

IMPORTANT

Forecast of an Interesting Week in Congress.

The Tariff Bill May Be Reported in the House on Wednesday—Federal Election Repeal to Be Called in the Senate—Hawaiian Correspondence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The second week of the second session of the 53d congress will mark the placing of the first milestone on the long road to the tariff revision. An effort is also likely to be made to redeem another democratic platform pledge in the repeal of the federal election laws. The senate is to be the scene of the attempt in this direction, and the leader in this effort will be Senator Hill of New York. Mr. Hill's plan will be to substitute the house bill for the bill reported by the senate judiciary committee. In this he is certain to meet with considerable opposition from the republicans, who take the ground that the senate bill was not regularly acted upon in the judiciary committee—all but one of the republican members being absent when it was ordered to be reported. There fore, under Mr. Hoar's lead, they will insist that the house bill be referred to a committee on privileges and elections for mature consideration and report. If their insistence upon this point be very pronounced, it is probable that the democratic managers will assent to the reference. Then calling the committee immediately together, they will endeavor to report the bill for action within the week.

Senator Morrill, the venerable ex-chairman of the finance committee, will fire the first gun of the coming tariff fight in the senate in the shape of a set speech on Wednesday, in which it is believed he will, in his quaintly humorous style, make the most of the difficulties which his political opponents are meeting in their efforts to unite the party on the tariff bill.

In the event that the president should send to the senate the Hawaiian correspondence called for by resolution, there will be a lively debate of which the public will probably obtain the benefit, as the republican senators are disinclined to permit the matter to be discussed in the secrecy of an executive session.

Mr. Hoar's resolution simply asks the president "so far as in his opinion it shall not be inconsistent with the public interest, to communicate to the senate copies of all instructions which may have been given to any representative of the United States, or naval officer thereof, since the 4th day of March, 1891, in regard to the preservation of public order in Hawaii, or the protection of the lives and property of American citizens, or the recognition or support of any government there."

If the president's response should be confined strictly within the limits of the request, the correspondence will include only the state department instructions sent to Minister Willis and Stevens, Commissioner and Minister Blount, and their predecessors, Ministers George W. Merrill and James M. Conley, together with the navy department instructions given to Commander Wiltz and Admirals Skerrett and Irwin and their predecessors in command of the naval forces on the Hawaiian station. It is believed, however, that the reply will include Mr. Blount's report and all the other voluminous documents relating to the present situation. In any case a protracted and highly interesting debate in open session is likely to arise upon the correspondence as presented.

The business of the house will depend largely upon the disposition that is to be made of the tariff bill. The present expectation is that the bill will be reported to the house on Wednesday. At the present writing it is hardly probable that the republican members will have finished their report by that time and as a matter of courtesy to the minority, a discussion of the bill may be postponed until the following Monday.

The territories committee, under the rules, will have control of the morning hour Tuesday when the bill giving an enabling act to Utah will be again called up. The republicans filibustered against the bill on Friday last and similar action is expected from them again. It is not improbable, however, that if there be a dearth of business during the week, the committee may ask the house to go into committee of the whole and discuss the three bills relating to the admission of Utah, New Mexico and Arizona that were reported during the extra session and are now on the calendar.

Affect of the Tariff on Lime.
ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 9.—The people of New Brunswick, and of this city especially, will be affected by the Wilson tariff bill. With a return to the former rate of duty, every limekiln near this city, 35 of which have been closed since the McKinley law went into operation, will be in active duty again. The trade which went to Rockland, Me., will return here, and in a short time the production of lime will be giving employment to hundreds of men, and its export will reach more than \$1,000,000 in value annually.

Gladstone Not Seriously Ill.
LONDON, Dec. 8.—Considerable anxiety was caused yesterday by a report that Mr. Gladstone was so seriously ill that he had been compelled to give up a proposed trip to Brighton. The representative of the United Press called at Mr. Gladstone's residence in Downing street immediately after the report was made, and ascertained that the report was entirely unfounded.

DEVOTED TO HAWAII

Discussion of the Situation in the Cabinet.

