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WASHINGTON NEWS.

NO WAR WITH CUBA FOR A FEW DAYS.

Cuban Resolution Uncertain of Passing. Tariff "Hearings" Next Week. Pacific Railroad Scheme. Butler's Resolution of Interest.

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

It was 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 claim made by Secretary Olney and endorsed by President Cleveland, that the right to recognize a new State or nation is by 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 ablest 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. At first glance the claim of Secretary Olney seems preposterous, but more than one lawyer has 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 be later before the U. S. Supreme Court, but before then some very able speeches on the subject may be expected. In Congress, Secretary Olney may be right; but if he is there are a great many people who think the constitution is wrong and that it 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 country. Is it consistent to present the incoming 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 war of fighting; they are different from us. From whatever standpoint the question is regarded, there is no excuse in reason or precedent for the United States to interfere 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 envoy extraordinary of the greater 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 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 \$8,000,000, 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 these 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.

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STATE NEWS

SMALL HOLIDAY TRADE REPORTED THIS YEAR.

Agitation Over A. & S. C. R. Christmas Church Decorations. Newspapers Take a Holiday. Other Items.

JOURNAL BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 26, 1896.

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. & S. C. R. gives some fairly fat lawyers fees to the lawyers while it does not settle anything. Some of the Eastern counties through these continued meetings to decide about the "lease" will have some extra expenses to add to their accounts in the way of lawyers fees. The idea that the fight over the A. & S. C. R. is being conducted in the interest of the "people" is fast disappearing, it developing into a contest between "ins" and "outs." The Democratic party is no longer in as high a reputation of continued squabbling over this road. The decorations of the different churches for Christmas were very beautiful and the Christmas offerings were very liberal. The Good Shepherd church the offering amounted to something like \$4,200. Part of this goes to the building fund for the new Bishop Cathedral.

Strange to say there was not a paper in the State that got out an issue this morning. It was at any rate a universal holiday for the newspaper people. Christmas was spent quietly here except for the popping of crackers and the sending of rockets. The chief feature of public interest was the magnificent dinner served at 6 p. m. at the Park Hotel. The dining room was beautifully decorated with holly and cedar, and the most tempting bills of fare I have ever seen was given to the numerous outside guests as well as the inmates of this pretty, elite hotel.

Your correspondent has been tendered an invitation to a banquet to be given in the Grand Hotel, in the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on Dec. 28th. There is fun ahead for the members and invited guests. The body of the late Mr. R. W. Best did not reach here from Washington until yesterday afternoon. It was put in the receiving vault at the cemetery and the services held at the grave this morning.

SUCCESSOR TO PATTERSON.

C. B. Moore Probable Appointee. Wants Adjutant Generalship. Special. C. B. Moore of Asheville will probably succeed R. O. Patterson as clerk of the Federal court of the Western district of North Carolina.

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

THE COTTON MARKETS.

December 26. There being no markets yesterday, I have no quotations to give, but will give you Robert Moore & Co's. weekly cotton letter:

New York, December 24, 1896.

DEAR SIR—The cotton market throughout the week has been quiet with little change in values. The Cuban disturbance and bank failures in the West induced a number of discouraged holders to sell out which caused a temporary decline. The large portward movement alone would naturally prove a barrier to higher prices. But as the South has offered very little cotton for sale this week, the large receipts are necessarily a part of former business and the pressure from them has already been felt. Speculation has taken no part as a sustaining factor. The demand from this source has only been equal to absorbing the week's cotton sold. The steady undertone is really due to the limited offerings from the South and the excellent business in foreign markets fairly indicated by the liberal daily sales in Liverpool. The prices 7c in New York and 4d. in Liverpool without doubt attracts the attention of a good many prudent people who embrace such opportunities as the present, for accumulating stock. The future of prices would seem to depend more upon receipts after the first of the year than anything else. While the visible supply is not excessive, we must not forget that the stocks in this country are very large. These stocks are firmly held in the confidence that the cotton yet to be marketed is no greater than the quantity marketed last year after this date. If this confidence is well founded 7c should prove a safe price but if receipts continue we see no encouragement to holders.

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Yours truly,
J. E. LATHAM.

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