

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Sumner hard on U. S. Ministers—Committee Deliberations—Nominations—Enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment.

Senator Sumner on Saturday, in speaking of Americans in Europe, said that the United States were disgraced by such men as Minister Washburne, in Paris, and Jones, in Brussels.

The President, it is reported, said that the prospects are good for reconstruction in Georgia, and it will be further prompted by her full admission as a State. He is opposed to the bill passed by the Senate, and is very solicitous that the whole reconstruction business may be ended immediately.

The ways and means committee agreed to some important amendments on the funding bill, the purport of which is unknown.

The committee on military affairs have substantially agreed to all the provisions in Wilson's bill, excepting the provision to pay expenses; on this subject the committee will probably recommend the adoption of the schedule of the House bill, with some modifications.

A special order has been issued by the War Department, directing the 17th infantry, now in Virginia, and the 14th infantry, now in Kentucky, to proceed immediately to Sioux City, Iowa, and report to the Commanding General of the Department for assignment on duty.

The following nominations were presented to-day:—Commodore S. P. Leber, to be Admiral; Capt. E. J. Barrett, to be Commander; Wm. F. Spear, to be Captain; Lieut. Comdr. Edward O'Harry, to be Commander; Lieut. John McGowan, to be Lieut. Commander.

A bill for the enforcement of the 15th amendment was reported to the Senate. It provides penalties, fine and imprisonment for the failure of any officer to allow negroes to perform any necessary pursuits in the States or Territories. The United States District Courts are to have exclusive jurisdiction in suits growing out of the amendment; and that the President be authorized to employ land and naval forces, or the militia, to enforce its provisions.

The Judiciary committee reported a bill for the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment.

The Senate insisted upon its amendments to the Income Tax bill and appointed a committee of conference.

Several bills were passed; they included the consolidation of the Statutes of the United States, being a substitute to the House bill; also a bill giving priority to the courts of the United States in cases to which a State is a party or where the execution of the revenue laws in a State may be stayed by a judicial order or process.

A bill making it unlawful to import immigrants under labor contracts, was referred.

ILLINOIS.

"Lloyd Aspinwall" released—Free traders belligerent.

CHICAGO.—The Tribune's Washington special says that the Spanish authorities sent a dispatch on Saturday to Captain General De Rodas, at Havana, to release the ship *Lloyd Aspinwall*, of New York, seized by the Cuban authorities on a charge of carrying arms to the insurgents. The release is made upon a formal demand of our government.

A Republican's dispatch says the free traders will make an open fight in the House this week to continue the office of Special Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to be under the direction of the President.

It is said that a majority of the Senate Judiciary committee are known to be opposed to the House apportionment bill in its present shape.

W. H. Aspinwall, of New York, with a party of relatives and friends, leaves Chicago, this morning in a special Pullman car, for San Francisco.

WASHINGTON.

Boutwell's Views on the Alaska Fisheries.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Boutwell is actively interested in the bill now pending in the House for leasing the Alaska seal fisheries; he opposes the bill favoring the project to place the fisheries under special agents of the Treasury department.

NEW YORK.

Hackett's health improving—American Colonization Society—Fischer III—Religious Deputations—Disasters from freshet—McFarland's trial resumed.

NEW YORK, 25.—The health of Recorder Hackett continues to improve; there is no doubt that he will be able to resume his judicial duties on the McFarland trial to-day.

At a meeting of the American Colonization Society, last evening, Rev. Dr. Northrop, Secretary of the Society, gave some interesting details regarding the present state of the Liberian Republic. He said that since the date of organization the Society has received, from all sources, \$2,330,771, and has colonized in Liberia eighteen thousand persons.

A telegram reports that Fichter, the actor, is seriously ill at Boston. Among the passengers by the *Nemesis*, from Liverpool, were the Rev. Wm. Annot and Dr. Blake, departed from the Free Church of Scotland to the assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

The McFarland trial, fourteenth day, was resumed this morning; the court room was filled with crowds of both sexes. Several physicians testified as to the high state of the prisoner's pulse since he has been committed to prison and found he was laboring under congestion of the brain. According to the facts developed, they declared that witness was insane at the time he committed the deed and was morally irresponsible. Mr. Graham denied the truth of the statement, copied in the city papers from the western press, that he went to the District Attorney and disavowed his conduct in regard to Mrs. Calhoun; the District Attorney corroborated the statement.

