

Programme of the Week for House and Senate.

THE LARM OVER GOLD EXPORTS.

Secretary Foster Says the Reserve in the Treasury Will be Kept Up How the Adjustment of the Monetary Conference Regarding Mrs. Morton Too Ill to Return to the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—With the approach of the holidays the attendance in both Houses of Congress is steadily diminishing and it is doubtful whether a quorum can be maintained in either the Senate or the House during the few days that remain before the Christmas recess.

In this state of the case it is impossible that any business that promises arouse opposition will be undertaken, which negatives the possibility of action on any subject of large popular interest.

The anti-Option bill still hangs over the heads of the Senators as the unfinished business and will come up for further discussion after the morning hour on each of the three working days remaining before the recess, but it is not expected a vote can be reached in that time.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Secretary Foster Says the Gold Reserve in the Treasury Will be Maintained. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster today expressed himself freely to a reporter regarding the alarm felt in financial circles over anticipated large gold exports.

"I am Secretary of the Treasury," he said, "and will be until relieved on March 4 next. My duty will be performed in the interest of the public welfare as vigorously as if my time were not soon to end."

JUSTICE LAMAR'S ILLNESS.

Not Considered Dangerous, But He Will Be Removed to a Different Climate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is probable that Justice Lamar of the United States Court will not sit again with the Court during the present term.

The Foreign Trade of Germany. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The first published official information concerning the foreign trade of Germany for 1930 has just been transmitted to the State Department by Consul-General Edwards at Berlin.

Mrs. Morton Cannot Return to Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Washington society learns with regret that the condition of Mrs. Morton is such as to prevent her return to the National Capital.

THE SOUVENIR COINS.

First Sixty Thousand Shipped from the Philadelphia Mint. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The first sixty thousand of the new Columbia souvenir half-dollars were shipped yesterday from the United States mint in this city.

The first delivery of ten thousand coins left on the 9:50 express for New York city in possession of John P. Shriver, representing Colonel Elliot F. Shepard. The remaining fifty thousand, including the \$10,000 beauty, and three other valuable pieces, were placed in the hands of the United States Express Company consigned to the sub-treasury at Chicago and left on the Columbia express over the Pennsylvania railroad at 4:25 p. m.

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MAUNA LOA IN ERUPTION. Hawaii's Volcano Threatening Destruction to Property and Life. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Mauna Loa, the great volcano of Hawaii, is in eruption again and threatens the destruction of the villages of Hilo and Waiakea at its eastern base, and extensive plantations of coconuts and cane.

MR. BLAINE AND CATHOLICISM. His Wife Says He Has No Intention of Joining the Roman Church. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—This letter has just been given to the press: WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1892.

Beatty to Have a Hearing Monday. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—No effort was made yesterday to have Robert J. Beatty, the alleged poisoner of Carnegie's non-union employes, released on bail.

Report of a Marriage Denied. VIENNA, Dec. 17.—It is officially denied that a marriage has taken place between Prince Ferdinand of Belgium and the Princess Helene Louise, daughter of the Count of Paris.

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St. Helena in a Bad Way. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—St. Helena, Napoleon's famous prison place, is now prospering. James B. Coffin, Consul, reports to the State Department that the revenue of the island decreased \$75,000 in the past year, and that immigration has fallen off, while emigration has increased.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The life of James G. Blaine still hangs trembling in the balance. For a long time yesterday hope was abandoned and the end was momentarily expected by physicians, family and friends.

The patient lay unconscious, and, to all appearances, dying, until shortly before 1 p. m., when a rally set in.

While the improvement in Mr. Blaine's condition is but slight and not sufficient to afford any encouragement to his family, the reaction has seemed to modify the feeling of apprehension for the immediate future.

MISS HALL WILL RECOVER. Her Mind is Much Clearer and She Now Appears Quite Rational. NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 19.—Banker Russell E. Hall's daughter, who created a sensation several days ago, by disappearing in New Canaan and who returned of her own volition two days later, has been suffering with a very severe and nervous prostration since last Monday.

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FATHER CORRIGAN'S APOLOGY.

The Settlement of the Case Causes General Satisfaction. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The settlement of the difficulties between Bishop Wigger and Father Corrigan, of Hoboken, N. J., is regarded with much satisfaction by all Catholics.

Bishop Wigger appointed a committee of priests to visit Father Corrigan and endeavor to induce him to apologize. To this proposal Father Corrigan made the following reply: RE. REV. DEAR BISHOP.

DESPERATE MARTIN FOY. His Latest Attempt to Escape Strictor Measures to be Taken With Him. BALLSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Murderer Martin Foy seems to be desirous of exciting Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, in his attempts to escape.

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Gen. Rosecrans About the Same. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Gen. Rosecrans continues to improve rapidly. He goes about his room and appears to have regained his normal health.

Appeal for a Condemned Murderer. BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Council for Wm. I. Coy, who was convicted of the murder of John Whalen at Washington, Mass., and sentenced to be hanged January 27 next has petitioned the Governor for a commutation of sentence.

A Troy Cashier Drops Dead. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—O. E. Van Zile, cashier of the Troy City National bank, dropped dead last night. His son, who is a New York journalist, was with him at the time of his death. The cause of death was paralysis.

PREMIER RIBOT UPHOLD

Bitter Debate in the French Chamber of Deputies.

THE MINISTRY BARELY SUSTAINED.

Investigating Committee in the Panama Scandal Will Not be Granted Judicial Powers The Cabinet Would Have Resigned Had They Not Received a Majority Vote.

The Chamber decided in favor of proceeding with the discussion of the bill in accordance with the government's desire. The vote was 424 to 122.

Immediately after this vote it was reported that in consequence of this reverse M. Brisson would retire from the presidency of the committee.

Minister Bourgeois then stated forcibly the objections of the Ministry to the Boisserie bill. The time had come, he said, to determine whether executive power should be placed in the hands of the committee.

For five days previous illuminations had been on a grand scale, and the whole country was shaken by a prodigious earthquake. Even in the neighboring district of Kau there were heavy earthquakes.

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