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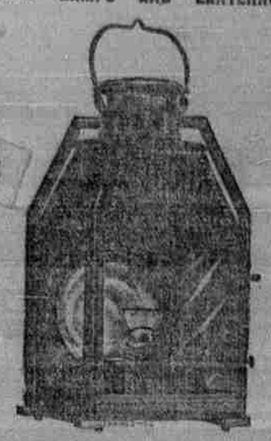

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TODAY'S WEATHER.

An area of high pressure continues, but with a slightly decreased intensity, over the Atlantic States and the low pressure area which was over the northeastern Rocky mountain slope last night has moved eastward to the Upper Mississippi valley. There is also a slight depression on the west gulf coast while an area of high pressure has made its appearance over the central and southeastern Rocky mountain slope.

The temperature has fallen over the extreme Northwest and has changed but slightly or has risen over other portions of the country. Over Southern Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas except the northwest portion there has been a rise of 10 degrees or more.

The weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, Arkansas and North Texas and it is generally clear elsewhere.

Washington, December 8.—Eastern Texas: Slightly cooler in northern portion, southerly winds, becoming northwesterly in interior.

Local Forecast.

Local forecast for Texas for the twenty-four hours ending at 12 o'clock, midnight, December 9:

North Texas, Central Texas: Heat Texas: Fair; slightly cooler. Southwest Texas and Coast District: Generally fair; stationary temperature.

THE HAWAIIAN AFFAIR.

MINISTER THURSTON DEPARTS FOR HONOLULU.

His Departure is Not Commented Upon at the Cabinet Meeting.

A BILL REPEALING THE STATE BANK TAX TO BE REPORTED.

The Bankruptcy Bill—Congressman Hatcheurs in Virginia—Admiral Stanton's Case. Other Washington News.

Washington, December 8.—Minister Thurston, before leaving for Honolulu, told some of his friends that the provisional government's plan of action had been agreed upon by the government and would be carried out. The provisional government has 1100 men under arms, who are ready to respond at the signal of a bell. This force will not be permitted to fire on the United States marines if they are landed, neither will the provisional government lay down arms and leave the government building upon request of Minister Willis, even after the marines have landed. The provisional government will remain until its members are arrested and taken out. It will resist any interference by any other armed force than that of the United States with the military force at its command. It will not allow the supporters of the queen to enter the palace or disturb the peace of Honolulu. That is the programme outlined by Minister Thurston to his friends before departing for Honolulu. It is also positively asserted that Thurston is going to Honolulu, whatever may have been said regarding his visit to Chicago and San Francisco, to look after Hawaiian affairs in these cities.

The statement as to the plan of the provisional government is in line with the advice Mr. Thurston sent the provisional government at Honolulu after the last read Gresham's letter to the president exorting President Dole to stand firm and yield to nothing but actual force. This proves to have been President Dole's attitude before Minister Thurston arrived. The friends of the provisional government feel that he has been firmly entrenched in this determination by what is heard from Mr. Thurston, and in view of the latest developments as to the administration policy, it seems almost certain that the provisional government has been disturbed in its hold on the Hawaiian government.

The gentleman entitled to speak with authority says that Gresham's famous letter to the president which stated that the Hawaiian excitement was published only in view of the contingency that was threatened at that time and this contingency has not occurred. What the contingency was cannot be definitely learned, but the inference is that the administration was confident that moral suasion alone would effect restoration of the queen. This expectation is based on the explicit statements in Mr. Blount's report.

In view of the authoritative statements, the administration has no intention of using force. It may be considered that the changes of the queen yet to be restored are dead. It is thought the several days before the whole history of the Hawaiian matter will be laid before the senate. The navy department is having copied all the correspondence relating to the naval matters in Hawaiian waters since 1839. This will occupy some days yet. The report to be offered to the senate will be complete.

The failure to secure exact advices as to Minister Willis' course leads to some embarrassment as to the transmission of Hawaiian correspondence to congress, as the tenor of the message accompanying the papers will necessarily be influenced by the conditions of affairs in Hawaii at the time of the writing. The cabinet meeting today lasted two hours and Attorney General Olney and Secretary Morton remained long beyond that time with the president.

The Hawaiian situation came in for a share of attention, but owing to the meager news from the islands, the discussion was necessarily short and definite action. No exact time was fixed for sending to congress the correspondence and papers relating to Hawaii.

