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TELEGRAPH SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

After February 1st the Soldiers' Home will receive the inmates from each county now represented.—George Vandenberg sends the governor many fine plants and shrubs for the executive mansion grounds.—The senate confirms the nomination of Judge T. C. Fuller.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION DISCUSSED AT SPECIAL MEETING

A Rather Live Time Over a Proposition to Endorse the Measure Suggested by the Indianapolis Monetary Convention—The Members Here to do so by a Close Vote

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, in accordance with the resolution by Mr. Hugh MacRae, adopted at the regular meeting last Thursday to the effect that a special meeting be called to consider the report of the Indianapolis monetary commission, and if deemed advisable, to recommend to congress the passage of the bill embodying the financial measures recommended in the report of the commission.

The following members of the chamber were in attendance: Messrs. James H. Chadbourn, Jr., Jno. L. Cantwell, C. E. Borden, Walter Taylor, J. A. Arrington, Hugh MacRae, Iredell Meares, D. L. Gore, J. A. Taylor, A. B. Siedel, Sam'l. Northrop, B. F. Keith, W. E. Springer, M. W. Jacobs, S. Behrens, A. J. Marshall, R. M. Wessell, James H. Chadbourn, B. F. Kincaid, P. D. Manning, F. W. Kerchner, C. M. McQueen, H. K. Nash, W. M. Cumming, W. B. McKoy, T. D. Meares, William Calder, Gabriel Holmes, John W. Gafford, John S. Armstrong, T. W. Clawson, C. W. Yates, George R. French, W. E. Worth, J. G. L. Gieschen, J. A. Springer, F. L. Huggins, P. Penhall, R. N. Sweet, Benj. Bell, and J. E. Mercer.

President James H. Chadbourn, Jr., was in attendance at his post as secretary. President Chadbourn called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting. He then called upon Mr. Hugh MacRae to explain the object for which the special meeting had been called.

Mr. MacRae explained that the meeting had been called to consider the report of the Indianapolis monetary convention, and if it meets with approval, to recommend to congress the passage of the bill embodying the financial measures suggested by the commission.

Mr. MacRae then read the report of the Indianapolis monetary convention, and after a long and interesting discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

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HORRORS OF THE CUBAN WAR

STARVATION THE EFFECTIVE WEAPON USED BY SPAIN

Hon. Charles Russell, of the Department of Justice Makes a Tour of Investigation. He Tells What He Saw—Those Who Have Not Seen Cannot Realize the Situation. He Saw Thousands of Starving Women and Children, With Nothing Being Done to Relieve Them

Washington, January 11.—Hon. Charles Russell, assistant United States attorney in the department of justice, returned yesterday from Cuba, where he has spent two weeks investigating the conditions prevailing on the island. To the Associated Press Mr. Russell said:

"I am very glad to be interviewed on the subject of Cuba, because I feel it a solemn duty to humanity to endeavor to make the American people realize the terrible distress which exists there. I have been in Cuba for two weeks, and judging of the situation by what I saw and heard, I feel quite sure that we do not commit and have not in our history committed such atrocities as Spain is committing on that island. The most effective weapon used by the Spaniards is starvation. The reports as to the number of deaths are grossly exaggerated."

"I spent just two weeks in Cuba, visiting Havana, Santiago de Cuba, Matanzas, Pinar del Rio, and the middle of the country to San Domingo, Santa Clara and Sagua la Grande. I visited Mariama, a small town near Havana, and saw along the railroads thousands of starving women and children. The Spaniards are starving the Cuban people by withholding food from them. I saw the skeletons of the dead lying on the streets, and the living people were emaciated and suffering from disease produced by starvation."

In Sagua I saw some sick and emaciated men and women who had been starved for three days before being taken to the hospital. I saw a man who had been starved for three days, and was lying on the ground, unable to get up. I saw a woman who had been starved for three days, and was lying on the ground, unable to get up. I saw a child who had been starved for three days, and was lying on the ground, unable to get up.

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A SUIT FOR SEDUCTION.

THE VILEST IN THE CATALOGUE OF CRIMES IS THE CHARGE.

Robert Hancock, President of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Sued for Seduction of the Daughter of His Wife's Brother—The Parents of the Girl Bring Suit and Demand Ten Thousand Dollars Damages—A Complaint as Filed in the Case—Hancock's Denial

The Messenger had information several days ago that there were grave charges preferred against Robert Hancock, president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, but preferred for the absence of the facts, to wait for further particulars.

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The following is the complaint filed at the clerk's office of the superior court yesterday afternoon against Robert Hancock. Rumors of the affair have been spread far and wide during the last few days; yesterday it became a matter of public record:

North Carolina, Chatham County, vs. Robert Hancock, Plaintiff, Elizabeth Abbott and Thomas H. Abbott by their next friend Elizabeth Abbott, Defendants. Complaint.

The plaintiffs complaining of the defendant's alleged seduction of their daughter, Elizabeth Abbott, who is now residing in the city of Newbern, North Carolina, and who is the daughter of the plaintiff, Thomas H. Abbott, and the wife of the defendant, Robert Hancock.

The defendant, Robert Hancock, is a resident of the city of Newbern, North Carolina, and is the president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The plaintiff, Elizabeth Abbott, is a resident of the city of Newbern, North Carolina, and is the daughter of the plaintiff, Thomas H. Abbott, and the wife of the defendant, Robert Hancock.

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U. S. 4 per cent bonds 50,000.00	Surplus 234,831.89
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Due from other banks 25,000.00	Total deposits 200,000.00
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