POUGHKEEPSIE.—Reports of disasters from the recent freshet are still coming in. Green county has suffered greatly; bridges, factories, mill dams and entire roads have been swept away. In the town of Dunham two persons were drowned and several dwelling houses were destroyed. In Ulster county the low lands were flooded, and many families residing there were compelled to flee for their lives.

ALBANY.—The Senate passed a bill appropriating five hundred thousand dollars for the State to erect and lease elevators at Buffalo and Oswego.

TENNESSEE.

Terrible Murder—Choctaw Indians to Petition for the Same Status as Freedmen.

MEMPHIS.—A terrible murder was committed on a tow boat near here, this morning. Benjamin Kennedy, engineer, ordered two negro deck hands, who annoyed him, to leave the engine room, when they stabbed him and threw him overboard; efforts were made to save him but were ineffectual. The watchman who witnessed the scene and attempted to save Kennedy, was brutally beaten. The negroes were arrested and committed for murder in the first degree.

Allen Wright, the Chief of the Choctaw Indians, issued an address, warning them to be prepared for the coming change, and advising that their lands be held by their organizing immediately as the State of Oklahoma, and then ask for admission as a State of the Union. He recommends immediate action to protect themselves against any territorial government and advises the adoption of a resolution asking Congress to establish them on the same status as the freedmen. He recommends the encouragement of railroads. The council subsequently passed an act submitting the question of dividing their lands so as to be held severally or in common.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Fenian News.—News of the Greek Brigands—Sinking of the "City of Boston."—The Fate of the captives confirmed—Disasters in the Spanish Cabinet.

LONDON.—The story of the projected Fenian insurrection in London is believed to be a hoax; but a large force of police are on duty.

News has been received that the Greek troops are closely pressed by the troops; that they have cruelly massacred their English prisoners, and that the Italian Secretary of Legation at Athens was recently captured.

A telegram says that pieces of wood have drifted to shore on the north-west coast of Cornwall, bearing an inscription, that the *City of Boston* was sinking on Feb. 11th.

The Under Foreign Secretary stated in the House of Commons, to-day, that the government had received dispatches from Athens confirming the intelligence of the fate of the captives in the hands of the brigands. The Greek government had made great efforts to save them, but were ineffectual; negotiations being exhausted, troops had been moved against the robbers and drove them into the lower countries. As soon as troops commenced to move, Mr. Herbert and the Secretary of the Italian Legation were taken out by their captors, but subsequently returned, and when the brigands found themselves hard pressed, Viner and Lloyd were killed. The troops finally carried the tower of the brigands, two of whose leaders were mortally wounded. They then fled, closely pursued by the soldiers. Strong hopes are entertained that most of the band will be captured, in which case they will be summarily dealt with by the Greek authorities.

Advices from Madrid represent violent quarrels in the Spanish Cabinet and that the partisans of Montpensier are gaining ground.

ITALY.

Public Ecclesiastical Council meeting—Philosophy Condemned—Four charters and Eighteen Canons voted for.

ROME, 24.—The third public setting of the Ecclesiastical Council was held this morning. There was a magnificent assembly. The Pope made his entrance at nine o'clock. Nearly all the benches were occupied by that time, and many of the bishops, heretofore abstaining from the meetings, attended to-day. After mass, the non-voting prelates withdrew. The four first chapters of the *First Schema de Fide*, condemning rational philosophy and heterodoxy, were read aloud. The Scrutators collected the votes, which were all affirmative. The Pope from his throne then announced and sanctioned the decrees of the Council. The proceedings were highly impressive.

At the Ecclesiastical Council on Sunday, six hundred and sixty-four fathers were present. The *Constitution de Fide* was unanimously voted upon; it contains four charters and eighteen canons, as follows: Charter one, five canons on the Creator; charter two, four canons on revelation; charter three, six canons on faith; charter four, three canons on faith and reason.

CANADA.

No connection with Red River Expedition.—TORONTO.—Wm. Jacobs, the Chief of Six Nations of Indians, writes to the *Globe*, denying that his tribe forms a part of the Red River expedition.

SPAIN.

In favor of Esparto for King.

MADRID.—The city journals mention the continued receipt of memorials from the north-western provinces, favoring the election of Esparto as the future monarch of Spain.

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