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The Rio Grande Trouble.

A special from Washington to the

Express says that on the day before

Christmas, Senators Maxey and Ham-

ilton, and Representative Hancock, Ben-

gan and Schleicher called on the Pres-

ident, to consult with him relative to the

better protection of the Rio Grande fron-

tier.

They explained to him at length the

nature and extent of the trouble, and

such measures as in their judgment were

necessary to end them. They called his

attention to the fact that, of four reg-

iments, one infantry and two cavalry, were

on the frontier, all the infantry and half

the cavalry consisted of colored troops,

and by the efforts to be very inefficient

for the service required of them; and re-

commended either that they be ordered

out and white troops sent in their

place, or that they be relieved by other

troops of white cavalry properly and

trained elsewhere.

President Grant said very little, but

suggested that the inquiry now, there

might be a specially mounted regiment,

and that they would be more serviceable

than the present force.

President Grant referred to the report

that Congress will cut down the army.

He said, however, that this would not

prevent strengthening the force at any

point. The army now, he said, was not

large enough to occupy all the country

requiring protection, and, if it was re-

duced, the troops would have to be with-

drawn from the frontier.

That it will be said that the great dan-

ger to the Government has to contend

with in protecting our Mexican and In-

dian borders, the absolute lack of the

necessary military force. The people,

especially those of Texas, complain loudly

and continuously of the Executive for not

providing more efficient protection, and

have not a word to say in regard to Con-

gress, which has cut down the army to

25,000 men, and now proposes to reduce it

to 15,000. The whole of such a skeleton

army as this would not be more than

enough to protect the long and exposed

frontiers of Texas.

The trouble is that the large majority

of the members of Congress know nothing

experimentally of frontier troubles. The

men on the theory that in this free coun-

try, separated from all the great powers of

the world by broad oceans, there is no need

of a standing army. This theory would

be correct had we no frontier to protect.

But we have an immensely long and greatly

exposed frontier line, and we have not

enough in property, money, nothing of

kind, to support a very considerable

army. The prospect on our Mexican

frontier appears to be very gloomy indeed.

Wood and Cox.

It is known that the bitterness of the

contest for the Chairmanship of the Com-

mittee of Ways and Means, between Mr.

Wood and Mr. Cox, resulted in its being

given to Mr. Morrison of Illinois. It is

now said that Mr. Wood has gained the

advantage over Mr. Cox in the matter,

and that he will be the leader of the De-

mocratic side of the House after all, which

makes Mr. Cox extremely bitter. Fer-

nando Wood, while nominally second on

the Ways and Means, will virtually be

leader of the House, for the reason that

Morrison, the Chairman, not being ready

in debate, or skilled as a manager of a

measure on the floor, will not be able to

represent his committee outside

of his room. All leading measures that

his committee may bring forward will

consequently be, as a general thing, in

charge of Mr. Wood, who will thus prac-

tically be leader of the House.

Mr. Cox, although he has the Chair-

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

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GRANTS MESSAGE CONTINUED.

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BE ABANDONED?

Look out for Trouble.

MURDER IN THE MINES.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A special from

Charleston, West Virginia, says a coal

miner, by the name of Lee, was set upon

by two other miners named Devan and

Kapshot four miles from this city last

Saturday evening, and stabbed 33 times.

MAD ON WHISKY SELLERS.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 28.—The common

lawyer, in the case where a drunken father,

in attempting to kick his wife, killed a

child in her arms, returned a verdict that

the father was guilty of the murder of the

murder of the baby.

MORE MURDERS.

Louisville, Dec. 28.—A special from Le-

banon, Ky., says that H. Chandler, town

marshal of Lebanon, summoned a number

of men to assist in arresting G. A. Mc-

Coy, whose conduct at the time was very

disorderly. When approached by Chan-

dler, he refused to be arrested, and called

on some roughs to assist him. A general

riot ensued, a number of men being fired

upon by both parties. Chandler, the marshal,

and several others, and some of the roughs,

were immediately killed. Chandler's

friend, a constable, was also killed. The

roughs are now being hunted up.

A CAPTAIN.

San Francisco, December 28.—News

from San Diego says it is reported the

revolution at San Rafael, is a canard.

MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Tennessee, December 28.—The

Minister from Cincinnati for the state

has been killed by a mob. A general

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THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 28.—Eight exchange

and 1 discount.

New York, Dec. 28.—Money easy at 6

to 7 per cent. Government bonds at 110

to 111. State bonds at 108 to 109. Gold

at 150 to 151. Silver at 15 to 16. Cotton

at 15 to 16. Sugar at 15 to 16. Coffee

at 15 to 16. Tea at 15 to 16. Spices

at 15 to 16. Fruits at 15 to 16. Grains

at 15 to 16. Livestock at 15 to 16.

INTERVENTION IN CUBAN AFFAIRS.

New York, December 27.—A special from

London says that officials in Madrid have

refused to forward the following dispatch

to the United States: "The United States

has been informed that the Spanish Gov-

ernment has decided to send a fleet of

ships to Cuba, and that the fleet will be

composed of the battleship 'Alfonso XII'

and the cruiser 'Alfonso XIII'.

FOREIGN.

NOON DISPATCHES.

SPANISH MATTERS.

London, December 28.—The Times gives

prominence to the following: "We are

glad to be able to corroborate the con-

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