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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### NO WAR WITH CUBA FOR A FEW DAYS.

Cuban Revolution Uncertain of Peace. "Washington Evening Post" Next Week. Pacific Railroad Scheme. Butler's Resolution of Interest.

JOURNAL BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26th.

It may be that it is Christmas that has caused white-winged peace to suddenly cover the war bomb which seemed about to explode a bugle call to arms for a war with Spain. In connection with the resolution for the independence of Cuba that was reported to the Senate the day before the holiday adjournment. But it is considered more likely that the Senate will put in all its spare time fighting the claims made by Secretary Olney, that the right to receive a new State or nation is the right of the constitution conferred upon the President alone. This claim has raised a very important question. It cannot be considered political, in a party sense, as the about lawyers regardless of party, both in and out of Congress are divided in opinion as to the rightfulness of the claim. The matter is being very carefully studied, especially by the Senators who pride themselves on their knowledge of constitutional law. Its first glance the claim of Secretary Olney seems preposterous, but more than one lawyer who started out to show its unconstitutionality has stopped in doubt and almost ready to confess that the precedents seem to be on Mr. Olney's side. It will probably sooner or later get before the U. S. Supreme Court, but before then some very learned speeches on the subject may be expected in Congress. Secretary Olney may be right, but if he is there are a great many wrongs that he should be amended.

It is not considered certain by any means that the resolution for the independence of Cuba will be adopted by the Senate. Senator Hale, who will lead the opposition to it, says he is confident of defeating it and gives the following among other reasons for that confidence: "We have just gone through a campaign in which we have promised peace to the Cuban revolution, and we have presented the administration with a war on the threshold of its existence! True, there is an undesirable condition of affairs in Cuba, but I believe the reports are exaggerated. At any rate, it is true that however cruel the conduct of Spaniards, it finds its counterpart in the behavior of the Cubans. It is their way of fighting; they are different from us. From whatever standpoint the question is regarded, the United States is in honor bound to support the Cuban revolution in this insurrection. I believe the Senate is rapidly coming to realize this, and am therefore, confident of success in the end."—Even should the resolution be voted upon and adopted in the Senate it will never even be allowed to get before the House. Speaker Reed is opposed to it.

President Cleveland this week formally recognized a new nation, by receiving Dr. Rodriguez as minister plenipotentiary and extraordinary of the republic of Central America, recently formed by a combination of Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador.

Parties interested in the tariff hearings which are to begin next week before the House committee on Ways and Means are already beginning to arrive in Washington for the purpose of doing a little private talking with the individual members of the committee before the public talking begins.

Senator Pettigrew's charge, made on the floor of the Senate an hour or so before adjournment for the Christmas recess, that the men who control the Union Pacific railroad have hatched up a scheme to make that road practically worthless, if the government forecloses its mortgage and takes possession, is attracting much attention and seems to be worrying the railroad lobbyists, who thought they had plain sailing ahead when the House set aside four days, beginning Jan. 7, for consideration of the Pacific Railroad funding bill. This scheme, according to Mr. Pettigrew, is to get possession of the branch roads which are feelers of the Union Pacific, and upon which the government has no lien, so that if the government takes possession of the Union Pacific road a considerable portion of its traffic can be diverted. It is to be worked through the floating debt of \$4,000,000, which Mr. Pettigrew thinks was created for the purpose. This floating debt is secured by bonds and stocks of the branch lines, and Mr. Pettigrew thinks the best way for the government to protect its own and the interests of those who live along the line of the Union Pacific is to pay that debt and get those stocks and bonds. His resolution providing therefor was referred to the committee on Pacific railroads.

Senator Butler sees no reason why anyone should oppose his resolution, for the appointment of a committee of three Senators to enquire into the feasibility of applying the principle of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum to the legislation of the Federal government. The report of such a committee would interest a great many people.

