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WASHINGTON.

Ku-Klux Testimony Examined.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Senator Pool, of

North Carolina, and Representative

Buckley of Alabama and Beal of Ken-

tucky, constituting the sub-committee

of the Ku Klux investigating committee,

met here to-day to examine and dis-

gest the mass of testimony furnished

by the executive officers of the South-

ern States, concerning their finances,

taxation, &c., in order to report to the

full committee on the 20th inst. Several

Governors have failed to furnish the

information requested by the chairman

of the full committee.

Legal Decision.

The Attorney General has decided

that the government has no right of

priority of payment, as against private

creditors of an insolvent National Bank,

for moneys which the bank holds to the

credit of the United States Treasurer

and the United States debenture offi-

cers and the register of the court, or

either of them, over and above the

amount which may be realized from the

bonds held as security for deposits.

He has also decided, in connection

with this question, that the comptroller

of currency has no authority, under law,

to declare a dividend to private credi-

tors of a National Bank, before those

of all kinds are first satisfied.

Another official decision.

Major J. L. Hodge, deputy postmas-

ter of the U. S. army stationed in this

city, is discovered to be a defaulter to

Government to a very large amount.

The investigation is still complete, but

it is said that a year ago the amount

of the defalcation to be at least

from four to five thousand dollars. He

was yesterday taken, by United States

officers, to Fort Henry, by direction

of the general of the army, who ordered

him to be placed in solitary confinement

in a guarded cell. Major Hodge was

appointed in 1867, and stationed in

this city. It is said that a year ago

the detectives discovered that his financial

affairs were in a loose condition, and

that an investigation was ordered, but

for some unknown reason it never took

place. Detectives both here and in

New York to-day are endeavoring, by

inquiry at the banks and elsewhere, to

discover further information. It is

supposed that other parties are in-

volved in the defalcation.

The Star this evening says General

Brice ordered Hodge to close his ac-

counts on Monday last. Next day

Brice received a letter from Hodge,

containing a full confession of his guilt,

stating that he had been making fraud-

ulent returns and statements since he

was appointed, and that the money had

been spent in gold and stock gambling

in New York.

NEW YORK.

The London Times of the 2nd says,

the religious movement in Austria

Hungary is rapidly extending. At

Vienna the number of adherents of the

Catholic party is already so great that

three thousand families have applied,

throughout Austria, the ecclesiastical

leader of the party, to the minister of religion

for permission to have mass performed

in the cathedral of St. Stephen's, by

such priests as have remained faithful

to the pure old Christian doctrine.

The first Old Catholic newspaper has

the deputies to ascertain from their

constituents at home whether the coun-

try wishes a monarchy or a republic.

His only reason for asking for addi-

tional taxes was to provide for the redem-

ption of the debt. The message was cor-

rectly received. The Assembly adopted

a bill providing for the prorogation of

the session from the 17th of September

till the 4th of December, '71. The

main feature of the bill is the appoint-

ment of a committee of twenty-five to control

the government during recess.

CANADA.

A sad scene occurred

yesterday in the French cathedral. A

rich American lady, the widow of Mr.

Connolly, who a short time ago in

New York murdered his two children

in a fit of insanity and then committed

suicide, became a raving maniac in the

midst of the church service. She sud-

denly shrieked in a frightful manner,

and with difficulty removed.

Since her husband's tragic end, Mrs.

Connolly has shown frequent signs of

mental aberration of which this is the

culmination.

RUSSIA.

Attitude of Russia and Prussia toward

each other.

St. Petersburg, 13.—The correspond-

ent of the *Pail Mail* Gazette of the 12th

inst., says there seems to be something

wrong about the relations between the

Russian court and Berlin. The most

evident sign of coolness towards Prussia

in the reappearance of anti-Prussian

articles in the Russian press. Last De-

cember the chief censor announced to

the editors of Russian newspapers that

it was the will of the Czar, that all at-

tacks on Prussia should cease, and the

order was obeyed. Directly the Czar

returned from his German tour, all was

changed. The *Gazette*, known to be in-

spired by the minister of war, declared

in its number of the 3rd instant, that

the policy of Prussia is dangerous to the

very existence of the Russian empire.

The events of the last ten years, it says,

prove that during the whole of that

time Prussia had one leading principle

of action, that of securing an ally be-

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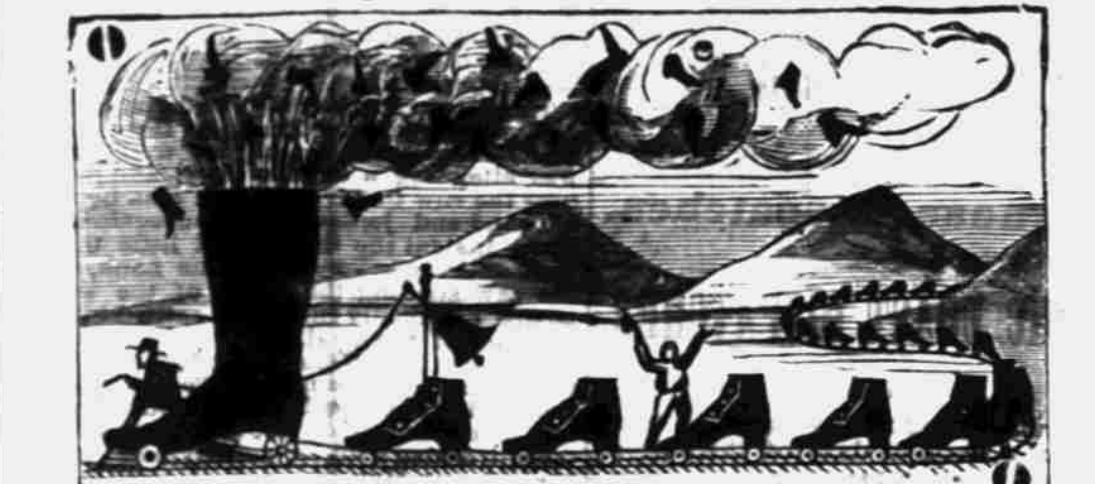
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