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ROXBORO, N. C., Dec. 24, 1895.

THERE WILL BE NO WAR.

During the past week much excitement has been caused by the rumors of war on account of the President's message to Congress on the Venezuelan controversy. The President asked that Congress pass a bill authorizing the President to appoint a commission to hear this disputed boundary line between Venezuela and England, and when this was done to maintain their position. It should be remembered that the President did not take this step until England had refused to arbitrate the disputed line.

We do not recollect to have ever seen a message from a President to Congress received with such unanimity as this was, his request was unanimously granted in both branches of Congress, and the speeches which were made were full of patriotism, and praise for the President in his bold stand. These speeches were not confined to party affiliation. The bill authorizing appointment of a commission and appropriating a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of the commission has been made a law, and the President will appoint a level headed and patriotic commission who will settle this disputed question without war.

In his message the President assumed that Great Britain, in her boundary dispute with Venezuela, had deliberately assailed the Monroe doctrine and forcibly robbed an American State of a vast extent of territory which rightfully belonged to it. Now the Monroe doctrine is and has been for many years a great principle with our government, and the President thinking this had been violated took the position he did. Though appearances strongly corroborate this view, yet it has not been established, and until it has been established there is no dispute between this country and Great Britain, and for this reason the President asked for the commission.

If the decision of the commission to be appointed by the President, shall after investigating pronounce that England has infringed upon American interests, then there will open a field, not necessary for war, but for skillful and patient diplomacy. Every one is agreed that it is not to our interests to fight England, nor is it to her interests to fight us. With this common desire for peace as a foundation to work on, we believe our State Department will find an honorable and peaceful solution for existing complication.

THAT LAST MESSAGE.
Last Friday the President sent another message to Congress. This time it was on the necessity of Congress adopting a measure for the relief of the treasury of the United States.

The President says the country is on the verge of another panic, all efforts of the executive have failed to keep the gold reserve in tact, it is now being withdrawn from the treasury at an extensive rate. After outlining the alarming situation the President insists on Congress not to adjourn for the holidays while the credit of the country is in such a perilous condition.

Congress will probably heed Mr. Cleveland's suggestion and not adjourn for two weeks as was first decided on, but will at once settle down to the consideration of the financial condition of our country.

While there are many people who differ with the President as to the means by which a better system of finance is to be inaugurated, yet every one must agree with him that "the real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme."

The great question is, what change shall be made? We hope Congress will be enabled to solve the problem, and give the country a financial measure that will meet every emergency.

Gold Reserve, \$68,841,950.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—At the close of business to-day the Treasury gold reserve stood, with all withdrawals out, at \$68,841,950.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

The President Asks it not to Adjourn for the Holidays Without Doing Something.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Cleveland sent the following special message to Congress late this afternoon:
To the Congress:

In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the causes and means of the depletion of government gold were explained. It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the government to protect our gold reserve by the issuance of bonds amounting to more than \$162,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$29,000,000, that about \$16,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of that message and that quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

The contingency then feared has reached us and the withdrawals of gold since the communication referred to, and others that appear inevitable, threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles. We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system. If in this particular instance our predicament is at all influenced by a decent insistence upon the position we should occupy in our relation to certain questions concerning our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patriotic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for a sound financial policy.

Of course there can be no doubts in any thoughtful mind as to the complete solvency of our nation nor can there be any just apprehension that the American people will be satisfied with less than an honest payment of our public obligations in the recognized money of the world. We should not overlook the fact, however, that aroused fear is unreasonable and must be taken into account in all efforts to avert public loss and the sacrifice of our people's interests.

The real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme. Pending that, the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts nor abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain before the world American credit, nor will there be any hesitation in accepting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people.

In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the Congress, in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance, will not take recess from its labors before it has by legislative enactment or declaration done something, not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing affords a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that, with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs do not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of the Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give to prevent, in a time of fear and apprehension, any sacrifice of the people's interest and the public funds, or the impairment of our public credit, in an effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present emergency.
(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.
Executive Mansion.

The Republican Plan.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A statement was made this morning by a very prominent Senator standing close to Speaker Reed that the Republican plan has been agreed upon. The House will refuse to agree to the Senate amendment to the holiday recess resolution and both bodies will necessarily be kept in session.

The President in his message says he needs money. The committee on ways and means, announced to-day, will begin at once the work of constructing a revenue bill that will furnish funds to meet the expenses of the government, English imports will be hit hard and money, through this method, the Republicans say, will be plenty. The bill will, it is said, be considered by the ways and means committee during the holidays and it will make little difference whether or not the House has a quorum. The bill will be passed in the House as speedily as possible and sent to the Senate. The Republicans profess to believe that the President will sign it, and there are Democratic Senators who declare they will vote for such a bill before they will vote for bonds.

