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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

In a St. Louis police court room a row occurs between policemen and a crowd of negroes over the arrest of one of the latter——Eugene Kelly, the New York banker, is dead——President Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line, denies *in toto* the rumor of the absorption of his railroad system by the Southern railway. ——Conductor Goodman, who killed Col. Parsons, has been granted a new trial——Mrs. R. I. Matthews, of Jefferson county, Ga., is thrown from a buggy and killed——The committee has finished its inspection of the books and accounts of the Treasurer and the Auditor. There was a balance of $203,139 of the general fund on hand December 1st, 1894. The committee recommend that this annually increasing surplus be made a sinking fund for retirement of the 4 per cent. State bonds——A Virginia negro waylays and kills another negro, takes the body of the dead man to his former home and then escapes——The Secretary of the Navy lays before Congress the correspondence between his department and Admiral Walker, in command of our naval forces at Honolulu, as to the situation in Hawaii——A Milwaukee clothing house is closed to satisfy mortgage debts of $90,000——Students of Richmond college hang in effigy the new president of the college——The Senate Naval committee favors the reinstatement in the navy of Paymaster Sullivan. ——Mr. Cleveland is having fine sport among the ducks. He will go deer driving to-day. He will be given a reception by the Palmetto club Saturday ——George Atkinson, a wealthy man of New York city, now in Florida, while drunk shoots and mortally wounds an old colored woman——The prices obtained yesterday at the big sale of cotton goods were very satisfactory——The Comptroller of Tennessee brings suit against the ex-county clerk at Memphis on his bond for $90,000 uncollected taxes due the State. There are $3,000,000 uncollected taxes, one-third due from the Memphis liquor dealers — Vice President Stevenson will spend the holidays at Asheville. The condition of his daughter remains unchanged——President Spencer, of the Southern railway, denies the rumored purchase of the Seaboard Air Line system——The defalcations of the cashier and teller of the bank at Rome, N. Y., amount to $40,000. The latter has not yet been caught—— The Japanese treaty is favorably reported from committee to the Senate in executive session——Congressman Lester introduces in the House bills for a marine hospital and a sub-treasury at Savannah. ——The Richmond college students suspected of the deed deny their participation in the hanging of President Boatwright in effigy.——A negro preacher, a white man and a negro woman are killed in Georgia.

Death of Eugene Kelly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Eugene Kelly, the millionaire banker, died this morning at his home in this city. He was 86 years of age. He breathed his last at 9:55 o'clock. The end was peaceful. When it came the banker was surrounded by the members of his family who have been at his bedside almost continually for the past few days. Dr. McCreery, the attending physician, was also present. Paralysis was the cause of death.

Mr. Kelly began to sink rapidly yesterday morning and it was not thought that he would live until evening. He rallied a trifle last night, but his condition was such that Dr. McCreery was of the opinion that he would not linger long after daylight. There was no commotion created in the household by the banker's death, as all were prepared for it. Word of his death was at once sent to his down town office and in a short time the news was known in Wall street and telegraphed over the country.

A Riot in a Court Room.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—A miniature riot broke out in the Court of Criminal Correction at noon to-day. William Wright, a negro, had just been discharged on a charge of misdemeanor and was leaving the court room. Officers attempted to arrest him on another charge, when his friends, believing that he was a victim of police persecution, resisted and attempted to release the prisoner. A furious struggle ensued, during which clubs were freely used and revolvers drawn. The combatants surged backward and forward through the room, overturning desks and chairs and it was necessary to ring for reinforcements from police head quarters before the row was quelled. A prominent attorney narrowly escaped death from a pistol shot by Officer Dewar. As a result of the riot six persons were badly injured and two detectives have been suspended from the force pending an investigation.

