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WAR SENSATION.

TWO MEETINGS HELD YESTERDAY BY THE CABINET.

Senate Passes the Boundary Commission Bill and Treats the President's Special Financial Message With Scant Courtesy.

Washington, Dec. 20.—This has been a day of excitement and surprises in Washington, and when the sun went down public men in all branches of the service were nervous and worn out from the tension. Reports came of panic in securities throughout the country and here in Washington affairs moved at the rapid pace of a kaleidoscope. The House Venezuelan commission bill was amended in material respects by the Senate Foreign Relations committee and then by a sudden change in sentiment in the Senate was passed unanimously just as it came from the House; then an adjournment resolution from to-morrow over the holidays was passed by the Senate, only to be followed by an urgent message from the President strongly advising prompt action for the reform of our currency system and the maintenance of public credit.

At the other end of the avenue, the President and his cabinet received prompt advice of the course of events here and on the public exchanges. The Cabinet held two sessions, something without precedent in recent years. Secretary Herbert, who returned from New York this afternoon, attended the second meeting for a brief time. All of the remaining members of the Cabinet were present, except Secretaries Lamont and Smith, who are out of town. The financial situation was the principal topic of consideration, and the result of the meeting was revealed in the message sent to the Senate late in the afternoon, that body being kept in session by request from the White House for its reception.

The message was not favorably received in the Senate. The summary adjournment upon the motion of Senator Cockrell, one of the Democratic leaders, immediately after the conclusion of the reading of the message, was taken on the Republican side as a disposition not to consider the message

seriously.

Mr. Cockrell declined to define his motion or to discuss the question of the propriety of the suggestion.

Senator Gorman, replying to a question, said that he did not want to criticize the President.

Senator Jones of Arkansas, when interviewed, simply remarked that he thought the Senate would sit to-morrow.

Senator Allison thought there would be a recess, notwithstanding the message, as the Senate had already passed a resolution to that effect before the message was received.

Senator Hawley said it appeared to him as if the President was in a Bull Run panic.

Senators Teller and Cullom, when seen by a reporter, agreed that it looked as if the President was trying to offset the effect of his Venezuelan message and that it was beginning to look as if the President had concluded from the favorable manner in which the Venezuelan message had been received that Congress would follow any suggestion that he might make.

The Constitution.

CUT IT OUT AND PRESERVE IT FOR REFERENCE.

ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 5 TO 15

Sec. 5. A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen at the same time, in the same manner, continue in office for the same period and be possessed of the same qualifications as the Governor, and shall, ex officio, be President of the Senate.

Sec. 6. The Lieutenant Governor while presiding in the Senate shall have no vote, unless the Senate be equally divided.

Sec. 7. The Senate shall, as soon as practicable after the convening of the General assembly choose a president pro tempore to act in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, or when he shall fill the office of Governor.

Sec. 8. A member of the Senate acting as Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall thereupon vacate his seat and another person shall be elected in his stead.

Sec. 9. In case of the removal of the Governor from office by impeachment, death, resignation, disqualification, disability, or removal from the State, the Lieutenant Governor shall then be Governor;

and in the case of the removal of the last named officer from his office by impeachment, death, resignation, disqualification, disability, or removal from the State, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall be Governor; and the last named officer shall then forthwith, by proclamation, convene the Senate in order that a President pro tempore may be chosen. In case the Governor be impeached, the Lieutenant Governor shall act in his stead and have his powers until judgement in the case shall have been pronounced. In case of the temporary disability of the Governor the Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties of Governor.

Sec. 10. The Governor shall be commander-in-chief of the militia of the State, except when they shall be called into the active service of the United States.

Sec. 11. He shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction (except in cases of impeachment,) in such manner, on such terms and under such restrictions as he shall think proper, and he shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, unless otherwise directed by law. It shall be his duty to report to the General Assembly, at the next regular session thereafter, all pardons granted by him, with the report of the board of pardons. Every petition for pardon or commutation of sentence may be first referred by him to a board of pardons, to be provided by the General Assembly, which board shall hear all petitions under such rules and regulations as the General Assembly may provide. The Governor may adopt the recommendations of said board, but in case he does not he shall submit his reasons to the General Assembly.

Sec. 12. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed in mercy.

Sec. 13. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall, at stated times, receive for their services compensation, which shall be neither increased nor diminished during the period for which they shall have been elected.

Sec. 14. All officers in the executive department, and all boards of public institutions, shall, when required by the Governor, give him information in writing upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices or the concerns of the respective institutions, including itemized accounts of receipts and disbursement.

SENATE UNANIMOUS.

HOUSE BOUNDARY COMMISSION BILL PASSED.

Democrats, Republicans and Populists Support the President-Reed's Committees Not Yet Announced.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The United States Senate, by an unanimous vote and without the formality of a roll call, to-day passed the bill already adopted by the House of Representatives, empowering the President to appoint a commission to determine the Venezuela-British Guiana boundary. This action was the culmination of a debate adding a memorable page to Congressional history. It was a day of notable speeches by notable men. The prospect of war between the United States and Great Britain was the prevailing theme, and notwithstanding the gravity of such a subject it was discussed with a directness of statement which found expression in lofty patriotic sentiments, in stirring appeals for preparation and defense, in graphic portrayals of the horrors of war, and at times in defiant warnings to the people across the water.

By a singular coincidence the session which was marked by such vigorous debate and action was opened by an invocation of classic beauty from the blind chaplain of the Senate, breathing the spirit of good will between the two prominent English-speaking nations.

This was speedily followed by the adoption of Mr. Allen's somewhat ironical resolution, based on the possibilities of war, calling on the Finance Committee to investigate the needs of the unlimited coinage of silver.

Runaway.

The horse of Samson Braily ran away this morning. He ran down Evans street to Dargan, where he turned down toward the rail road. In front of the dispensary he ran into a road cart of T. Johnson's throwing Mr. Johnson out spraining his wrist and cutting two of his fingers, the horse then ran on to Braily's blacksmith shop which is north of the freight depot. He was cut a little, and had one wheel broken and one of the shaft irons. No other damage was done.