Defeat of the Bankruptcy Bill in the House—An Appeal for the Relief of the Business Interests of the Country and a Reply by Mr. Bland.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the Hawaiian situation. Briefs showing what letters, reports and instructions of dates within the period mentioned in the senate resolution—from 1881 to the present time—were placed before the cabinet by secretaries Gresham and Herbert, who entered into explanations of their contents in instances where the information was desired by the president and other officers. It was stated that although the correspondence to be submitted was voluminous, it would be ready for transmission in short order. As to the date of sending it in, it was understood that it should go to the senate when prepared, the belief being that before the copy for transmission could be completed definite information would have been received from Minister Willis as to the nature of the situation at Honolulu.

WILL PAY NO MORE HOUSE RENT
Such Was the Declaration at a Meeting of Boston's Unemployed.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—"We will pay no more rent until we find regular employment." Such was the declaration of 400 or more unemployed mechanics who crowded into Columbian hall to discuss their condition and devise means of relief. Landlords who refuse to reduce rents during the poor condition of business were denounced, and resolutions were adopted calling upon "all persons out of work" to refuse to pay rent until they have opportunity to relieve the hunger of those dependent upon their exertions for the necessities of life.

CHICAGO'S UNEMPLOYED.
Nearly 117,000 Persons Suffering for the Necessities of Life.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—It is estimated that the number of unemployed in this city is nearly 117,000 and so great has their suffering become that the Illinois conference of charities and corrections, at a special meeting appointed a committee of one hundred representatives to at once proceed to raise a charity fund of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the most pressing wants of the worthy and deserving poor.

Editor Stead, who was present at the meeting, suggested that if the ministers and millionaires were turned out into the street for one night, the money would be forthcoming at once. W. P. Read, of the citizens' committee, made the assertion that such a calamity had never visited Chicago before. The city's elevators are bursting with supplies, he said, and yet people are starving on the street for the want of food.

The sentiment of the meeting seemed strong in favor of getting the city authorities to provide work for as many of the unemployed as possible.

By actual count 1,119 men sought shelter in the city hall for Tuesday night and as many more were stowed away on stone floors last night.

THE CREED OF ISLAM.
First Public Mosque in This Country Opened in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The first call to prayer by the Muezzin of the first society of Mohammedans took place yesterday from the window of Union Square hall. Emin L. Vabokoff, wearing a fez, leaned far out of the second-story window, which was unlighted for a moment, and placing his thumbs behind the lobes of his ears, with the palms of his hands turned forward, he called out the formal summons to prayer. The words were in Arabic.

On the sidewalk below were ranged a few of the faithful, being Mussulmans from the World's fair. They drew themselves up in a straight line, elbow touching elbow, facing toward Mecca. Quite a crowd collected and about 60 followed the Mussulmans up-stairs to the hall. Mohammed Vabokoff then delivered an address, stating the objects of the society and the creed of Islam.

This is the first public mosque in the United States for the saying of prayer and carrying out of the full Moslem creed.

AFFAIRS ON THE LEHIGH.
Not Enough Engines to Move the Freight and Coal Business.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 11.—The chief concern of the Lehigh Valley company just now is the getting of enough engines to move its freight and coal business. Twenty-five engines at least are in the repair shops awaiting repairs, the shop hands being compelled to work over time. The company has thoroughly reorganized matters and began to-day to run with old time regularity.

Thus far twenty-three old engineers and firemen have been ordered back on their engines. Several engineers have been sent out with new firemen. The engineers did not like this but had to go or lose their opportunity.

Employment for 15,000.
WILKESBARRE, Nov. 11.—Orders were issued on Saturday last that work would be resumed in this district on Monday, Dec. 11, at all the Lehigh Valley coal companies' collieries that ship coal via the Lehigh Valley railroad. It will be remembered that fifteen or twenty mines of this company were forced to idleness by a strike of the recent strike. This will give employment for the balance of this month to at least 15,000 men and boys.

