.-The governor will appoint Martin as solieitor of the Third district, vice Claud Bernard, who it is expected will take the oath as district attorney next

Sheriff Jones, of Wake, today made return to the clerk of the supreme court of the latter's writ to put Caldwell and Pearson in possession of the railway commission office. The shering says he made diligent efforts to obtain not to force the door, but to wait until morning. Meanwhile he was advised that Caldwell and Pearson had brok-

McComas Men Expecting a Stampede

Annapolis, Md., January 22.-The Maryland legislature in joint session today took another ballot for a United States senator which resulted as follows: McComas 46, Shaw 16, Findlay 3, Shryock 2, Gorman 46; total 113 Necessary to a choice 57.

The effect of this ballot was to inspire the most hopeful feeling in the minds of the followers of Judge Mc-Comas. Judge McComas gained two votes over yesterday, ex-Congressman Findlay gained one, and all these came from the ranks of Major Shaw. This fact, coupled with the prevailing belief that the influence of the leaders It seems from the reports to the bu-, of the national republican party is being brought to bear to force a speedy settlement on the contest, leads to the

belief that the end is not far off. The McCormas men claim that their candidate will be elected Tuesday of next week. They claim to have seven more votes well in hand, which will be cast on Tuesday, if not Monday. When these votes come over, it is believed by the McComas men that the moral effect will be sufficient to stampede enough of the "eleven" from Baltimore city to elect McComas.

Senator Norman B. Scott, who is anthorized to call a caucus whenever he sees fit, announced today that he would probably call it for Monday night.

All Have Disappeared

"I suffered with rheumatism in my back and shoulders. My head ached and I was very weak. I concluded to take Hood's Sarsaparida. In a short time I felt better. I have now taken seven bottles and the headache, rheumatism and that tired feeling have all disappeared." MRS. IDA C. CRIM. Wadesville, Va.

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Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage Married

Pittsburg, Pa., January 22.-Rev. T. deWitt Talmage, the noted divine, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Elenore McCutcheon Collier, of Alleghany City. were united in marriage today at the McCutcheon residence, No. 47 Irwin avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. The wedding, which came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple, was, on account of a recent death in the family, an extremely quite affair. Mrs. Talmage is the daughter of the late James M. Mc-Cutcheon, of the big iron firm, Lindsay & McCutcheon. She was the widow of Charles W. Collier, only son of Judge F. H. Coliler. She is 40 years old. while her husband celebrated his 66th birthday several months ago. The present Mrs. Talmage is the reverned gentleman's third wife, his second having died several years ago.

The Cubans' Capital Net Captured New York, January 22.-Thomas Estra-

da Palma, head of the Cuban junta, in this city, today denied that the insurgent capital at Esperanza had been captured by the Spaniards. He said: "It is true that a fight took place in the mountains. near Esperanza, but the Cubans, instead of being defeated, won a victory, utterly routing the Spanish."

The other Cubans at the junta declared that the official report of the Spanish victory was simply a scheme to butster up the European price of Spanish

consols. Washington, January 22.-Last evening Consul General Lee cabled the state department that tranquillty prevailed in Havana, but he made no mention of the from General Merriam, at Vancouver, go important engagement reported to have