

SHARPLY CONTESTED.

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Impression is That This Body Will Put a Duty Upon Coal—Southern Senators Deeply Interested in That Cause.

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WORK BEFORE CONGRESS

MANY PERPLEXING QUESTIONS TO BE DISPOSED OF.

But Little Encouragement for the Two Houses—A Number of Plans Laid by Democratic Leaders Frustrated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Congress will be confronted with a perplexing situation when it reassembles. When Congress opened there were several things which the responsible leaders contemplated, and the accomplishment of which, they believed, would make a record which would stand to the credit of Democrats in coming campaigns. First of all they contemplated a speedy and radical reform of the tariff, the establishment of an income tax, the repeal of the Federal election law, the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on State banks, the revision of the national bank laws, and a reduction of appropriations. From a Democratic standpoint, this was regarded as a popular program, and one calculated to advance the interests of the party. This was all to be done in short order, and their intention was to have the work done so that the session of Congress might close during the spring months.

They contemplated this program with considerable satisfaction, and not the least of their desires was to avoid any controversy in the party on the silver question. They believed that this would put an end to the Populist movement in the South and West, and that the party could be held together and united on public matters. To-day is cold and blustery, a decided change from the "green Christmas" of yesterday, and the Democrats of all sections. The other propositions were designed to please the Democrats, and to show to the public that so that all should find something to their special liking. The first movement toward the fulfillment of this plan was an effort to induce President Cleveland to call an extra session of Congress on Friday or Saturday for the consideration of the tariff. In this they were disappointed, and disappointments have followed them in their attempted move forward.

THE SILVER PROBLEM FIRST.

Instead of regarding the tariff as the burning question, the silver problem is to be settled first. Mr. Cleveland was eager to settle the silver problem and set to work with a majority of his party against him, to repeal the Sherman law, and then the extra session for a contest over silver, and the tariff was not in it. The party was divided and antagonism excited where none had existed before. Lines between the administration and anti-administration factions were long continued, and the repeal of the Sherman law, sentiments of bitterness and resentment remained. It was thought after the fight was over, that its disturbing effects on the party might be neutralized by an immediate consideration of the tariff question, on which it was supposed the party was united.

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ON A HUNTING TRIP.

President Cleveland and Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle Leave for Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Cleveland, Secretary Gresham, and Secretary Carlisle left Washington at 10 o'clock this morning for a few days' recreation.

The party, according to the best information obtainable, embarked on the high-tower tugs, accompanied by Capt. Robley Evans, of the Lighthouse Board. They steamed down the Potomac to the Chesapeake. It is expected that they will be absent from the city several days. Duck shooting is suggested as the chief object of the trip. The departure was arranged with the utmost secrecy, and the officials at the White House, even as late as noon, had no knowledge of the President's absence from the city.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Cleveland left Washington this morning for a trip of several days down the Potomac, accompanied by Secretary Gresham, Secretary Carlisle, and Capt. Robley D. Evans, naval secretary of the Lighthouse Board.

Secretary Gresham and Carlisle and Captain Evans met the President at the White House at 10 o'clock, and at 10:20 they started for the Seventh Street wharf, the place of embarkation. The two wharves, owned and operated by the Government, were used for the purpose of the trip. The President's office and walked to the carriage entrance through the public part of the mansion, while the President walked through the private portion.

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ADVENTURE STRIKE.

Coal Miners Object to a Cut in Their Wages.

BELLAIRE, O., Dec. 26.—A strike of 1,000 miners in this vicinity on January 1st, if the operators do not revoke their decision to cut wages on that date.

The miners affected are those employed at the line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Some time ago the operators announced that they were unable to pay seventy cents per ton, and on January 1st, they offered to pay only sixty cents per ton, the wages paid to West Virginia miners.

The claim of the bosses was that they could not compete against West Virginia coal, which was sold at sixty cents per ton, and that under this arrangement West Virginia coal could be sold at the mouth of the Ohio mines for less than the Ohio operators themselves could sell their coal.

On the other hand the miners claim that the bosses can make a good profit with wages at seventy cents per ton. They have decided to refuse the reduction, and a general strike is agreed upon within a few days, all will lay down their tools on New-Year's Day.

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LEFT FOR RIO JANEIRO.

THE CRUISER NEW YORK LEAVES THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

Bound for the Brazilian Capital, Where She Will Join the Strongest Squadron of the United States Ever Sent Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The cruiser New York sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard this morning for Rio de Janeiro. All doubt in regard to her destination was set at rest by Secretary Herbert's announcement, that she had been ordered to Rio and would start from New York to-day.

Mr. Herbert said he had issued no orders directing the double-turreted monitor Miantonomah to join the American fleet at Rio. It is likely, however, that the big monitor will be sent on duty there, she is now being prepared for sea with all her armament, and is made at the Navy Department of the report that Rio will be her destination.

The work of fitting out this vessel will be finished within a day or two. The New York's arrival at Rio will increase the force of the United States vessels there to five—all modern cruisers—the greatest number of United States vessels assembled at one point to protect American interests since the civil war. The Charleston, and the Newark, and the Detroit are already at Rio, and the San Francisco is due there in ten days. Perhaps a week it will take the New York to reach Rio, and the voyage of five thousand miles without stopping for coal.

Admiral Benham, who will assume command of the United States naval forces at Rio on her arrival, will retain his flag on the San Francisco, but it is likely that he will become the flag-ship of the "South Atlantic Squadron."

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