The Seaboard Withdrawals.
MONROE, N. C., Dec. 20.—The sixty days' notice required for withdrawal from the Southern States Freight Association was served upon that organization to-day by the Seaboard Air Line in a letter to Commissioner Haines stating plainly their reasons for withdrawing.

Signed by the Vice-President.
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—The Vice-President has announced his signature to the Venezuelan commission bill. It now goes to the President for his approval.

WILL THERE BE WAR?

Though the controversy between the United States and Great Britain, growing out of the Venezuelan boundary dispute, has assumed a decidedly warlike attitude, it is not likely that these two great powers will go to actual war. The general impression seems to be that there will yet be a peaceful solution of the difficulty. Great Britain will undoubtedly arbitrate at the proper time.

Taking this view of the situation, the Atlanta Constitution indulges in the following very sensible talk:
"John Bull is no fool. A war with the United States would change the face of things, so far as the British are concerned. Russia would seize Constantinople, other things would happen, and the beef-steak eaters would have a hard time of it altogether. No, John is not going to war with the United States."

Serious as is the situation, we do not believe these two great peoples, common in origin, language, laws and customs—foremost in the march of civilization and mightiest of all nations—will, in the broad light of the 19th century, fight over a beggarly plot of land in which, it has been said, there is not room enough to bury the slain.

The Senate did right Thursday in postponing action on this matter. The masses of the people do not want war, and most reluctantly will support a war waged over interests so remote from our own. They will support their government, but they will demand that it proceed slowly and make every sacrifice for peace consistent with an enlightened sense of national dignity.

But let it be understood, once for all, that this government has firmly set up the time-honored contention that the extension of European sovereignty in the two Americas cannot be tolerated by the United States, and that, therefore, claims to territory in this hemisphere advanced by any European nation, which are disputed, must be submitted to arbitration. If Great Britain continues to scoff at this doctrine and still firmly refuses to submit her claims to arbitration then there will undoubtedly be war; for as Mr. Cleveland said in his message, "there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and consequent loss of national self-respect and honor beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness."

The British government has made a mistake. It has failed to understand the deep resentment which is felt by most of our people at the aggressive and overbearing policy of colonial acquisition which it has so long pursued. It now owes to the peace of the civilized world a compromise of its dispute with a weak and defenseless nation. A war such as this quarrel contemplates would be the greatest calamity to civilization of the century, if not the Christian era.—News and Observer.

50 HORSES FOR SALE AT AUCTION!

AT
Roxboro, N. C.,
MONDAY, JAN. 4,
11 O'CLOCK A. M.

AT
Luther Thomas'
LIVERY STABLE.

In this lot will be found 20 nice Kentucky Horses! There will positively be no by-bidding! Now is the time to secure a bargain.
Respectfully,
**G. M. HARDEN,
J. T. WATTS.**
Durham, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me by E. M. Walker and E. A. Walker and wife, on April 15, 1895, of record in the Register's office of Person county, in Book M. M., on page 78, I shall on Saturday, January 26, 1896, at the court house door in Roxboro sell to the highest cash bidder the interest of R. A. Walker, in and to that part of the old Beade Hotel lot, in the town of Roxboro, situated on Main street and the public square, which now belongs to the Beade Hotel lot, containing about one-half of one acre, according to a late survey by J. J. Lansdell, a plat of which will be shown at sale.
This December 23, 1895.
W. P. YANCEY,
Mortgagee.

INSURANCE!

The biggest Fire Insurance Company in the world is the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE. The next biggest is the ROYAL. Both of these are foreign corporations.

The biggest American Fire Insurance Companies are the following:—In order named, beginning with the largest:
ETNA, HARTFORD, INSURANCE CO. OF NORTH AMERICA, HOME OF NEW YORK.

The two most popular Southern companies in North Carolina last year were the
NORTH CAROLINA HOME, VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE.
Every Fire Insurance Company I represent has been in active operation over a quarter of a century.

A Merry Xmas
—AND A—
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
—IS THE HONEST WISH OF—
HUNT, PAYLOR & CO.

Roxboro, N. C., Dec. 24, '95.
To our friends, one and all, who have so kindly patronized us during our connection with the **FARMERS' WAREHOUSE.**

we return thanks in the most cordial manner, and earnestly wish for them the choicest blessings that can be had. May the year 1896 hold for them nothing but what will bring good cheer and comfort.