"If Spain doesn't wish to see a moral change of sentiment in the United States in favor of Cuba than that which has recently taken place in favor of a conservative course in dealing with the Cuban question," said a high official, "she will call off the lying press reports she has lately been employing in Europe." He was referring especially to the report first published in a Paris dispatch to the London Times, that Germany had intimated to the U. S. Government that if it took any action calculated to aid the Cuban revolution, Spain would join Spain in any war upon us. It was hardly necessary for the State Department to take

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the trouble to deny such a report as that, but officials did so as soon as it was published. It can be stated with high authority that no European government has ever given this government the slightest aid that it wished to interfere with the course this government was pursuing or was intending to pursue towards Cuba. On the contrary, some of them have given this government assurances that they would keep their hands off in case we had any trouble with Spain. The publication of this report was unquestionably intended to work upon public sentiment in this country, and through that sentiment upon Congress and the President; but even if such a report were known to be true, it would have an effect just the opposite from that intended. Americans have been outwitted in diplomacy by European nations, but they have never been frightened by any of them or all of them, and what is more, they never will be.

Americans don't want war, but if they should have to fight Spain, they would prefer fighting her backed by Germany, so fighting her alone, Spain is regarded as such a pigmy among the world's nations that there would be but little credit attached to thrashing her, but Spain assisted by any of the great European nations would make a foe worth fighting, if war cannot be honorably avoided.

There is the usual anti-inauguration talk in Washington about having more artistic stands erected along Pennsylvania avenue for those spectators who prefer to pay for the privilege of viewing the Inaugural Parade from a seat, but nobody really expects to see anything different from the usual rough board stands which are always erected by the speculators who buy that privilege from the inaugural committee, and who, by the way, use money, much oftener than they make any. When inauguration day happens to be clear and fairly pleasant, the owners of the stands reap a harvest of it is cold and stormy, the stands are almost empty. There is plenty of money contributed to the inaugural committee to pay for the erection of stands both artistic and comfortable, but all that is a string tied to it, and the contributors expect the committee to return it to them from the receipts for privileges and from the inauguration ball, and were to use the committee which should fail to meet that expectation. As a matter of fact, these stands, for such as they are, are considered, are always returned and a surplus left that is usually donated to the poor by the inaugural committee.

In view of the beginning of the tariff hearings before the majority of the House Ways and Means Committee today, it is interesting to note the geographical make up of that committee, which will frame the tariff bill to be passed at the extra session of the next Congress. Of the majority, New England has two members, Chairman Dingley, and Russell, of Conn.; the Middle States two, Payne, of N. Y., Dalzell, of Pa.; the Middle West four, Hopkins, of Ill., Grosvenor, of Ohio, Dooliver, of Iowa, and Steele, of Ind.; the Northwest two, Johnson, of N. Dak., and Tawney, of Minn.; the South one, Evans, of Ky. The minority originally consisted of six, all from the South, but owing to the deaths of Crisp, of Ga., and Tanager, of Mo., there are now two vacancies, which will almost certainly go to the South, but it really makes no difference whether they are filled or not except as a personal honor to the men chosen, as the minority of the committee will have nothing to do with the making of the new tariff bill.

Representative Curtis, of Kansas, would be enjoying his holiday much more than he is if he could persuade Secretary Francis to appoint the allotting agents for the Wichita Reservation, which the people of the Southwest are anxious to have open to settlement. Mr. Curtis insists that there are no legal obstacles to opening the reservation, but Secretary Francis declines to act until the Department of Justice has passed upon some questions he submitted to it.

For some reason the Huntington lobby is much less confident of the passage of the Pacific Railroad Funding bill which will be taken up by the House in January 7th and voted upon four days later, than it was a week ago.

**Floods in Northern Greece.**  
ATHENS—Great floods in Northern Greece have caused an overflow of the Salambria river. Enormous damage has been done, villages have been inundated and a number of persons have been drowned.

**General Weyler's Movements.**  
HAVANA—Captain General Weyler, according to advices from Pinar del Rio Province, has gone in the direction of San Cristobal by the highway.

The second announcement of the Bayla battalion, with the first, is that the command has been organized at San Juan de los Rios, Province of Santiago.

**In a Kentucky Feud.**  
MOUNT VERNON, Ky.—In a general fight six miles north of this place two men were killed and another was fatally shot. The dead are Armp Rowland and Jack Rigby.

The wounded man is Greely Lear. The fight began at a Christmas merrymaking, and was fought out on the highway in Kentucky feudal fashion between opposing factions.

## DAILY NEWS

### SMALL HOLIDAY TRADE REPORTED THIS YEAR.

Business Expenses Next Two Years, Most Forecast of Barriers, Said For England, State House.

