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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### SECRETARY OLNEY AND THE CUBAN QUESTION.

White House Reception. Southern Protection. Contract for Building Japan War Vessels. Trying for Re-Election.

JOURNAL BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.

If Secretary Olney isn't careful he will lose a part of the reputation for sturdiness which he gained by his able and staunch presentation of the Monroe doctrine in the controversy with Great Britain over the Venezuela boundary. He may be innocent of the charge, but it is being whispered around that he is acting in conjunction with the Spanish minister in trying to create an impression that will intimidate Congress into letting the Cuban question alone. This impression is what the rumors of European aid to Spain and of reverses for the Cubans are circulated with such persistency for. Had it not been for his almost constant hobnobbing with the Spanish minister of late, it is not likely that Secretary Olney's connection with these rumors would ever have been suggested. What the effect on Congress will be remains to be seen when the session is resumed, next week. There is hardly a corporal's guard of either branch of Congress in Washington today. Secretary Olney did a thing this week which many think was an unnecessary lowering of the dignity of the office he holds. It was in connection with the closing of the details of the Venezuela arbitration, and he called at the British Embassy, instead of compelling the British Ambassador to call at the Department of State, to transact the business.

The New Year's Day reception at the White House was never a more brilliant affair, so far as the collection of elegantly dressed women who assisted the President and Mrs. Cleveland to receive the gorgeous court costumes of the diplomatic corps, and the handsome uniforms of the army and navy officers were concerned; but there was a notable absence of Senators and Representatives which must have been a little unpleasant even to a man as free from sensitiveness as President Cleveland is. Nothing could have more conspicuously brought in notice the existing chasm between the President and Congress.

There are lots of Southern Democrats who are not in sympathy with the position assumed by Representative Wheeler, of Ala., who is one of the Democratic members of the House Ways and Means committee who is regularly attending the tariff hearings before that committee, towards the proposition of W. R. Craig, of Vicksburg, Miss., to place a duty of three cents a pound upon Egyptian cotton. When the subject was before the committee Gen. Wheeler explained dramatically: "The South would be selling its birthright for a mess of pottage to ask for this protection." Representative Payne at once asked: "What do you call its birthright?" "Free institutions, free trade, free everything," promptly replied Gen. Wheeler. The number of men in Congress who would come out as flat as that for free trade can be counted upon one's fingers, although most of the Democrats would resent being called "Protectionists", notwithstanding the many strongly protective features of the present Democratic tariff law.

While none of the silver men in Congress are enthusiastic to any extent over Senator Wolcott's proposed legislation for another international conference in the interest of bimetalism, none of them will oppose that legislation, although few of them believe that it will amount to anything more than other efforts in that line. The Republicans favor the proposed legislation, not only because it will carry out the promise made in their National platform, but because they hope it will aid in taking the silver question out of politics, either by bringing about international bimetalism or by making it plain that no such thing is possible under existing conditions.

Senator Dubois, has gone to Idaho to personally manage his effort for re-election to the Senate. He will have the open assistance of the National Democratic Committee, which already has several men on the ground. Some of the friends of Mr. Dubois say that the Republican National Committee is using its influence against him, as a punishment for his having bolted the St. Louis platform and supported Bryan, but members of that committee have positively declared that they were doing nothing against Mr. Dubois or that it had the slightest wish to see him defeated. One notable feature of this case is that his friends express more confidence in the re-election of Mr. Dubois than he does himself.

The nomination of Mr. Charles H. Henry, of Miss., to the vacancy on the Court of Claims was hung up by the Senate Judiciary committee for the purpose of investigating a charge of homicide which was filed against him. It is not denied by Mr. Henry's friends that he killed a man—a lawyer who was his opponent in a case in one of the Mississippi courts—but they say it was clearly a case of self-defense, which was investigated by a grand jury that refused to find a free man. The man killed was a brother of Hon. W. V. Sullivan, who has been charged in the past with the murder of Miss. Senator, and who is understood to be behind the fight that is being made on the nomination. Mr. Henry is supposed to be connected in the office of the Justice Department, and has been named and charged by the Senate

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three times to Federal offices since the killing, about ten years ago.

Twenty-four months from this date the rapidly growing Japanese navy will be increased by the addition of two swift cruisers of American build.

The contracts were signed at the Japanese legation by Minister Hoshi, representing the Japanese government, and by Messrs. Henry Scott of San Francisco and Charles H. Cramp of Philadelphia, representing the Union Iron Works and the Cramps' shipyards, respectively.

Shortly after the termination of the Sino-Japan war, when it became known that Japan proposed building a large navy the two American firms sent agents to Tokio to "secure a part of the work."