A College President Hanged in Effigy.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—Students of Richmond college who were dissatisfied at the election of Professor Boatwright as president of the college met early this morning and hanged the young president-elect in effigy. Chairman Puryear, of the faculty, had been directed to reprimand to-day the students who made an unseemly demonstration last week over the Boatwright election. There is intense excitement at the college

It was generally supposed that this was the work of students who last week publicly demonstrated their disapproval of the trustees' action in advancing the young professor, but they issued a statement to-night declaring that they knew nothing whatever about the matter, and utterly condemned the proceeding. They advance the theory that the thing was really done by others to get them into trouble. The faculty were looking into the matter this evening, but have not decided upon any course of action.

Heavy Suit for Uncollected Taxes.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19.—State Comptroller Harris has begun action against ex-County Clerk Quigley and his bondsmen to recover $90,000 on his bond to reimburse the State for privilege taxes not collected. There are $3,000,000 of these uncollected taxes, one-third of which are against the retail liquor dealers of this city. The Comptroller has recently been filing suits against all classes of these delinquents, but the liquor dealers organized and brought such pressure to bear that yesterday the Comptroller announced that he would accept 15 per cent. of the amounts due in full settlement. Other classes of business men are not included in the compromise.

The Bicycle Tournament.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The score in the six days' bicycle race at midnight to-night was: Ashinger 797; Foster 736; Gannon 625. The twenty-five mile race, for a purse of $50, between Martin and Starbuck was won by the former by half a lap in 1 hour, 11 minutes and 42 seconds.

THE INSANE ASYLUM.

EXCELLENT MANAGEMENT OF THIS INSTITUTION.

Great Improvements Made and Beneficial Change in Treatment of Inmates—Imperative Need of Further Improvements—The Confederate Monument—The Supreme Court—Officials-Elect Notified.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, Dec. 19.

The insane asylum here is certainly a well managed institution and the improvements are striking. Your correspondent, as a frequent visitor, is prepared to make this statement from personal observation. A great deal has been done in the face of inadequate appropriations. Built to accommodate only 240 patients, forty years ago, the building is now required to accommodate a daily average of 307. It is overcrowded. Patients in not a few cases have to sleep in the corridors. Yet in the face of this overcrowding, only 5 per cent. of the patients have died during the past two years, and 54 per cent. of those admitted during that period have been cured of their mental maladies. That this is a fine showing will be apparent when it is stated that the average rate of mortality in insane asylums in the United States is 7 per cent. and of recoveries of mind 35 per cent. Two years ago there were 300 patients, of whom 141 were males and 159 females. During the two years ending November 30th, last, 84 males and 87 females, total 171, were admitted; while 96 were discharged cured, 20 improved, 3 sent home under bond, and 47 died, leaving remaining 305.

Maj. John B. Broadfoot, president of the board of directors, says the annual appropriation made in 1889, and on a basis of 275 patients, has been continued. It is $52,500. It was based on a cost per patient of $190.91 per annum. But owing to the increase in number, without any increase in allowance, the cost per patient has been reduced to $180 87. This is brought about only by the most careful and economical management. This sum must cover food, clothing, nursing, medicine, repairs of buildings and machinery, fuel, insurance, etc., and most remarkable economy of maintenance, in comparison with asylums in other States, is shown. During the past two years a new building for females, with wards accomodating seventy-five, and a dining room for all the females, has been built. It was turned over last August, completed, but the Legislature neglected to make any provision for furnishing it or for maintaining any more patients, so the handsome and well planned new building has never been occupied. The need for it is pressing in the extreme. Seventy five patients could be placed in it and that number could be admitted to the main building from among the large number of applicants for treatment. This building, and other improvements of the main building, etc., cost $4,500 more than the appropriation for this purpose. These improvements include new boilers, etc., as well as the new equipment of the steam laundry.