WASH., N. C., December 28.—State Treasurer Worth gives in his biennial report, \$2,714,000, to the sinking fund for the State expense for the coming two years at \$2,821,500, which would be far below the past two years.

He is somewhat of an increased appreciation that the State Normal school will be built out from \$17,500 to \$20,000.

The valuation in taxable property has fallen off \$5,500,000.

Mr. Devant, of Leasburg, Tenn., died here yesterday. His body was carried here. He was to have been married tomorrow.

B. H. Lee, a prominent cotton man here, died last Saturday, after a long illness.

Mr. H. Andrew, secretary of Leasburg, is home for a few days.

Reports from the larger towns in Eastern North Carolina nearly all say that the Christmas week sales among retail dealers were smaller than usual for this season of the year.

The continued agitation over the A. & N. C. R. R. gives some fairly fair lawyers here a goodly number of clients.

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## PLUNGED TO DEATH

### Passenger Train Crashes Through a Bridge in Alabama. Cars Caught Fire and Few Passengers Escaped.

Bartholomew, Ala. One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of Southern railroads happened thirty-six miles south of here in which twenty-eight persons were killed outright and ten others injured, two of whom will die.

The ill-fated train was a Louisville & Nashville one, which came from here to Blocton, a distance of forty miles.

The train left here at 5:30 in charge of Engineer Frank Waite and Conductor A. P. Connel.

Four miles north of Blocton, the engine and two passenger coaches, crashed through a bridge 700 feet long and 120 feet high into the Cahaba River.

A rail had been removed from the track, and when the engine struck this 300 feet of the bridge gave way and went down with the train. Immediately the wreck took fire, the water being only about three feet deep, and before sufficient help could be secured the unfortunate passengers and trainmen, who were piled under the debris, were burned to death in sight of others less unfortunate.

Some of the passengers, not so badly hurt, managed to crawl out and do all they could in assisting others, but of little avail.

The wreck occurred at what is known as the Cahaba Bridge, about fifty miles from a point known as Guerne and Blocton. The bridge is about 1,000 feet long and about 100 feet high. The train jumped the track and plunged off the trestle to the rocks below.

As to the number of passengers on board the reports conflict, but as near as can be ascertained twenty-three were killed.

Later reports place the number of passengers aboard the ill-fated train at from thirty to thirty-five, and only two escaped. It is said that seven were taken out alive but in a dying condition. The wreck caught fire, and many unfortunate victims were burned to death.

The scene at the wreck presented a most heart-rending and sickening spectacle. The cars were smashed to splinters on the rocks fully 100 feet below the track from which the train had been hurled.

The groans of the injured and lamentations of those who crowded around were pitiable in the extreme. Physicians from Birmingham and the adjacent vicinity lent superhuman aid in endeavoring to alleviate the suffering of those who escaped with a spark of life.

It is known positively that twenty lives were lost and that twelve severely of the charred train, many rescued more. It is also most certain that the wreck was caused by bonds for the purpose of robbery.

Of those on the train nine escaped, death but several of these will die of serious injuries. None of them can give a correct account of how the accident occurred.

The train was a local on the Birmingham Mineral, a branch of the Louisville and Nashville system.

**THE COTTON MARKETS.**  
December 29.  
The Liverpool market showed a good demand for spot cotton. The sales were 12,000 bales, though prices were 1-18 lower.

## HEAVY COTTON GAIN.

### STATE DEPARTMENT MAKES 112 PER CENT. INCREASE.

Over Four Hundred Thousand Bales, Predicted Next Week. Populist to Speculate, Democrats to Buy.

WASH., D. C., December 29.—This week's cotton crop in North Carolina is estimated by the State Agricultural Department to be a little over four hundred thousand bales, which is a gain 112 per cent over last year's.

Senator Pritchard will not come here until next week.

Several Republican legislators today say that the speaker of the House will be a Populist and that every Democratic office holder will be removed.

**Eel Russia's House Burned.**  
LOSTON.—Earl Russell's Riverside at Maidenhead, on the Thames, was gutted by fire.

It is rumored that the fire was of incendiary origin. Since the trial of the Earl's sister against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three male defendants, his lordship has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

**A New Chinese Railway.**  
SINGAPORE.—An imperial ordinance has been issued to sanction a new Eastern Chinese railway company, with a capital of 5,000,000 taels, to construct and work a railway company from the western frontier of Hei-Lung-Chiang to the eastern frontier of Kirin, in Manchuria, to connect with the branches of the Siberian Railway. It is provided that the holders of shares must be Russian or Chinese.