Their efforts were for a time unsuccessful, but they were ably seconded by the legation at Washington, particularly by its naval attaché, and by the fact that after a careful investigation of the great European and American navies the Japanese government satisfied itself that the Americans had reached the perfection of naval machinery and that engines and boilers were superior to those of other nations.

These favoring influences resulted in the signing of contracts for the two second-class protected cruisers, one to be built at San Francisco and the other at Philadelphia, both to be completed in two years.

The two vessels will cost \$3,000,000 in round numbers, and represent the latest and best type of marine architecture. Each will have a displacement of 4,760 tons, or 290 tons more than the Chicago, which was one of the original quartet of steam vessels that marked the rebirth of the new Navy.

Chairman Roosevelt of the committee on decorations of the inaugural ball room is politely but all the same positively disgusted with what he considers the parsimony of the executive committee in the way of appropriations for the biggest and most aesthetic thing of the festivities.

Mr. Roosevelt has stated to the executive committee that it will require from \$12,000 to \$13,000 to make the hall worthy of the occasion, and these figures, he said, are not in excess of those appropriated for the same purpose in former years.

Mr. Roosevelt is quite in earnest in the difference of opinion with the committee or he said that unless he was put in a position financially to make a creditable showing he would resign the chairmanship of the committee.

### Telegraph Items.

The Board of Commissioners appointed to determine the locations for a deep-water harbor for Los Angeles has concluded its public sittings.

The Crompton Block, a large five-story brick building at Worcester, Mass., was badly damaged by fire. The total loss is \$75,000.

The report that Secretary Francis would soon declare the Wichita, Kiowa, and Comanche Indian lands open for settlement has caused consternation among the Oklahoma cattlemen, and they will try to prevent early action.

Mrs. George Pace, aged about sixty years, was mysteriously shot and mortally wounded at her home, three miles west of Bedford, Ind. She was thought to have some money, and it is supposed robbery was the motive.

Edward Kasper was killed and John Kelly fatally burned in an explosion in the Monitor coal mine, fifty miles South of Bay City, Mich. Michael Simons was injured, but over fifty other miners who were in the mine escaped.

The South Bend Pulley Company, of South Bend, Ind., has brought suit in Chicago against the commercial agency of R. G. Dun & Co. The Pulley Company claims it placed a collection in the hands of the commercial agency which was not properly taken care of.

President McCook, of the New York Produce Exchange, has appointed Frank H. Edison, Forest H. Parker, and Evan Thomas, all of them ex-Presidents of the exchange, as a committee to represent the exchange in attendance at the monetary convention to be held at Indianapolis on January 14.

H. P. Miller, proprietor of the Southern Pacific Hotel at Milan, Tenn., was assaulted by some unknown person and fatally injured. His skull was fractured in two places. Mr. Miller was found in an unconscious condition in an unused room, where he had been dragged by his assailant.

### FROM RALEIGH.

#### THURSDAY'S FIRE A SEVERE BLOW TO THAT CITY.

Gathering of Politicians. Otho Wilson Full of Business. Judge Ewart's Good Opinion of Ewart. State Banks Solid.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 1.—It is regarded as reasonably sure that the Electric Street Car and Lighting plant here, which was burned last night, will be replaced. This fire was one of the severest blows the city could have received.

Tom Settle, W. S. Hyams, Judge Ewart, E. S. Walters of Morganton, Judge Bernard, Marshall Mott, and Earl Duncan are here, and Otho Wilson gives them most of his time.

Judge Ewart says all of the Populist and Republican members of the Legislature will be here by Monday morning. He declares no other Populist than he stands the ghost of a chance for the Senate.

The State bank examiners made reports to State Treasurer Worth today. These show all banks to be in excellent condition.

Hyams says there are 72 Republicans in the Legislature and that Senator Pritchard needs fourteen votes.

Otho Wilson declares that there are sixty Populists.

### DEBS A SOCIALIST.

Supported Bryan Simply for a Rallying Cry Against Trusts.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Eugene V. Debs has left the People's party and become an out and out socialist.

In a letter printed in the Railway Times, he states that he supported Bryan and free silver not because he regarded the free coinage of silver as a panacea for national ills, but because it furnished a rallying cry and common ground against the trusts, syndicates and corporations, and, once united, they could press forward against industrial slavery.

He says that 80 per cent of organized wage-earners voted for Bryan and the result of the election was due to the fact that unorganized workers overwhelmingly outnumbered those who were organized. The ballot, however much it has been enlarged, has been beaten to the earth by boodle and cannot be relied upon to execute the will of the people while they are in industrial bondage.

The leaders of the socialist army, he says, have thrown open the door of hope to the toiling masses. Speaking for himself, he says he is a socialist, because he has become convinced that the competitive system is utterly capitalistic. The issue is socialism vs capitalism. He confesses to no hope for the toiling masses except by the pathway mapped out by the socialists.

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