The changes in the personnel of the asylum staff have been very numerous. Dr. Wood, whose ability as a superintendent was marked during his six years of service, resigned last spring. Dr. G. L. Kirby succeeds him. Dr. W. H. Cobb, Jr., resigned as assistant physician. Dr. Francis T. Fuller, for thirty-eight years an admirable first assistant physician, died. Drs. J. A. Faison and R. S. McGeachy, fill the vacancies caused by Dr. Fuller's death and Dr. Cobb's resignation. They are already showing, not only aptitude for their work, but devotion to it. The board of directors declare that the asylum was never better managed than at present. For six years before he became superintendent Dr. Kirby was a member of the executive committee of the board of directors and all the knowledge thus acquired has been added to his well known skill as a physician.

The directors most earnestly urge the Legislature to make such provisions for the care of the criminal insane that they may be seperated from the good character patients; in other words, that the guilty may not be mixed with the innocent, as is now the case. It is held to be a sin against society to thus mix the evil with the good. What is needed is a separate building facing away from the other building. There are now five or six criminal insane. These are kept as far as possible in one ward.

Dr. Kirby, speaking of the new building for females, to which reference is made above, says that it was authorized in 1893 by the Legislature, which appropriated for it $14,500. It was built economically and the contractor lost heavily. Its real cost was $16,880. It would have been of great service, but for the unfortunate oversight of the Legislature in not making an appropriation to furnish it. In the way of other work done, three boilers, each of seventy-five horse power have been put in, a fifty horse power engine and fan for ventilation, all costing $4 100. The electric light plant, after two failures by contracting companies, is in operation and a great success. It cost $4,076, and gives 300 lights—bright yet soft. The special appropriation for this was $3,000. The laundry equipment, of the best pattern, cost $2,900. The improvements of the grounds are noteworthy. The trees have been trimmed and much grading and repairs of roadways done, all by the male patients The latter have also dug 2,000 yards of sewer trenches, and have also done a great deal of work on the farm and garden. This work, while extremely beneficial to the patients and greatly relished by them, effects a considerable saving during the year, and is a factor in the reduction of the per capita cost to only 46.8 cents per day, which is less than ever before in the history of the asylum.

If the Legislature will equip the new building the sum required will be $3 500. To provide for the seventy-five more patients who can then be admitted will cost, including the 307 now in the asylum, $65,245, the daily average of inmates being then 382.

Dr. Kirby urges that some arrangements be made to give the patients more exercise. So far there are very few accidents. The patients are, as a rule, well behaved. Accidents are no more frequent than under the old plan of restraint, locks and bars, now happily abandoned. Your correspondent is able to make the statement that under the new system not a tenth part of the medicine used ten years ago is now used. The patients are far happier and more contented. Judicious open air exercise has wrought the change. There is another change in system. The best of the male and female patients now dance together in the new congregate dining-room. This has a distinctly beneficial effect.

There is quite a pressure for the admission of epileptic insane. Nearly all those are incurable. To admit them all would crowd out the curable insane. A few epileptics, of the more hopeful cases, have been taken and sent back home benefitted.

The stone for the State Confederate monument will be shipped here next Monday from Mt. Airy.

Capt. John White, whose death at Washington night before last was reported yesterday, was at one time commander of the blockade runner Advance. Mr. James Maglenn was the engineer.

Professor Massey of the experiment farm tells me he has finished planting 20,000 flower bulbs sent here by Peter Henderson, of Philadelphia. Five thousand of these are of the white lily. The show of flowers next season at the farm will be very fine.

The Supreme court has taken a recess until December 27th, when it will be in session a day or two, filing opinions. About forty opinions yet remain to be filed and it is said that not over six of these will go over until next term under *advisari*. In other words, there never were so few cases continued from one term to another. As yet there is no decision in the much talked of building and loan association case, in which the Old Dominion Building and Loan company of Richmond is involved. If the justices can agree the opinion will be filed in this case.

Mr. Lee A. Denson, assistant observer at the weather station at Albany, N. Y., is visiting his father, Capt. C. B. Denson, here.