The departure of Minister Thurston was not commented upon at the cabinet meeting and the indifference felt as to the latter movements is shown by the remark of a cabinet officer after the meeting, that he had not even heard of the minister's departure. It can be stated explicitly that there was no understanding arrived at between Messrs. Gresham and Thurston before the latter's departure from Washington as to the course the United States would pursue in Hawaii.

The House.

Washington, December 8.—The Torrey bankruptcy bill was strangled unexpectedly by the house today. Colonel Oates, the champion of the measure, had decided to permit the house to vote on the substitute providing simply for a voluntary system of bankruptcy, whereupon Mr. Bland of Missouri precipitated the entire question by moving to strike out the enacting clause. Vainly the advocates of the measure protested that it was unfair to reject the bill before the house had a chance to perfect it by amendment. The pleadings were unavailing. The vote was decisive. It was carried by a majority of 16 to 10. The vote was not a strict party one, 112 democrats, 13 republicans and 5 populists voted to strike out the enacting clause, and 7 republicans and 47 democrats against it.

The attempt to drive the bill for the admission of Utah as a State through the house during the morning hour was defeated by a determined filibuster, led by Mr. Rogers of Maine and supported by the republican side. The course of the republicans foreshadows their policy upon the admission, not only of Utah, but the other democratic Territories of New Mexico and Arizona, bills for which have already been favorably reported by the committee on Territories.

When the morning hour expired Mr. Oates moved to go into committee of the whole for consideration of the bankruptcy bill under the five-minute rule.

Pending the motion Mr. Bailey of Texas tried to induce Mr. Oates to allow the house to vote on the substitute providing for a voluntary system of bankruptcy.

Mr. Bland of Missouri moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill on a rising vote.

Mr. Bland's motion was defeated by 72 to 96.

The Missourian demanded yeas and nays. The motion was adopted by 93 to 92.

The attempt to strangle the bill to death on the first vote had been successful and cheers greeted the announcement.

On motion of Mr. Bland the committee rose and reported the bill to the house with the enacting clause stricken out.

Mr. Cannon made an ardent plea for the bill under a running fire and interruptions from Messrs. Patterson, Bailey and others.

At the conclusion of a brief speech Mr. Bland demanded the previous question and a vote on the motion to strike out the enacting clause was taken by ayes and noes. The motion was carried by 142 to 111.

After the announcement on the vote the house adjourned until Monday.

Claims Against the Government.

Washington, December 8.—The Chilian government has filed with the Chilian claims commission a claim for damages in the well known Itata case, in which the South American Steamship company officers in Valparaiso are claimants, and want $37,000 damages. This is the only claim presented by the Chilian government. The committee has overruled, by a vote of 2 to 1, the demurrer of the Chilian government to the claim of the North and South American Construction company. This was on a contract to construct a railroad 60 miles long from Santiago into the mining districts, for which the company was to receive $15,000 in gold. The claim is for $6,000,000. The demurrer of the Chilian government to the claim of Charles G. Wilson of Iquique for damages during the war was unanimously sustained on the ground that Wilson was not a citizen of the United States. Today is the last day on which claims can be filed.

Tariff Speculation.

Washington, December 8.—That the sentiment in favor of a small duty on sugar in lieu of a bounty is certainly growing among members of the house, is the opinion expressed tonight by certain representatives who have taken special interest in the matter. The great deficit officially estimated to be the probable result of the committee's customs bill, and the long delay of the committee in agreeing upon the internal revenue bill which according to their scheme, was to make up the deficit has caused members to turn with more friendliness toward the retaxation of sugar.

It is understood that Secretary Carlisle will suggest in his forthcoming annual report that a revenue duty be placed on sugar. The indications point to a strong move in the house to secure the adoption of a general income tax, instead of confining it to the net incomes of corporations. The ways and means committee is subjected to a great deal of pressure from Western and southern members to recommend a general income tax, and the delegations from at least three States, Georgia, Missouri and Texas, have formally united in requesting the committee to incorporate it in their bill.

Now that the movement by delegations has started it may be expected that the ways and means committee will be overwhelmed with like requests for other changes in the bill.

Congressman Bryan thinks that the committee will yet report a general income tax, but doubts whether the internal revenue bill will be ready and printed within two weeks. If it is completed in time the committee may yet decide to report the customs and internal revenue bill as one measure.

