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Last Night's Dispatches.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 14.—Sargent presented a petition of Sarah J. Knox of San Jose, Cal., asking for the right of suffrage, and she had known this law for thirty years.

During the last ten years she had been a widow, and managed her own affairs and paid over \$30,000 taxes, and yet she could have no voice as to how the money paid by her could be expended. The petition was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

At the expiration of the morning hour, Herford made some remarks on Matthews' resolution, after which the Senate went into executive session, with the understanding that the doors should be re-opened soon and legislative business continued.

At 4:05 the doors were re-opened, and at the expiration of the hour, the deficiency appropriation bill, made a report. The committee's total appropriation as agreed upon was \$2,645,573. Sargent said to a question of Davis, that the franking privilege was retained and also extended to the Vice President. The report was agreed to and the bill passed.

Merriman, on account of the late hour declined to speak on Matthews' resolution, and it was unanimously ordered that the Vice President declare the Senate adjourned.

To-morrow, immediately after reading the Journal, Sargent said the deficiency bill, the deficiency bill, and probably two others would be ready for signature.

On motion of the Vice President he was allowed to sign such bills to-morrow.

The Senate then proceeded to consider the post route bill, and Ferry said all the amendments had been carefully considered by the committee, and as the bill was a long one there was no necessity for reading it.

Edmunds objected, and said that no bill should pass while he had a seat in the chamber without being read.

The bill was then read, and the amendments agreed to and it was passed.

On motion of McMillan, it was ordered that the testimony taken in the investigation of the charges against Senator Grover, of Oregon, be printed.

Mitchell introduced a bill, by request, to authorize the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its road and telegraph line and to aid in building the same. Referred.

Eden said the House had passed a bill relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy, who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Thetis. The bill had been received by the Senate and referred to the committee on naval affairs, but the committee had not yet been able to consider it. All the members were in favor of the bill, and he therefore moved that the committee be discharged from its further consideration by the Senate. So ordered.

The bill was then read the third time and passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 14.—A number of bills were introduced and referred. Singleton presented the report of the conference committee on the deficiency appropriation bill. He explained that the difference between the two houses was \$171,000. The committee of conference of the House had yielded \$102,000 to the demands of the Senate committee. Eden said the House had yielded everything to the demands of the Senate, and he therefore moved to lay the report on the table. The speaker ruled the motion was in order.

Eden said it was a very remarkable appropriation committee. When it reported the bill it had made a million dollars, which had since been added by the Senate. There was another deficiency bill looming up of \$7,500,000 for a deficiency in the navy, most of which had been created in default of law.

After a long discussion, the report of the conference committee was agreed to without the yeas and nays. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

At the end of the morning hour the House proceeded to consider the business on the Speaker's table.

When the Paris Exposition bill was reached, Wood (N.Y.) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment. Agreed to—yeas 124, nays 89.

At 4 o'clock there was a movement on the republican side of the House for adjournment, and the opposition to the republican side, growing out of a desire to have reported and acted on to-day the resolution looking to a general investigation of the civil service, and the motion to adjourn was voted down by a strict party division.

After several dilatory votes and proceedings, led by Butler, the House, at 7:20, adjourned.

EASTERN.

BILL SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, 14.—The President, to-day, signed the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the Thetis.

Maine and Coalfield Friends.

It is an interesting fact that Maine and Coalfield have been the scene of a conflict of opinion for some time past, and that too by desire of the latter, if his ill health had not previously determined him to be absent from Washington for several days. It was explained at the meeting that the report from the six companies was an exaggerated statement of the disorder that occurred, but the President has

been advised, from several sources, of the condition of affairs which may eventuate in serious troubles.

A feeling of therefore entertained by the President and members of the cabinet that a necessity exists for taking a careful view, and hence the rather prolonged discussion to-day. No conclusion was reached, and consideration of the subject will be continued at a future meeting of the cabinet.

A Tall Monument.

New York, 14.—During the Vanderbilt celebration at the Auditorium, architect, testified that the commodore consulted with him about the plans of a monument to Washington, in Central Park, to develop every other monument in the world, to be 625 feet high. Least cost would be \$750,000.

Murderer Sentenced.

CHICAGO, 14.—The jury in the case of Frank Sheppard, on trial for the murder of officer Arthur, brought in a verdict of manslaughter, and fixed the sentence at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Welsh Presented to Lord Derby.

LONDON, 14.—Pierpont presented Welsh, the new American minister, to Lord Derby, yesterday. Pierpont will leave for London and Welsh will be presented to the Queen early next week.

Another Strike.

Five hundred cotton operatives have struck at Macclesfield after a reduction of wages.

Eastern War News.

A Belgrade war was announced, to-day, by salvoes of artillery. Prince Milan will leave for Alexandria to-morrow. He has issued decrees proclaiming a state of siege, and announcing that the public functionaries who agitate against war will be dismissed.

It is reported that it has been necessary to amputate Osman Pasha's foot.

A Russian official dispatch, dated Bogot, December 13, says: "Sixty battalions of Turks yesterday attacked the fort of Grand Dagh. Vladimir all along the line, directing, however, their principal efforts against the left and centre. They attacked the fort with great success, and were each time repulsed with great loss. At 1 p.m. the 35th division of the 12th Russian army corps appeared on the scene, and attacking the Turks on the flank compelled them, with the co-operation of the rest of the Russian forces, to retire upon Krasna, their retreat to Jovan Cretik being cut off. Grand Duke Vladimir then ordered a full-scale assault on the Turkish position. The Russian forces, after a severe struggle, succeeded in capturing the fort. The Turkish forces were killed. The battle described above is probably the same which was reported in last night's dispatches to have taken place near Metehka, although there is a discrepancy as to the date, one dispatch making it the 11th and another the 12th.

A Bucharest special says a bullet grazed the Czarowitch's head in this engagement.

A Paris correspondent announces that he has received a statement, from what he believes is a trustworthy source, that Serpier Pasha has informed Layard, British ambassador, and Count Zichy, Austrian ambassador to Constantinople, that he considered the continuation of the war a useless sacrifice and he would therefore endeavor to pursue the mediation of Austria and England. As regarded the conditions of peace, he considered the political and territorial integrity of Russia indispensable. The communication adds that Austria will take no initiative, unless there seems a chance of success, and so far there have been no signs of readiness on the part of Russia to negotiate. Serpier Pasha's conditions also seem to be unacceptable, but the impression seems to be that they will be modified.

TURKEY.

The Sultan's Speech from the Throne.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 14.—In his speech from the throne, yesterday, the Sultan declared that as Russia began the war Turkey was compelled to defend herself against the aggression, and the courage of the Turkish soldiers had excited the admiration of the world. His majesty spoke with special approbation of the formation of the civil guards, and the courage of the Turkish soldiers had excited the admiration of the world. His majesty spoke with special approbation of the formation of the civil guards, and the courage of the Turkish soldiers had excited the admiration of the world. His majesty spoke with special approbation of the formation of the civil guards, and the courage of the Turkish soldiers had excited the admiration of the world.

stitution, you require from me no further instruction. Our relations with the friendly powers are of the most cordial kind. May the Most High bless our common efforts."

Peace or War.

The peace and war parties are contending for the supremacy, and it is believed the war party will prevail.

There is trouble in Lebanon in consequence of a refusal of the inhabitants to furnish the military contingent or send deputies to parliament, based on the fact that Lebanon is under European guarantee.

Servia's Formal Declaration.

M. Cericovic, the Servian agent, has delivered to the Austro-Servian formal declaration of war against Turkey and started for Belgrade.

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