There was no end of surmise and talk about the rumor in this morning's papers that the Seaboard Air-Line railway had been bought by the Southern. Vice-president A. B. Andrews, of the latter system, was not in his office to-day, being at Washington. His chief clerk, Mr. Miller, said he knew nothing of the news beyond what he had seen in the papers to day. He confessed his surprise at it, and could not say whether it was true or untrue. Many persons here expressed a belief that something was up. Some have had an idea that the Baltimore and Ohio might buy the Southern. There is a general desire to see the Baltimore and Ohio come southward

Yesterday the Secretary of State notified the Governor of the election of the following justices, judges and solicitors: Supreme court justices, Faircloth, Clark, Furches and Montgomery; Superior court judges, E. W. Timberlake, W. S. O'B. Robinson, A. A. Coble, H. G. Starbuck, L. L. Green, W. L. Norwood; solicitors, W. J. Leary, Jr., W. E. Daniel, J. E. Woodard, E. W. Pou, W. P. Bynum, Jr., M. C. Richardson, N. A. McLean, J. Q. Holton, M. L. Mott, J. F. Spainbour, J. L. Webb, G. A. Jones.

Private Secretary Telfair has written a letter to each of these officers-elect, saying: "Your election to office has been certified to according to law and I am instructed by the Governor to inform you that your commission to said office will be issued to you on receipt of the usual fee and seal tax."

Counsel for C. M. Bernard, speaking of the fact that Woodard would not accept the certificate, said Bernard would not accept a commission, as that would run for only two years, while he was elected for four, but that he would keep the case in the courts, where his remedies lie. One way suggested out of the difficulty is that some one be nominally appointed to the position of solicitor in the third district, and that then Bernard institute quo warranto proceedings against such appointee.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Stocks and Bonds in New York—The Grain and Provision Markets of Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange to-day was quiet and the tendency of prices, except in a few instances, was downward. Chicago Gas and Consolidated Gas were in demand, the former rising 1½ per cent. to 73 and the latter 4½ to 114¾. Subsequently, Chicago Gas reacted to 71½, but Consolidated left off at the top figure. Chicago Gas was bought on the semi-official statement that the regular dividend will be declared and Consolidated Gas on rumors that the East River company had passed into the hands of the latter company. The securities of the East River Gas company were also in sharp demand, and the common closed at 34 bid, against 30½ at sales yesterday. This stock is not dealt in at the board. Sugar was a weak spot and fell under moderately heavy sales from 91⅞ to 89¾. The reduction in the price of granulated of 1-16c per pound, and fears of adverse legislation by the Senate account for the weakness of this stock. Distillers were heavy, selling down to 8½ on the publication of the official circular, which clearly shows that an assessment cannot be avoided. The railway list lacked support and the Grangers lost ½ to ¾ per cent. The selling was most pronounced in the case of the St. Paul. On rumors of a reduction in the dividend on Jersey Central, that stock sold down to 93¾. Reading touched 12½, the lowest point for a long time. Speculation closed barely steady with prices anywhere from ¼ to 1⅛ per cent lower than yesterday's finals. Sugar and Jersey Central scored the greatest losses. In the inactive stocks cordage common sold down ⅜ per cent. to 7½, the preferred 1 to 13½, guaranteed ½ to 22 and American Tobacco 3½ to 94 to 96. The bond market was weak. Sales of listed stocks aggregated 101,000 shares; unlisted, 63,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—Buying of wheat by New York during the last thirty or forty-five minutes of to-day's session was the only event of note in to-day's trade in that market. Previous to that time a range of ¼c was wide enough to accommodate the business. Nor was the news anything more than of the ordinary routine. Cash wheat was dull and easy, the nominal closing being quotably firmer with the futures.