The present plan of the committee is to report the customs bill to the house next Wednesday, and begin the general discussion on the following Monday. The republicans won the general debate rule so it runs less than three weeks and some leaders upon six weeks. The republicans will thus have about two weeks' debate on the McKinley bill, but the democrats will give them ample time for legitimate debate on the Wilson bill, and it will probably not pass the house before the latter part of January.

Will Report Favorably.

Washington, December 8.—Hundreds of Texans and Southern people generally will be interested in the work of the judiciary committee this morning. Ex-Congressman Hemphill of South Carolina appeared before the committee and made an argument in favor of extension of the act providing for the settlement of the encumbered and abandoned property war claims. The purposes to extend the benefits of the present law to those persons whose claims have been adversely determined by considerations of the effect of the president's proclamation of pardon and amnesty. There is a fund of about $11,000,000 now in the treasury which would be affected by the extension of the act. Immediately after Mr. Hemphill's argument the committee decided to report the bill favorably to the house.

State Bank Tax.

Washington, December 8.—The following is an outline of the report made by the sub-committee to the full committee on banking and currency this morning for the bill to repeal the 10 per cent tax on State banks:

Section 1. The tax of 10 per cent against bank notes, etc., paid out and used as currency is repealed.

Sec. 2. Except as below provided, no State bank notes, etc., shall be paid out and used as currency outside of the State creating the same except subject to the penalty of 10 per cent each time paid out. It is not expected that this penalty will be generally collected.

Sec. 3. State bank notes may be paid out and used as currency outside of the State of issue on compliance with certain conditions providing for their redemption, etc.

The Stanton Case.

Washington, December 8.—Commodore Stanton called at the navy department this morning and submitted to the secretary his written report of the incidents of his salute of Medee in the harbor of Rio. Having completed his duty and being on waiting orders, the commodore is at liberty to go where he pleases. He leaves the city tomorrow afternoon for his home in New London, thereby leaving the admiralty question in congress. Secretary Herbert will probably give out the report for publication at an early day, together with the conclusions reached.

The Brazilian Loan.

Washington, December 8.—Mail from Buenos Ayres, which arrived at Washington today, brought the news that the Brazilian government negotiated for the loan of $5,000,000.

Minister Mendonca when asked regarding the report said it was a matter which he was not at liberty to talk on, and it is believed here that such a loan may be the subject of considerable and possible negotiation. It has not yet been effected.

The Bankruptcy Bill.

Washington, December 8.—The fate of the bankruptcy bill in the house today was gladly participated in by all of the Texas delegation to whose untiring efforts the defeat was mainly due. The success of Culberson, Kleberg and Bailey against the measure left a weak equal with any of this congress and have materially added to the congressional reputation of all of them. Mr. Bailey's effort of yesterday is still the subject of general commendation.

Pensions for Texans.

Washington, December 8.—Pensions for Texas: Original, Gotham B. Chapin, San Bronas; original widow and minors of Wm. W. Collins, Collinsville; Catherine

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THE NEWS IN EUROPE.

THE MAN WHO CHALLENGED EMPEROR WILLIAM.

A Brief Sketch of His Life Together With His Career in the United States.

ENGLAND BUSY BUILDING NEW SHIPS OF WAR.

A Steamer Wrecked—An Anarchist Plot Disclosed—The Franco-Russian Alliance. The Russian Cabinet.

Paris, December 8.—Richard Goerdeler, an American citizen who arrived at Marseilles on the 3d inst., and was arrested on a charge of lese-majesty for having sent a challenge to Emperor William, is among the passengers who left Bremen on December 4 by the Havel for New York. He was released at the request of President Cleveland.

In June, 1860, Professor Richard Goerdeler was professor of music at Pennington seminary, N. J. The story of his life is quite a romance, and it is more than probable that his trouble unhinged his mind.

Long before the time that he sent the challenge to Kaiser William, as far back as 1866, Goerdeler was a lieutenant in the Prussian army and at times was brought into contact with Bismarck. The American civil war was in full blast just then, and one day he learned that Bismarck had ordered a large lot of arms to be shipped to the Southern Confederacy.

When Bismarck became aware that this secret was in the possession of the lieutenant he at once laid plans to accomplish the destruction of the young man.

