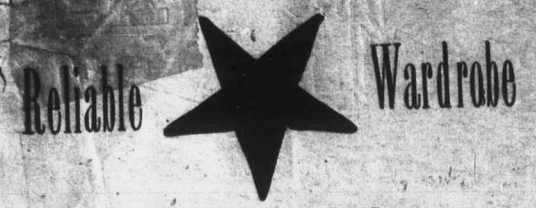


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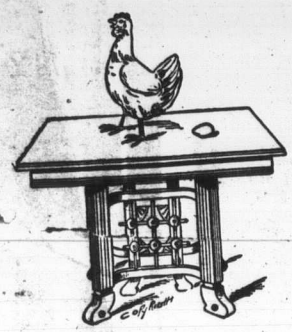
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FALSE REPORTS SENT OUT.

Mr. Gladstone's Birthday Congratulations—Cuban Affairs—Spain's Cause Supported.

London, Dec. 29.—To-day is the 86th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. Many of the Liberal Clubs throughout the United Kingdom telegraphed congratulations to Hawarden Castle, Mr. Gladstone's residence in Chester, from which place the messages were forwarded to Biarritz, France, where Mr. Gladstone has gone for the benefit of his health.
Hepworth's clothing factory at Leeds was burned last night, entailing a loss of \$400,000.
Canon Warr died at Childwall, near Liverpool, to-day, aged 81 years. He was formerly a pioneer at Oakville, near Toronto, in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Russian Government has killed the idea of Cuba's independence. The Government has decided not to intend to resign or to allow Cuba while anyone was in the Government. The Government has widely separated the Cuban people and has prevented them from holding a convention to elect a representative government. The Government has prevented the Cuban people from holding a convention to elect a representative government. The Government has prevented the Cuban people from holding a convention to elect a representative government.

LOYAL TO SPAIN.

Parties in Havana Unite in Supporting the Crown—Campos Will Not Retire—Maceo Defeated.

Havana, Dec. 29.—An important meeting was held here yesterday in support of Spanish rule in Cuba. Speeches were made by a number of prominent Conservatives, Autonomists and Reformists, all of whom declared that Cuba's destiny could only be achieved under the flag of Spain. Senor Santos Guzman declared that the Conservatives gave the full adhesion of the party to the Government. The meeting of the several political parties proved that Cuba, equally with Spain, was willing to make sacrifices to save the island from destruction. Senor Montoro, a leader of the Autonomist party, declared that the party subscribed to the sentiments expressed by Senor Guzman. He expressed the hope that the rebellion would be speedily put down, constitutional rights restored and the public liberties safeguarded. The Cuban people generally, he said, were determined to remain under the Spanish banner. Senor Corra, speaking for the Reformists, said that the members of that party were willing to lay down their lives and sacrifice their property to save Cuba to the Spanish Crown. Captain-General Campos also addressed the meeting. His appearance was the signal for tumultuous applause and cries of "Long live the King," "Long live Spain." He said that the circumstances of the present revolution were more showy than terrible. The unanimity of sentiment displayed by those present would induce foreign countries to open their eyes to the true condition of Cuba. He declared that he did not intend to resign or to allow Cuba while anyone was in the Government. The Government has widely separated the Cuban people and has prevented them from holding a convention to elect a representative government. The Government has prevented the Cuban people from holding a convention to elect a representative government.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Meeting of Parliament on January 2nd.

An Adjournment Arranged—No Decision in the Shortis Case—No New Secretary of State Yet Appointed.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—When it was announced in this correspondence that parliament had been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 2nd, it was suggested that owing to the date being so close to New Year's day, which many members would no doubt like to spend at their homes, and to the fact that Monday, the 8th of January, the Feast of the Epiphany, is a statutory holiday, it was quite possible that some arrangement might be made by which the meeting on the 2nd should be merely formal, and the House and Senate adjourn for a few days before the regular business of the session is taken up. It is now understood that an agreement has been reached by the leaders on both sides that after the reading of the speech from the throne on Thursday next a motion will be made that the session in reply to the speech be taken into consideration on Tuesday, January 7th, and both Houses will then adjourn until that day. This will enable a large number of members to spend New Year's day and the Epiphany at home, and only come to Ottawa on or after the 7th. As only twenty members are required to form a quorum, and there are more than that number resident in Ottawa, or within easy distance of the capital, there is no danger of there being a quorum.

make the letter public, but says the Secretary offers to furnish the House with all the data that may be needed. The condition of the Treasury is represented as very serious, and Mr. Carlisle urges legislation for a gold bond. Mr. Dingley has informed the Secretary that a gold bond was out of the question, and could not be considered.

The rule brought in for the consideration of the Bond bill in the House has been adopted. Yeas 125; nays, 101. It was not a strict party vote, a number of Republicans voting against its adoption.

A conference was held between Speaker Reed and the House managers to-day, and the result was an agreement for a vote on the Bond bill at three o'clock to-morrow instead of five o'clock to-day. In the meantime it is to be open to debate throughout to-day and until ten o'clock to-night, and up to the time of voting to-morrow. A further arrangement was made that the Ways and Means Committee, before reporting the bill, will insert a clause showing that it is not the purpose to retire the greenbacks. It was also arranged that there shall be separate votes—one on the proposition for a fifty-million bond issue, and another on the limited issue.

The Ways and Means Committee adopted the amendment to the Bond bill suggested by Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, to prevent the accumulation in the Treasury of the greenbacks and their practical retirement without cancellation. Another amendment was accepted making the bonds payable within 15 years.

President Cleveland and his advisors, it is learned, are strongly opposed to the House Bond bill, and this feeling caused Secretary Carlisle to write to Chairman Dingley. Aside from the very important obligation that the bonds are to be repaid, instead of gold, as required by the Constitution, there is no danger of there being a quorum.