Corn was influenced by the mild weather and by the receipts which ran over the estimate to day, with a further increase in the arrivals promised for to morrow. The final improvement in wheat worked a partial interest in corn, but the close was still under yesterday. Withdrawals from store were 9,799 bushels and 126,943 bushels cleared at the seaboard. Cash corn was ¼c lower,

Oats declined fractionally with corn and rallied later with wheat. Several prominent commission houses were active sellers at one and the same time early in the day, but the demand seemed of sufficient proportions to absorb the offerings and to prevent much of a loss to prices. Cash oats were in poor demand, except for choice grades. Prices averaged ¼ to ⅜c lower.

Packers were unanimous as sellers of product to-day, and shorts were enabled to cover without difficulty for that reason. The theory that hogs would increase in number at the yards after the holidays found many supporters. The situation being weak and the hog market lower to-day were depressing conditions. At the close January pork was 7½c under yesterday and January lard and ribs each 5c lower.

Thrown From Her Buggy and Killed.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—While Mrs. R. I. Arrington, of Matthews, Jefferson county, was returning home last afternoon in a buggy from a visit to a sick neighbor, her horse ran away and threw her against a tree, killing her. She was the mother of two of Augusta's leading merchants.

To Spend the Holidays at Asheville.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Vice President Stevenson left Washington at 11 o'clock to-night for Asheville, N. C., to spend the holidays there with his family. The condition of his invalid daughter remains unchanged, but Mr. Stevenson hopes she will soon be strong enough to be taken to the milder climate of Florida.

VIGOROUS OPPOSITION

OF SENATOR TURPIE TO THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

Senator Allen Wants an Inquiry Into Alabama's Form of Government—The Shiloh Park Bill Passed—Various Arguments on the Carlisle Bill—Notices of Amendments, Including Bland's Silver Bill.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The debate on the Nicaraguan Canal bill was continued to-day, occupying over four hours. The attack on the bill, which was opened by Senator Turpie on Monday and continued on Tuesday, was concluded by him to-day, when he offered a substitute for the bill, providing for a board of three civil engineers to make a survey and estimate, declaring that that was as far as the Senate should go at this session. Some of his strictures and censures on the bill were resented by Senator Morgan. Senator Turpie argued that the reason why the work was not to be constructed and paid for in sections was that the first section (construction of the harbor at Greytown and of the two miles sea channel in it) would cost over one-fourth of the $70,000,000, and that as soon as that section was undertaken the bubble would burst and the scheme would be abandoned.

Speeches in support of the bill were made by Senators Cullom and Perkins.

No action was reached on the bill.

Previous to the opening of the debate on the Nicaraguan bill Senator Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, offered a resolution for the appointment of a select committee to inquire as to whether the State of Alabama has a Republican form of Government and as to the conduct of the recent election in that State. The resolution went over, Senator Allen stating that he would address the Senate upon it after the holiday recess.

A joint resolution to revive the grade of lieutenant general of the United States army was introduced by Senator Hawley, and was referred to the Committee on Military affairs.

The House bill to establish a National military park at the battlefield of Shiloh, in the State of Tennessee, was taken from the calendar and passed.

The Senate adjourned at the conclusion of the Nicaraguan debate without transacting any other business.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Discussion on the Carlisle Currency bill was begun promptly to-day after disposing of the routine business of the morning.

The speakers to day were Messrs. Johnson, Republican, of Indiana; Warner, Democrat, of New York, and Ellis, Democrat, of Kentucky, all members of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Mr. Warner advocated the passage of the bill because of the proposed rehabilitation of State banks, and because of the fact that it took the Government out of the business of issuing currency.

Mr. Johnson opposed it because he believed it vicious and because of the indecent haste that was exhibited in presenting it to the House.

Mr. Ellis' opposition was largely based upon the fact that the bill provided for a reorganization and extension of the National banking system, when every State and National convention of the Democratic party for years had declared against it, and this at a time when the necessity for their services as fiscal agents, if it ever existed, had absolutely passed.

Mr. Bland gave notice that he would move to amend by substituting for the bill his free coinage of silver and coin note scheme.