It is an old saying that "if we wish to be happy all the year round BEGIN RIGHT, and to do this we advise you all to sell with The Farmers', where close attention to business in every way is promised you.

Again allow us to thank you for the very liberal patronage we have received since we opened the **FARMERS' WAREHOUSE** and promise to do our very best to make the year of 1896 the most prosperous one of your life if you sell with us.

Your friends,
HUNT, PAYLOR & CO.

Always in the Lead.
Bermann & Goodfriend,
ROXBORO, N. C.

We are never caught napping. We are the first to display our Fall line of

**Dry Goods,
Hats and
Notions,
Boots and
Shoes, and
Groceries.**

and we are always headquarters for

Clothing! Clothing!

Do you know what it meant by buying early this year? A saving of about 25 per cent. alone on Shoes. We were the first to visit the Northern markets this year. Come to us and profit by our thoughtfulness.
Your Friends,
BERMANN & GOODFRIEND.

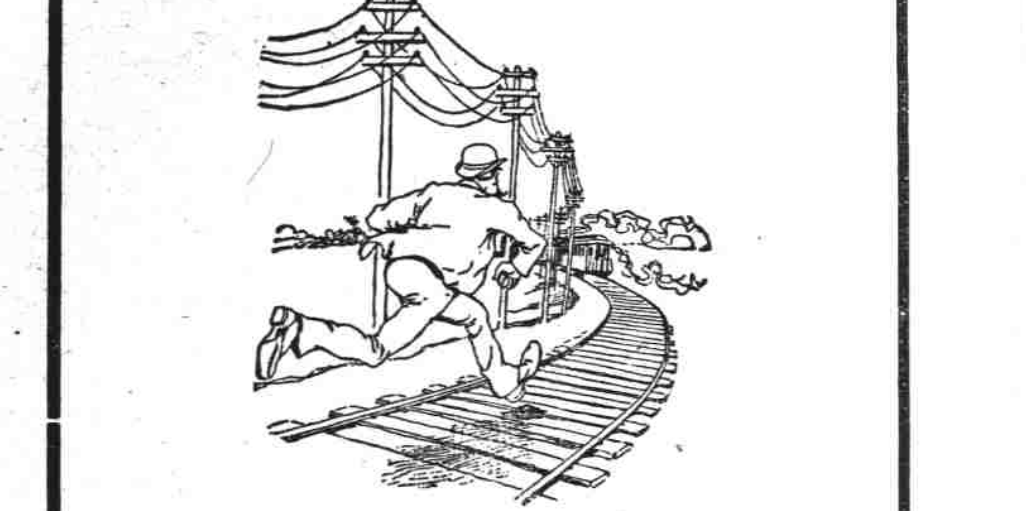
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The next session will open in our New and Commodious Building Sept. 25th.

Board, including furnished rooms and lights, \$6.50 per month.
Fuel50 per month.
Washing70 " " "
Incidental Fee70 " session.
 tuition from1.50 to \$2.75 per month.
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All noble young men and young women are cordially invited to attend. Correspondence solicited.
J. A. BEAM, Principal,
Bethel Hill, N. C.

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Right now we are ready with an immense assortment of

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

The articles you want at the prices you like are all included in our splendid line of FANCY GOODS, NOVELTIES, TOILET ARTICLES, &c. We offer a great variety of appropriate presents for ladies, gentlemen and children. Full of New Novelties and pleasing attractions, we are glad to welcome visitors, pleased to show our goods and ready to make close prices to all.

Don't fail to visit our Drug Store and see our stock. We are strictly "in it" for Confectionaries, Fruits, etc. The nicest line ever in the County.

W. R. HAMBRICK & CO.

REMOVED!
Philip Howard & Co.

Have moved into the store formerly occupied by Lukin & Long as a Hardware store, and are displaying a full line of

General Merchandise.

We have remodeled, painted and cleaned up generally, and are showing the

Best Selected, Most Desirable and Lowest Priced

Stock that can be found. We have some MONEY SAVERS and you will be very much in your own light if you do not see or goods before parting with your hard earned

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Come to us, we will help you save them if you buy Dry-Goods, Notions, Hats, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, &c., from the BARGAIN STORE.

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All the latest novelties in Fruits. A limited number of Blossomless and Seedless Apple Trees, 50 cents each while supply lasts. The famous "Greensboro" June Peach, finest early peach ever introduced, \$1.00 each. Finest herd of Hogs in the South. I spare neither money nor pains to get the best. Pigs, 10 weeks old, \$10 each, \$15 pair, \$20 trio. Finest lot of Shade and Ornamental Trees in the South. Write for catalogue and prices.

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