Want No More Disgraced Priests.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 11.—The Abbot of Gethsemane, in Nelson county, is tired of receiving fallen priests, and no more ecclesiastics in disgrace will be taken in. Father Edward, the abbot, has sent notices to all the bishops to this effect. The last straw in the matter was the behavior of the two disgraced priests from Boston.

Ex-Minister Lincoln a Witness.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Ex-Minister Robert T. Lincoln, and ex-congressman C. New, both testified in the Howard case at Jackson yesterday. Their testimony was to prove the fraudulent transactions of William Lord Moore in London whose identity with the defendant, Dr. Frederick Howard, is claimed by the prosecution.

SHOWS THEIR POWER

Desperate Struggle With a Would-be Murderer.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 9.—James O'Hara and Andrew Donahue were nearly murdered last evening by an Italian barber named Antonio Medella. While the barber was shaving O'Hara a dispute arose over a bill.

Medella became furious and slashed O'Hara with the razor, making a deep cut on the throat from ear to ear, just missing the jugular vein. Before Donahue could aid O'Hara Medella had slashed the latter twice on the forehead. Then the barber and Donahue had a terrific hand-to-hand struggle, Medella using a razor and cutting his antagonist twice in the back and once on the forehead.

Passers by heard the struggle and rushed in and secured Medella. O'Hara fainted when attempting to assist his friend. The crowd threatened to lynch the barber, but the police saved him. O'Hara and Donahue were both removed to the hospital in a critical condition.

WEEDING OUT NEW HANDS.
Old Lehigh Employees Getting Their Places.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 9.—There is nothing new here concerning the Wyoming division of the Lehigh Valley railroad. The old men are still enrolling their names, and many of them are being employed. There is a gradual thinning out of the new men on the ground of incompetency, and they are being subjected to the same tests as those to which the new employees always go through.

It was reported that some of the strikers at Sayre were as yet dissatisfied. John H. Rice, went there to explain fully the terms of the agreement to the men.

A large number of the coal and iron police have been paid off and released and all trains are now running on schedule time.

GEN. LEE'S DEFEAT.
His Friends Will Not Contest Mr. Martin's Nomination.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—The unexpected defeat of Gen. Lee Thursday night by Thomas S. Martin, for the United States senatorship has been the theme of conversation here. Major Miles Martin, who conducted the Lee canvass, was seen but said that he had nothing to say at this time. It is understood that Gen. Lee's friends will not contest Mr. Martin's nomination and will not ask for an investigation by the legislature of the charges that corrupt methods had been used. It is said that the friends of Gen. Lee will in the early future make a public statement.

Jefferys Acquitted of Murder.
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 11.—The jury returned a verdict of acquittal in the Jefferys case, after being out 14 hours. Jefferys is a railroad locomotive engineer and was charged with the murder of Olga Ayres, a Southern Pacific telegraph operator, at Brighton station last May, whose body was burned in the fire which destroyed the station at the time of the murder.

New Hampshire State Prison.
CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—The annual report of Warden Colbath, of the state prison, shows 169 male and 4 female inmates confined there at the present time. Last year the institution was conducted at an expense to the state of only \$400. This is the best financial showing made since the new prison was occupied.

Olneyville Strike.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 11.—Chairman McGuffey, of the Olneyville strikers' committee, authorized the statement that while no definite settlement had been made with the "Providence worsted company, the prospects were favorable for an acceptable compromise. There is no change in the situation at the other mills.

Italy Still Without a King.
ROME, Dec. 11.—No cabinet has as yet been formed. The Marquis di Rudini hesitates to accept a portfolio and will probably decline to do so, but instead will offer to support any ministry that may be formed by Signor Crispi.

Will Contest the Title.
ALBANY, Dec. 9.—The State Commissioners of Fisheries have decided to test the title in the courts of Dr. Ward, of this city, to about 1,600 acres of land in the Adirondacks which the state claims title to. The land is that used for the Adirondack fish hatchery.

Theatrical Manager Suicides.
BIRMINGHAM, N. C., Dec. 11.—Adolph Gold, a theatrical manager, committed suicide last night, who was the subject of the "Romance of a Man" comedy, which was being played at the Grand opera house.