Mr. Berry gave notice that he would, with the proper time, move an amendment to the bill authorizing the redemption of notes issued under the bill, in gold and silver of equal amounts, and providing for the coinage of silver to meet these payments.

The House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

At 2 o'clock the debate on the Currency bill will be suspended and the ceremonies of unveiling the statutes of Webster and Stark, presented by the State of New Hampshire, will be entered upon.

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The *Sun's* cotton review says: Cotton advanced 6 points, then reacted and closed 3 points higher for the day and steady, with sales of 106,200 bales. New Orleans advanced 5 points and then lost 3 of this. Spot cotton here was dull and unchanged. Memphis and Savannah declined 1-16c. New Orleans sold 6,000 bales and Memphis 2,000. Liverpool declined ½ point, but recovered this and advanced ½ to 1 point, closing very steady with spot sales of 7,000 bales at the changed prices and 2,000 additional last night. In Manchester yarns were dull, cloths quiet. Port receipts were 47,859 bales, against 55,886 this day last week, and 47,062 last year; thus far this week, 238 611, against 222,780 for the same time last week. Memphis received 4,032 bales 8,392 this day last week and 2,928 last year; Houston 10,914, against 8,704 this day last week and 6,257 last year. New Orleans receipts to morrow are estimated at 14,000 to 15,000 bales, against 11,075 on the same day last week and 11,893 last year. The semi weekly interior receipts reported by New Orleans were 120.000 bales against 127,000 for the same time last week, 86,000 last year and 98,000 in 1891. Augusta received 1,474 bales, against 1,117 this day last week and 991 last year; St. Louis 1,771, against 9,164 this day last week and 2,163 last year. Houston shipped to-day 16,746 bales; Memphis 5,935, and St. Louis 3,286. January delivery notices will be issued on the 28th of December. The New York warehouse stock of cotton is now 78,000 bales, against 163,000, 295,000, 270,000 and 51,000 the previous four years. The Liverpool news was more bullish than has been expected, and the result of the large auction sale of cotton goods, about 27,000 packages, was regarded as fairly satisfactory, inasmuch as much interest was displayed in the sale, and prices were 5 to 15c lower than the regular market rates, a decline which many had expected. There was some local buying, and the market still shows certain stubbornness, whatever may be said against it by the generality of New York operators.

A Considerate Assassin.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 19.—William Wimbush shot and killed Tom Tate in Bedford county last night and made his escape. The two negroes quarreled over a colored girl, and Wimbush laid in wait for Tate and shot him through the head. He then took the body and carried it to the murdered man's home and laid it in the yard, after which he fled and has not yet been heard from. The Tate family seems to be unfortunate, as the father was shot and killed while assaulting a white man named Barksdale some time ago.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—H. S. Mack & Co., wealthy wholesale clothiers, were closed late this afternoon by mortgages on paper aggregating over $90,000.

STATE FINANCES.

Their Satisfactory Condition—Completion of Inspection of Books of Treasurer and Auditor—Annually Increasing Surplus.

[Special to the Messenger]

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—The Legislative joint committee to day completed its inspection of the books of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor. The statement of receipts and disbursements is: For 1893, receipts of public fund, $1,491,467 and of educational fund, $59,656; disbursements of public fund, $1,284,024 and of educational fund, $26,909. For 1894, receipts of public fund, $1,446,988 and of educational fund, $51,822, both including surplus from the year previous; disbursements of public fund, $1,143,749 and of educational fund, $43,734; balance December 1st last—public fund, $303,239; educational fund, $8,087.

The committee recommends that the annually increasing balance, now a surplus, be used in retiring the State 4 per cents and that the Legislature convert it into a sinking fund.

This year an apportionment of $36,084 was made by the State board of education among the various counties.

State Treasurer Tate is highly complimented by the committee. He has accumulated and covered into the State Treasury $6,371, clear profit.

Fees paid in by the Secretary of State aggregate nearly enough to pay all salaries of the Executive and Judicial Departments, including the railway commission and the stationery account.

