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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

The House amendments, to the bill for the sale of useless military reservations, were concurred in.

Kellogg moved to make the Gulf steamship subsidy bill the special business for to-day after half-past four o'clock: agreed to with an amendment on the motion of Casserly to include the Australian bill.

At one o'clock the Senate, according to previous order, took up the joint resolution prescribing the form of oath to be taken by H. R. M. Miller, claiming the seat as Senator from Georgia. Trumbull proceeded to show that Miller had received seven more votes for Senator than his colleague, Hill, who had been admitted, and that he had been elected by persons not disqualified.

Pomeroy reported the House bill to enable honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphan children, to acquire homesteads on the public lands of the United States, with amendments striking out the provision allowing the assignment of homestead certificates, and by annulling the section allowing the entry of land by an agent or attorney.

HOUSE.

Bills introduced and referred.

Under the call of States, which is the first business of the morning hour on Monday, numerous bills were introduced and referred.

One by Wheeler, proposed an amendment to the Southern Pacific railroad bill.

One by Cobb, of North Carolina, to protect loyal and peaceable citizens and to perpetuate evidences of losses sustained in the war of the rebellion, and providing for the appointment of a commissioner in each county in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Kentucky, to take cognizance of all Ku Klux. The bill was read on the demand of Niblack, and after the refusal of the House to reject it, by 56 to 144, it was referred to the reconstruction committee. The reading of the bill and voting occupied all that was left of the morning hour, the object being to prevent the air line railroad bill coming before the House.

Ingersoll moved to suspend the rules so as to take up an air line railroad bill for consideration. Rejected, yeas 111, nays 74, not two-thirds in the affirmative.

Sargent presented a communication from the Secretary of the Navy in relation to the steamship *Tennessee*, intimating that the department does not entertain any apprehensions of her safety, and that no intelligence may be received of her before the arrival of the *Tiber* at New York.

WASHINGTON.

Negotiations concluded—Test Oath partial repeal—The joint high commission—The new loan.

WASHINGTON, 13.—General Sickles telegraphs to the State Department that negotiations for a mixed commission to consider the claims for the injuries to persons and property during the insurrection in Cuba have been concluded, and that a messenger is on his way to this city with the correspondence.

The Secretary of the Treasury expresses great confidence in the full success of the new loan, and is in receipt of assurances from many financial centers to the same effect. It is thought, should favorable prospects continue, that in less than a month all classes of United States securities will have reached an enhanced value. The *World's* financial article this morning says that the appointment of a high commission by this government to settle the *Alabama* claims and the other questions at issue between the two nations, has had the effect of giving an improved tone of confidence in financial circles; and that there is abundance of loanable funds, and the prospects of Boutwell receiving subscriptions to the new loan and carrying out his programme of funding the five-twenties has given a powerful stimulus to investments in government and other first-class securities. The impression is gaining ground that affairs will improve both here and in Europe, and that capitalists are more disposed to make investments.

The bill recently passed by Congress, providing for a partial repeal of the test oath, such as in the case of persons elected to office who were engaged in the rebellion but not under constitutional disqualifications, has been in the hands of the President eight legislative days, consequently, to-morrow the bill will become law. There have been rumors in circulation as to the probable intention of the President, and while he has been urged to sign it, very energetic remonstrances have come from many southern members. The latest statement is to the effect that the delay has not been owing to an unwillingness to sign the present bill, but because of the propriety of sending a message recommending the entire repeal of the test oath under consideration. It is thought, however, the bill will be signed and sent in to-day.

News was received here last night that it will be impossible for Sir John Rose to serve on the joint high commission to settle questions at issue between the United States and England. The Duke of Devonshire or the Duke of Argyle is mentioned as likely to be appointed in his place. It is believed the commission will not begin its session until about the 1st of March, as under the most favorable circumstances Earl De Grey, Professor Bernard and Lord Tenterden will not arrive here until the last week of the present month, while the successor of Sir John Rose has not yet sailed.

NEW YORK.