**C. P. A. V. in Court Again.**  
WILMINGTON, N. C.—Judge Simonson, of the United States Circuit Court, has notified Mr. J. W. Fries, receiver of the North State Improvement Company, and his attorneys, Watson & Buxton, of this city, to appear before him, in Wilmington on January 14th, next, when he will issue a decree regarding the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. It is understood that the judge's order will be a sale of the road as a whole and not piecemeal, as some of the interested parties asked for.

**ACTIVITY IN IRON AND STEEL.**  
Additional Evidence of Revival in Prosperity in the Trade.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Although the manufacturers of iron and steel are encountering some difficulties in the matter of agreeing on output and prices, there appears to be a gradual improvement in the general trade conditions. The demand for the manufactured products is steadily increasing.

A letter from Sheffield, Ala., announces that the Sheffield, Ala. Iron and Steel Company has contracted for the sale of 400,000 tons of pig iron at an advance of 30 cents a ton over the October prices. The same company has also arranged for the rebuilding of one of its furnaces, which will be put in good blast as soon as completed.

Twenty-ton open-hearth steel furnaces have been put in operation by William Clark's Son & Co., of Pittsburgh. This mill is now almost under full headway. Arrangements have been made by the owners of the Addison Pipe and Steel Company of Newport, Ky., to start up the plant at once. It has been idle for about eight months, and its resumption will give employment to about 125 men.

The Schenck Steel Company of Pittsburgh has ordered from William B. Pollock & Co., of Youngstown, Ohio, the materials for several new furnaces. Extensive improvements are being made in the plant of the Midland Steel Company of Muncie, Ind. The New Castle (Pa.) Engineering works has about completed a furnace which it has built for the Girard Iron Company at Girard, Ohio.

Various large shipments of iron and steel to Japan have recently been made by the Pittsburgh Reduction Company. Japanese contractors ordered these materials to be used in connection with shipbuilding and in the manufacture of military accoutrements and military utensils.

**Dauntless Runs Away.**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The Dauntless, owned by the St. John's river from Mayport with a revenue cutter's license, has charge of the vessel for some time. While the officer was ashore the Dauntless again put out to sea without him and, it is said, embarked supplies from South Jacksonville, apparently cases of groceries. The movements of this vessel looked upon with suspicion by Spanish officials in this city. The revenue cutter Bartwell followed the Dauntless as soon as it could get up steam.

**Disabled Vessel Sighted.**  
NEW YORK.—The steamship Brooklyn City, which arrived from Bristol, England, reported that on December 12, in latitude 51 degrees, 25 minutes, longitude 11 degrees, 13 minutes, she passed close under the stern of a disabled steamship, which she hailed. The reply gave the vessel's name, which sounded like "Cady," bound for New Orleans for Liverpool. The steamer was under four knots an hour, and was making about 3 knots an hour. When asked if she needed any assistance, she replied, "No," and that she was making repairs to her machinery. She may have been the Cabot from New Orleans, Dec. 3.

The Brooklyn City on December 20 sighted a double-headed iceberg, 280 feet high and 1,200 feet long, in latitude 43 degrees 41 minutes, longitude 47 degrees 36 minutes. It was evidently the same iceberg seen by the Friesland on Dec. 12, sixty miles to the north, but melted to water under the Friesland's track of steamships when seen by the Friesland, but it is now south of the easterly track, the

Brooklyn City having taken a southerly course.

During the month he has been reported within a radius of 100 miles of the British Cap by the steamships, Oceanic, Africa, City, etc. He has Delaware, Canada, etc. of Majesty.

**SUCCESSOR TO PATTERSON.**  
C. B. Moore Probable Appointee. Wants Adjutant Generalship.

Special Agent C. B. Moore of Asheville will probably succeed R. O. Patterson, clerk of the Federal court of the Western district of North Carolina.

Lieutenant Cramer of Charlotte, inter-viewed Judge Russell this week regarding the Adjutant General appointment. Once he was connected with the naval reserves.

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