THE PRESIDENT IN LUCK.

Having Fine Sport Among the Ducks—To Go Deer Driving—Programme of the Reception for Saturday.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 19.—This has been an ideal day for duck-shooting. The morning dawned with a brisk wind from the north, and the sky was overcast with leaden clouds, while the temperature was not very far above the freezing point. The President, Capt. Evans and Mr. Jefferson were up betimes and were away for the stands in the marsh before the eastern skies were turning grey. They had a fine day's sport, as the result of the shooting showed up on their return to the Wistaria at 4 o'clock this afternoon. They bagged in all sixty large English ducks, more than half of which were brought down by the President's gun,

Commander Mackenzie and Dr. O'Reilly did not attend the hunt to day, but came up to the city in the Government launch Waccamaw. They paid a short visit to the Hon. W. D. Morgan, chairman of the reception committee of the Palmetto club, and among other things said that the President was really enjoying himself hugely, was in excellent spirits and was beginning to feel the beneficial results from his rest and sporting.

When reference was made to the programme arranged by the reception committee, Commander Mackenzie said that he thought the President did not wish to have more than a public reception lasting about an hour. The chairman, however, submitted for the President's approval the full programme, as arranged by the commissioner, and received a letter from the President expressing his cordial approval of the entire programme, which will be carried out as follows:

The light tender Wistaria, with the Presidential party on board, will arrive in the city at 2 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, landing at the South Carolina Steamboat company's wharf. The committee will be in waiting with carriages, and the party will be taken at once to the old historic Winyah Indigo society hall, when a public reception will be extended the President. The reception will last till about 3 o'clock. Immediately thereafter the President and party will be served with a light luncheon tendered by the Palmetto club. At 3:45 o'clock the party will be escorted to the Georgetown and Western depot, from which place the special train to which the private car, Wildwood, will be attached, will leave promptly at 4 o'clock.

The ladies of the city are all actively engaged in the preparation of the decorations, and as the little city never does things by halves, she will on this day present a typical holiday appearance.

The committee will see that the President is accorded such a royal reception as the greatest statesman of the country deserves. Every citizen of the city feels honored by the President's presence here and the members of the Palmetto club, especially, are proud that they have the distinguished honor of entertaining so noted a dignitary.

The Presidential party will be taken on a deer drive by the members of the Annandale club to-morrow in the Friendfield woods, and the President will be given a chance to bag a fine buck.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Rumors of its Sale to the Southern Railway Denied by President Hoffman.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—The *Manufacturers' Record* says that it is authorized by Mr. R. C. Hoffman president of the Seaboard Air Line, to positively state that there is no truth whatever in the reports that have been circulated to the effect that the Southern Railway company had absorbed or would absorb the Seaboard system. Mr. Hoffman says that such a proposition has not even been broached to his company, and that the only recent conference he has had with the Southern officials was about cotton rates, when President Spencer of the Southern was in Baltimore a few weeks ago.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 19.—In response to an inquiry by wire, President Childs of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad, to-day received the following telegraphic response from President R. C. Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line system, relating to the alleged sale of his road to the Southern system:

"No sir, it is not true. It is manufactured out of the whole cloth."

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway company, to-day denied the report that the Southern Railway company was about to absorb the Seaboard Air Line into its system.

OPPOSED TO CLOTURE.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT NO CHANGE.

Correspondence on Hawaiian Matters Laid Before the Senate—Japanese Treaty Favorably Reported to the Senate—Bills for Marine Hospital and Sub-Treasury at Savannah Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Secretary of the Navy to-day sent to the Senate in answer to Senator Lodge's resolution, copies of the correspondence between the Navy Department and Rear Admiral Walker relative to the Hawaiian republic.

This correspondence includes the instructions issued March 27th for the admiral's guidance. His attention was called to documents already sent to Congress showing the attitude and policy of the United States, and instructed him to consult freely with Minister Willis, giving due weight to the Minister's knowledge and opinion of the actual employment of the military forces under his command.