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THE STATE OF TRADE

Impending Tariff Changes Affect Business.

No Good Signs of the Wool and Iron Industries Reviving—Colder Weather Has Stimulated Trade in the Western Cities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Bradstreet's, commenting on the state of trade for the past week, says: Impending radical tariff changes which it is proposed to put in operation within three months, while importers and others have on hand, owing to prolonged trade depression, relative large stocks of foreign goods, tend to further depression, and trade petitions to congress are being prepared to postpone the date of enforcing tariff changes. Woolen and iron industries have lost the signs of reviving strength visible two weeks ago, and are practically without animation at bottom prices. Lumber industries are dull, and in New England states shoe factories are less actively employed. Current business news reports 15 industrial establishments shut down this week, 29 reducing wages or forces, or both, and 40 resuming work, generally on part time.

Business is quieter at Boston, more so than usual in leather, demand for which and for shoes does not equal expectations. At Philadelphia textile industries and the wool market show extreme dullness, but shoe factories are advancing prices. Only a filling-in trade is reported by Baltimore jobbers. Buffalo manufacturers are still running on short time, and the volume of trade continues smaller than a year ago. The volume of business is also smaller at Pittsburgh, jobbers reporting demands for immediate wants only. Collections are poor, and the iron and steel industries are as dull as they have been.

Colder weather at Detroit has stimulated trade, but there is little prospect of a permanent gain soon. Louisville iron manufacturers report more orders, but at lower prices, and shoe manufacturers also state demand is good. Trade in staples is fairly good at Toledo, notably in groceries, other line being quiet; banks are discounting more freely. Sales of flannels, blankets, woollens and clothing have increased at St. Louis with cold weather, the volume disposed of equaling that of a year ago, while sales of hardware are beyond expectations at this season, although there is no new business in iron and steel. The volume of business in Kansas City is fairly satisfactory, and bankers are buying outside paper. Money is easier at Omaha, loans having been obtained on real estate at usual rates, but there is no increased activity in trade except as to Christmas specialties. No improvement in business or industrial lines is reported from Cleveland, which is true at Cincinnati, where factories are running on half time and iron is flat. Even at Chicago there is only a moderate trade in clothing, woollens, etc., while many lines report extreme dullness, notably lumber, buyers generally taking only sufficient to replenish stocks. General trade is only fair at Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, but bank deposits have increased and quite a demand for prime commercial paper is noted. San Francisco reports only a fair volume of general trade, and that a second vessel has gone to Tacoma to load with grain for Europe.

General trade shows some improvement at Augusta, Ga., gauged by demand for cotton goods, although grocers are pushing collections rather than sales. Mobile reports collections satisfactory and an increase in volume of trade. Texas cities specify easier collections. The volume of trade is somewhat larger at Houston, is good at Dallas, and better than expected at Galveston, particularly for clothing and hardware. General trade is quiet at Charleston, particularly in rice. Fertilizers are selling at about two-thirds their usual rate. Business is quiet in most lines at Nashville, as at Memphis, except in Christmas specialties. There is only a fair trade at Savannah, naval stores being the only staple showing firmness in prices. Dullness is reported in nearly all lines at Atlanta, where merchants are showing smaller stocks of Christmas goods. Country trade at Birmingham has improved, as at New Orleans, where collections are slow. Sugar making in Louisiana continues active.

Fairly satisfactory trade reports are received from Halifax, but in New Brunswick a surplus in last year's log cut retards preparations for lumbering this winter. Business at Toronto is quiet in almost all lines. At Montreal sales of woollen goods have been stimulated by cold weather, but the outlook is not particularly bright. Bank clearings aggregate \$31,704,790 about 13 per cent. more than last week, but 13 per cent. less than last year. There are 28 business failures in Canada, against 54 last week and 31 a year ago.

Big Blaze in Newark.
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 11.—A fire, causing the loss of about \$40,000, occurred yesterday. The large five-story brick structure at the northwest corner of Lawrence and Mechanic streets, known as the Wilson building, occupied by a score of manufacturing concerns, was completely gutted.

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