

## THE FOREIGN MISSIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Senate committee on foreign relations authorized Mr. Sumner to report adversely on Mr. Pile's nomination to Brazil, Mr. Carlisle to Stockholm, and Mr. Russell, of Pennsylvania, to Ecuador. It was decided to report on J. Russel Jones, as minister to Belgium, favorably. Gen. Grant made a personal issue with the committee in the case of Jones.

## ROSS'S INTERVIEW WITH GRANT.

Senator Ross gives the following version of his interview with Grant:—The language as said to have been used on that occasion was incorrect. He had had an interview with the President, and was both pained and surprised. The President remarked that any one who had served for the last year and a half under Andrew Johnson was not a Republican and could not hold office under him.

## NOMINATIONS.

The President to day sent the following nominations to the Senate:—David A. Nunn, of Tennessee, to be Minister to Ecuador; C. N. Riotte, of Texas, Minister to Nicaragua; J. B. Bool, of Illinois, Secretary of Legation at Mexico.

## THE INSURRECTION IN CUBA.

Letters from an American gentleman in Cuba, give information as to the condition of affairs there which can be regarded as perfectly trustworthy. The writer, who until recently was with the insurgents, says that the insurrection is more extensive than generally supposed and that the success of the Cuban cause is only a question of time.

The insurgents have about fifty thousand men under arms, distributed over the island; but of these not over two-fifths are provided with firearms, while the remainder are armed with large knives and such instruments as can be used to advantage in close quarters. Notwithstanding a strict surveillance is kept over the various large harbors, several small cargoes of assorted arms have been successfully landed and distributed.

The leaders are confident that with sufficient arms fully one hundred and seventy-five thousand men, including late slaves, can be placed under arms, which will, they assert, be force enough to drive the Spanish troops from the main land to the forts. Until they are fully supplied with arms, their plans seem to be to divide their forces into small detachments and keep up a constant guerilla warfare, which serves to divide the Spanish troops, and requiring them to be constantly on the march.

## Cream of the "Specials."

*World*—The Foreign relations committee have before them a list of 527 summary executions reported to have been made by the Spanish authorities on the Island of Cuba within the last three and a half months. This list is to be most diligently scanned—first, to see if it is entirely correct; second to see if any Americans are included in it. The list produces great excitement, and even if Americans are not found in it, ingenuity is aiding indignation to discover if the cruelty cannot be made the object of representation of some sort or other. The rumors regarding contemplated expeditions from the States to Cuba are not incorrect. A force of formidable dimensions is being prepared. A prominent Western General of volunteers is in command already, and attention is being diverted from the real port of embarkation by the publication of false places as intended.

News from New York by direct arrival, to-night, report Mr. Elihu Washburne now in that city hourly bewailing that he didn't stay in till June and then go to France. He is accurately reported from his own mouth to have declared, yesterday, that Secretary Fish was a fossilized lunk-head; that his appointments had ruined the Republican party, and other cheerful and elegant things. That he said these things in these words there is no doubt at all. Indeed, the war between the former and present Secretary of State is notorious, and the utterances of the Minister to France are carried daily to the capital, and are a public scandal.

*Herald*—A sub-committee of the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives are about to start for the South to investigate the charges against Judge Busted. The sub-committee is composed of two republicans and two democrats. A most singular feature is in the fact that Mr. Eldridge of Illinois, (democrat), is the chairman.

A well-known Washington beau, rejoicing as every one supposed in the undimmed lustre of natural *chevelure* has been brought to grief by the refusal of the Episcopal Bishop of New Jersey, to lay confirming hands on his aristocratic caput. It seems the bishop discovered, in some way or other, that the brilliant beau was not altogether a work of nature, and particularly the hair on his head, which was found to be a gorgeous wig. According to the rites of the Episcopal Church a bishop cannot lay his hands on an artificial headpiece. It must be all natural "the capillary substance," or he cannot rightfully perform the confirmation.