It was specifically noted that the admiral's purpose would be the protection of the lives and property of American citizens, and he was advised, in case of civil war in the islands, to give no aid, moral or physical, to any of the parties engaged therein, but to keep steadily in view that it was his duty to protect the lives and property of all such citizens of the United States as should not by their participation in such civil commotions, subject themselves to local laws and thus perfect their right in that regard to the protection of the American flag.

He was also instructed that if at any time he observed any foreign interference in the political affairs of the Hawaiian islands he should report the same to the Department.

The admiral in his report notes the apparent absence of personal animosity between the Royalists and the supporters of the Provisional Government. As a rule, the English are Royalists. In his opinion the American naval force at Honolulu needed strengthening, and although he anticipated no serious disturbances, he thought that should they occur he ought to have a controlling force, stronger than that of any other foreign power and equal to any two of them combined. Every one, including the foreigners of all classes, look to the United States to take a leading part and be responsible for the preservation of life and property. In this particular he notes that "At the time we are equaled in strength by the English and exceeded by the Japanese."

The failure of the Senate Committee on Rules to take any action at its meeting this morning on the many propositions before it looking to a change on the rules now governing the Senate is accepted by Senators as a positive indication that nothing will be done in this matter during the present Congress. All the members were present. The whole subject was canvassed in a pleasant and informal way, Senators Harris and Blackburn stating that they wanted to bring about a change, but admitting the apparent impossibility of their so doing. Both these Senators favor cloture. The Republicans, however, are opposed to any action at this time and in this view of the inexpediency of reporting any of the amendments referred to them, they are reinforced by Senator Gorman, who makes a majority of the committee. At the meeting today Senator Gorman said nothing to indicate that he had altered his position on the subject of cloture, a position adverse to such a rule which he has always declared both in committee and on the floor of the Senate.

Although nothing was done to-day it is probable that the committee will agree to the suggestion of Senator Aldrich and meet during the recess after the adjournment of this Congress and prepare such changes as may be deemed advisable and report to the opening session of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

The Senate Committee on Naval affairs to-day decided to report favorably the bill authorizing the President to reappoint John Clyde Sullivan as a paymaster in the navy, with the relative rank of lieutenant-commander. The committee vindicates Sullivan and asserts that there is no truth in the charge of embezzlement upon which he was dismissed from the service about a year ago.

In executive session this afternoon the Japanese treaty was favorably reported by Senator Morgan. He said that he could not call it up for action until there was a full Senate, which probably means that there will be no vote on it until after the holiday recess. There appears to be no opposition to the ratification of the treaty.

Mr Lester, of Georgia, introduced into the House to-day a bill appropriating $150,000 for the establishment of a marine hospital at Savannah, Ga., The old custom house site is to be used for the hospital. He introduced another bill appropriating $5,000 for the establishment of a sub treasury at Savannah, Ga.

Work Suspended on New Orleans Levee.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—To-day the trade of the port, as far as work on the levee front is concerned, is at an absolute standstill. The stevedors gave formal notice some days ago that they would, on and after the 19th inst., only pay wages of a reduced rate. The reduction meant a cut of perhaps 20 to 25 per cent. to wage earners. The stevedores meanwhile perfected their plans for an unlimited supply of negro labor, provided that the whites refused to accept the cut, which it was expected that they would do. The stevedores, having a possible fear of trouble, applied to the mayor and Governor for adequate protection. This morning, however, no men of color were willing to work. The white men, reading the different notices in the papers, did not apply for work, while the negroes did not show up at all.

Decreased Railway Earnings.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—The board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio railway to-day re-elected Charles F. Mayer president of the company for the seventh consecutive term. The statement of earnings and expenses for November shows a net decrease of $5,381. For the five months of the current fiscal year the net earnings were $551,938 less than the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

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