His first step was to get Goerdeler out of the army. This was easily accomplished. Then Bismarck set about ruining him socially and financially. Goerdeler was engaged to a handsome young woman, and after trumping up charges of forgery against her she was induced or coerced into a marriage with another man. Goerdeler had some property, but in one way or another he was wheedled out of it and was obliged to give up a position in Berlin—that of representative of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Then Goerdeler came to the United States and soon afterward obtained employment as an interpreter at Castle Garden. He then set his brain to work devising a scheme for the ruin of his enemy. Then all-powerful, Prince Bismarck, chancellor of the German Empire. He began by writing a letter to the emperor, and although he received no reply from the emperor he was not long afterward that the chancellor lost his place and was sent into retirement, and Goerdeler was convinced that he had succeeded in driving from power the man who was the direct result of his appeal to William.

But this revenge did not entirely satisfy him. He pondered over his wrongs and finally came to the conclusion that the only way was not big enough to hold both him and the exiled chancellor. He then started for Europe, but in the meantime had secured that of professor of music at Pennington seminary. From there he went to Long Island and immediately began to write William that he could not be considered inferior to any of the above-named and had even shown in his match with Showalter that he is a player of rare skill and exactitude.

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TROY, N. Y.—The Eastern baseball league holds its annual meeting here to-day. Porter presiding. The last season was a very successful one and there will probably be no important changes in the circuit, which consists of Albany, Troy, Erie, Wilkesbarre, Providence, Springfield, Hartford and Rochester.

ST. LOUIS.—Henry J. Schmidt has called a meeting of the republican editors of southern Illinois to meet at the Southern hotel in East St. Louis at 2 o'clock today for the purpose of organizing an editorial association.

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Art Institute reopens today with probably the finest art collection ever gathered together in any Western city.

Brenham, Texas, December 8.—The Middle Texas Teachers' association convened in definite today and promises to be well attended.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Crescent City Jockey club races open today.

PARIS.—The Paris International photographic exhibition opens here today.

Rio Matters.

London, December 8.—[Copyrighted, 1893, by the Associated Press.]—The Times tomorrow will publish the following:

"Rio de Janeiro, December 5, via Montevideo, December 8.—The last few days have been quiet with the exception of desultory artillery firing. The government received a telegram from De Sterro stating that important events were expected there shortly.

President Peixoto has dismissed Admiral Gonsalves, commander of the man-of-war Trajadentes and Baltes, now at Montevideo, because of the doubts in regard to his loyalty.

"The following is the manifesto issued by Admiral Gama, now in command of the insurgent vessels in the harbor of Rio Janeiro, addressed to the foreign powers: 'My principal object in hoisting aloft the idea of taking part in the revolt, but the present moment contains circumstances which force me into the struggle, according to duty which patriotism imposes with a full sense of its responsibility. I openly join the ranks of those who for the sake of freedom do not spare and three months have fought gallantly to free a country from militarism and hybrid alliance with the influence of a proclaim and will exert every effort to regain my country from anarchy and ruin, of which the present rulers have brought her. It is entirely the work of the forces of arms the government overthrown in a moment of national stupefaction and surprise by military action, of which the present government is the outcome.

'I repeat it is a free expression of opinion of the Nation and I am resolutely to appeal to the country to decide upon a form of government which shall rule in the future.

'For this, myself and my comrades in arms are ready to sacrifice their lives upon the altar of the country. Surely the army which is now bravely fighting will not persist in defending a government which has lost the moral support of the people and cruelly assassinated a foreign

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worth, secretary to the admiralty, replying to the further questions regarding the strength of the British navy as compared with the navies of other Nations and the steps being taken to increase the number of her majesty's battle ships, announced that two battle ships, four cruisers, two sloops of war and torpedo destroyers in addition to several other ships of war, now building, would be pushed forward with the utmost dispatch.

Quiet Prevails.

Cape Town, December 8.—A dispatch from Bulawayo, the capital of Matabeleland, the 30, announces that quiet prevails there and it is expected that everything will be settled shortly.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

The Post's Bulletin Board With What Will Transpire This Day Throughout the Country.

NEW YORK.—The fifth anniversary of the American Sabbath union will be held in Rev. Dr. D. J. Burrell's church here tomorrow and December 11. The anniversary sermon will be preached by Dr. Burrell today. This is the only National society in America having for its sole purpose to assist in preserving the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship in the Nation. For this purpose it seeks to unite the forces of all the Sabbath associations in all the States and Territories of our country; to encourage and aid sabbath associations when organized; to gather and diffuse information on this subject; to publish Sabbath documents; to use the public press to create sentiment to be made, and embody such other means as shall be expedient and proper.