Dead—Strike over—Dropped dead—Interesting items about Paris—Programme for the 19th and after peace is proclaimed.

NEW YORK.—Telegrams from Versailles say that upon the entry of the Prussians into Paris troops will be told off to occupy the houses along the line of route adopted for the passage of the Emperor. On the 19th, at noon, the Emperor will enter Paris by train from Versailles, taking his horse at the Paris station, and proceeding to the Tuileries, where he will lunch and hold court. The guard officers of the army will then inspect the army of investment, which will march with bands playing and colors flying along the line already indicated. His Majesty will then return to Versailles, where he will sleep, and on the two following days he will re-visit the Tuileries, and then return to Germany.

From trustworthy information received the Prussian police are encouraged to hope that no untoward demonstration will occur during the Emperor's sojourn in Paris and the triumphal defile of troops. The Emperor is suffering from lumbago. Prince Frederick Charles has left Versailles, and Albrecht, Jr., has arrived. The Grand Duke of Altenburg will depart to-morrow. If the terms of peace determined upon by Bismarck and confidentially communicated to Favre are not agreed upon by the Assembly, hostilities will be resumed immediately upon the expiration of the armistice. A vigorous procedure will be adopted with Paris in the matter of securing pledges for the war indemnity. It is believed the latter will be fixed at at least four milliards, but concessions from other points are anticipated. The troops before Paris have been fully reinforced to the utmost war strength and newly uniformed. The fourth corps had been ordered to Chartres. Should peace be proclaimed, all the landwehr regiments of infantry, reserve cavalry and artillery will be immediately sent home and broken up. Troops of the line will remain in the annexed provinces and such parts of France as will be retained till the war indemnity is paid. The garrisons of the fortresses in Alsace and Lorraine will require about 60,000 men.

Alice Cary, the well known poetess, died in this city yesterday morning, aged fifty years. Miss Cary has been ill for mine years.

The coal miners' strike has ended after the price of coal in this city was forced up to nine and ten dollars per ton.

NEW YORK, 13.—Assistant postmaster Taylor dropped dead at his residence last evening. Deceased was seventy-one years old, and has been connected with the post-office for fifty years.

CALIFORNIA.

Arizona Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—A bill has been introduced into the Arizona legislature to issue Territorial bonds for $300,000, to raise a fund for defending the settlements from Indians.

The Governor of Sonora has declined, on technical grounds, to surrender the Mexican murderers who escaped from Arizona, on the requisition from Gov. Safford.

The Apaches stole a hundred and ten cattle within five miles of Tucson, and attacked the hay cutters on the Pima reservation last week.

The premium of $5,000, for the best plan for the new City Hall, is awarded to Augustus Laver, of Poller & Laver, New York, architects.

The steamship *William Tuber* has just arrived from the lower coast, with a large number of passengers, but has anchored in the stream, not coming to the wharf, and sent for the harbor police. On the trip up the coast Wells, Fargo & Co's. express agent was robbed, and the police are wanted to arrest the robbers. A detachment has gone aboard.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Peace will shortly be concluded—Movement to Von Werder—Votes polled—The triumphal entry into Paris.

LONDON, 13.—A *Times'* Berlin special correspondent says it is confidently expected at head-quarters that peace will shortly be concluded; nevertheless, military and financial preparations continue. The Prussian parliament asked an advance of fifty million thalers to the empire, to be refunded by the parliament.

The German cities of Baden are going to erect a monument to Von Werder, for his defeat of Bourbaki, and thereby saving Germany an invasion.

Ducrot is seriously ill.

The Prussian levies at Saint Germain are a hundred thousand.

It is said the armistice is prolonged to the 28th.

An arrangement has been made between Turkey and Greece, respecting the mode of the Greeks pursuing the brigands on the Turkish frontiers.

The *Telegraph's* Versailles special says the triumphal entry of the Germans into Paris will be at noon of the 19th. The Emperor will proceed to the Tuileries to lunch with the court and staff, and will then review the army. If the Tuileries are unprepared he will occupy the palace of the Elysees. The Emperor will return to Berlin on the last of February.

The official returns from the department of the North show that the monarchial candidates polled 195,000 votes, and the republicans 47,000.

Gen. Changarnier, accompanied by other delegates, has arrived at Bordeaux.

A copy of the correspondence relating to the war is to be submitted to Parliament. It shows that Favre's party were always willing to conclude peace on any terms which would not include a cession of territory, and that Germany pursued the war for territory. England has been continually urging peace on Favre's terms.

BELCIUM.

BRUSSELS, 13.—The King gives ten thousand francs to the revictualling of Paris. Ducrot has resigned. Prince Napoleon is here.

AUSTRIA.

Flood Subsided.

VIENNA, 13.—The flood has subsided, but the danger is not over.

ITALY.

FLORENCE, 12.—Parliament has declared that the libraries and galleries of the Vatican are national property.

An overflow of the Danube has inundated the suburbs of Veruna and Leopoldstadt.

FRANCE.

Preparatory sitting—Delivery of arms completed.

DIEPPE, 13.—The Germans have imposed a million francs on Dieppe and 22,000 on each of the adjacent villages, all to be paid by the 14th. The authorities are unable to comply, having, the *Inferieur* says, paid already 25,000,000 francs.

VERSAILLES, 12.—The delivery of arms is completed, the Germans destroying the French guns as useless on account of the removal of portions of the breech-loading apparatus.

BORDEAUX, 13.—To-day the Assembly will only hold a preparatory sitting to ascertain the number of members present and fix the day of the first public sitting. The government is still without news of the Paris elections. Jules Favre has arrived and Garibaldi is momentarily expected.

BORDEAUX.—At the preparatory sitting of the Assembly about three hundred deputies were present. The Assembly was constituted and the secretaries nominated.

An English divine, who has since risen to eminence, owed his marriage and a long and happy domestic life, to a mere accident. He had contracted an affection for a lady of the neighborhood in which he first preached, but through dread of a refusal, could not bring himself to a direct proposal. The more he thought of it the more he became dismayed at the prospect. He was not of that kind of men who can quickly interpret a woman's feelings from her looks and manners, but was overcome with fear that she should never love him. He had almost resolved to abandon the field to a bolder if not a better man, when he suddenly took a desperate resolution to know the worst. He carefully prepared and sealed two letters, each addressed to the lady; in one of which he made an earnest proposal for marriage, and in the other merely requested a loan of a book.

Shaking them together in his hat, he called his servant and bade him take one and deliver it. "Which one?" asked the servant. "Either," was the reply. And the man took one at random and departed. The minister threw the other into the fire without examining it, and for the next hour paced the floor of his study, anxious and miserable. He had resolved to abide by the event of this queer proceeding, and that if the book came with the servant he would forever abandon all aspirations to the lady's hand. At the end of that time the man returned with a note, accepting his offer and inviting him to tea. The overjoyed young man told his little experiment to his betrothed over a cup of tea that evening, and was soundly rated for his dullness in not comprehending the "signals of distress" which had been continually displayed to him from time to time. But some men are wonderfully stupid about these matters.

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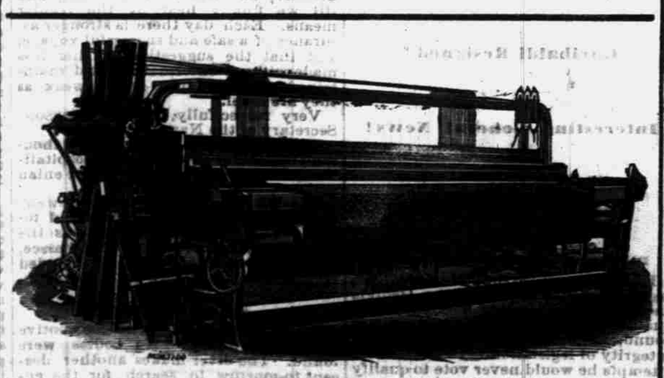

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