NEW YORK.—The City Chess club has arranged an international tournament for which Gibbs, Delmar, Hanham, Bonner, Haipern, Showalter and Taubenhaus have entered. The City Chess club has offered three substantial prizes and the above-named experts have declared their willingness to commence play today. The contestants are evenly matched. Gibbs, Delmar, Showalter, Hanham and Taubenhaus have scored 8½, 8, 7½ and 6 respectively in the last tournament, while Hodges has given out that he could not be considered inferior to any of the above-named and Halpern has shown in his match with Showalter that he is a player of rare skill and exactitude.

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THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BROOK INTERFERENCE.

Resident Americans Openly Scout Either Compromise or Restoration—Legislation Expected in the United States.

Honolulu, November 18.—(Copyrighted, 1893, by the Associated Press.)—During the afternoon that the Alameda sailed, Minister Willis made a statement, virtually saying, as already published by the Associated Press, that nothing definite would be done here until he had received a reply to dispatches sent to Washington by the Alameda.

This statement was published in the Star yesterday.

The Bulletin published a letter from Willis in which he said he wished the remarks in the Star to apply to the entire press of Honolulu. The stand taken by Mr. Willis in his interview with the Star, which was revised in proof by him before publication, caused considerable anxiety in government circles, owing to the intimation that any speech of peace would be published by the American minister. To the Associated Press his words were the very trouble precipitated on the other side would be stopped at once by the United States marines.

On the morning of the 11th, the day since the Alameda sailed, Done called upon Willis to learn how far the authority of the United States was to be carried. Upon this it was learned that the provisional government was duly instructed in the explanation and the limitation made by Willis. It is the general opinion that the original language used by the United States minister conveyed more than an intended meaning.

Done very clearly informed the minister that the provisional government commanded the situation and would require no aid from the United States unless it was called upon.

The president assured the minister that any breach of the peace which might occur would be speedily dealt with by the Hawaiian government. The provisional government received assurances on the points mentioned which were entirely satisfactory. It is understood that Mr. Willis said he would stand back of the present government until the present difficulty was settled.

The tension in political matters since the departure of the Alameda is quite materially relaxed. Minister Willis stated that he had made public the statement that "nothing immediately would be done" to the natives, as he believed a crisis was approaching. Commissioner Blount reports a few hours, but it now appears that he had divulged just enough to stimulate speculation, and both sides interpret his quotation favorably, which in the end will be beneficial to the annexationists. When the attention of the United States minister was called to the provisional government, would aid him in keeping peace, he replied that he did not expect trouble unless it came from irresponsible persons either of the natives or foreigners.

Ex-Marshal Wilson has brought two libel suits against Walter G. Smith, editor of the Star. The suits have grown out of the publication of a report made to Blount by Colonel W. Ashford regarding police matters previous to the police by the ex-queen and Wilson. The report was published in the San Francisco Chronicle last April and furnished the Honolulu correspondent by Ashford. Although given to Blount in confidence most of the allegations in Ashford's account are believed to be capable of proof and intense alleged that the police under the ex-queen on the stand and give a full expose of the entire matter. It is generally believed that the suits are not to be allowed to come to a trial by the prosecution.

The interview with members of the provisional government in person denotes a determination to stand firm, be conservative and take nothing as trust that the United States government is officially heard from either directly or through Willis. In the meantime the troops are kept in constant drill and the provisional government are preparing for any emergency. Many Americans openly regret either compromise or restoration. It is generally believed by the American residents that the Hawaiian Islands would shortly take place in the United States. In that case the duty on sugar would be removed, a bounty for growth and a bounty of 2 cents per pound for refining, or about $15 a ton to American planters, under their present contracts, which would allow the sugar trade a heavy rebate.

The Franco-Russian Alliance.

London, December 8.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Paris says: The Russian and French governments have come to an understanding with the authorities of Cochin China with regard to the Siamese question. The Russian fleet is able to break the blockade of the Menam river, and the French Admiral Pierre has been ordered to support the Russian fleet.

Has Been Offered to Him.

London, December 8.—A dispatch to the News agency from Cairo says that the British ambassador to Turkey has been offered to succeed Lord Dufferin as viceroy of India, which it is expected will be accepted. Cromer is now the British consul general at Cairo.

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