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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 4.—Morrill offered a resolution providing for a committee of seven to consider the propriety of taking the tenth census. He said the arrangement had to be made during the present congress for taking the tenth census, and as the next session was a short one, preliminary steps should now be taken. The resolution was agreed to.

Anthony reported the resolution to print 25,000 copies of the report of the commission of agriculture and forestry. Agreed to.

At the expiration of the morning hour consideration was resumed of unfinished busines, the Pacific railroad funding bill, and Matthews replied to the arguments against the railroad committee's bill.

Matthews said he had been pained to hear Edmunds refer to the friends of these great and powerful corporations being present on the floor, in the lobbies and in the galleries. Whatever grain of reality there may be in all this, Senators should be careful how such insinuations are made, unless they have specific charges to present. He next referred to the remarks of Christiancy, who said he had made what was not law appear most like law, and that he had, in citing authorities, stopped at a point where it suited his view and omitted that which was against it. He had since carefully reviewed the citations and had no corrections to make. As to the arrangement that can be arrived at between the government and these companies, he was indifferent. Whatever they could be induced to pay he was desirous they should pay. He stood here to-day, impressed with the responsibility of what he said, and if the government had to lose all it had better do so than give its assent to this bill, which, in effect, upset the decision of the supreme court, which determines the relations between these parties.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Matthews said he would withdraw the bill of the railroad committee, which he had offered as a substitute, in order that there might be a direct vote on the judiciary committee's bill.

The House bill authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission and approval of contracts under the war department, was passed.

On motion of Windom the bill for the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from Bismarck to the Black Hills was taken up and laid over till to-morrow, at the request of Christiancy, who desired to offer an amendment.

The resolution was agreed to requesting the House to return the bill relative to the Hot Springs which the Senate passed March 3d. The object was to strike out some objectionable features.

A discussion sprang up between Blaine, Whyte, Thurman, Hill and Kernan, regarding the right to alter and amend legislation regarding the Pacific Railroad.

Thurman held that such power existed in Congress.

Hill claimed that no legislative power could compel a railroad to pay its debts. Court proceedings alone could do that. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 4.—Butler introduced a bill to supply a convenient currency with which minor business transactions of the people may be done. Referred. It provides for the issuing of 25 and 50 cents in fractional currency, and that any person paying into the treasury legal tender notes or coin should receive such amount of fractional currency as he may desire, and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay out one-sixth of all payments made from the treasury in redemption of national bank notes, by United States legal tender notes, of the denominations of $1, $2, $3 and $5.

Consideration was resumed of the Polk case, and Cook spoke in favor of retaining the doorkeeper.

Harrison demanded the previous question. Not seconded.

Eden offered a substitute for the resolution of the majority censuring Polk for employing persons in excess of the number authorized by law, directing him to revise the soldiers' roll and remove therefrom all persons not disabled soldiers, and recommitting the matter to the committee on civil service reform, with instructions to ascertain what change may be necessary for a more economical administration of the business of the doorkeeper's department.

Baker (Ind.) favored the majority resolution.

Hale said the case of the doorkeeper sank into insignificance, compared with the medical incompetency of the chemist who was to administer any branch of government. Falstaff, as soldier, Bolton as lover, Dundreary as a philosopher, Mulberry Sellers as a capitalist, cut no such figures as the democratic party cut masquerading before the country as civil service reformers, and as being capable of administering any branch of government, no matter how small.

Baker (N. Y.) said he would like to offer an amendment directing the doorkeeper in his future appointments, to disregard the solicitation of democrats.

The resolution offered by Eden as a substitute for the report of the committee was rejected, yeas 93, nays [illegible].

The question recurred on the resolution reported by the committee as follows:

Resolved, That the position of doorkeeper of the House of Representatives is and hereby is declared vacant; and, further resolved, that, until the appointment of a new doorkeeper, the duties be and are hereby devolved on the sergeant-at-arms.

Conger demanded a division. A vote was therefore taken on the first resolution and it was adopted, yeas 129, nays 80.

The next vote was on the second resolution, devolving temporarily the duties of the doorkeeper on the sergeant-at-arms, and it was adopted, yeas 122, nays 115.

Immediately on the announcement of the vote, Hale rose to move that the House proceed to the election of a doorkeeper.

Eden moved that the House adjourn. Agreed to, yeas 122, nays 115, and the House accordingly adjourned.

Pending the announcement, the Speaker appointed Durham, Blount and —— as a conference committee on the bill making an appropriation for the employment of temporary clerks.

An announcement was also made of a democratic caucus to take place to-morrow evening.

EASTERN.

A Denial.

WASHINGTON, 4.—It is positively denied by the intimate friends of ex-Congressman Vance that he eloped with the wife of a music teacher.

Secretary Sherman and the Resumption Act.

Secretary Sherman to-day, before the House banking committee, insisted that the government was in as good and perhaps a better position for resumption as the Bank of England.

Ewing interrogated as to where he intended to get the necessary millions of gold.

The Secretary said that it might prevent his fulfilling his plans to expose them thoroughly, but he would get the money chiefly from the sale of bonds. Not much would come from the surplus revenue. He expected $50,000,000 of gold by the sale of bonds, but as to the kind of bonds he would sell he must exercise his discretion and be responsible therefor. He relied chiefly on home sales. He didn't want to go abroad for gold, but desired to keep the gold and silver here, and then he would have more than he wanted. He would issue silver dollars only in exchange for coin, or pay coin liabilities, and for bullion which he could buy at par in gold without any loss. After the first $5,000,000 is purchased, for which the silver bill appropriated, he would buy all the rest of the bullion with the silver coin which he hoped would circulate largely. The Treasury must hold silver at a par with gold until it had enough to pay everything with, or until legal tenders are at par. Silver, being receivable for duties, would come into the Treasury, but he could not say when he would begin paying it out for current expenses or for the principal of the debt, as that would be regulated by the status of the three kinds of money.

The Transit of Mercury.

Rear Admiral Rodgers, superintendent of the Naval Observatory, has made arrangements for observing the transit of Mercury on the 6th of May, and the Western Union Telegraph Company will transmit to Washington the time signals throughout the country from the 1st to the 10th of May, for astronomers and others observing the transit.

Fatal Fishing Accident.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., 4.—On Tuesday afternoon a neighbor found Mr. Crouse's house, three miles south of Augusta, in this county, locked, and the remains of Mr. Crouse, wife and two children, were found in the lake adjoining. Fishing tackle and other evidences indicated an accident while they were fishing.

Banquet to Hon. Bayard Taylor.

NEW YORK, 4.—A grand banquet was tendered to Hon. Bayard Taylor, Minister to Berlin, to-night, which was attended by a large number of prominent citizens. Hon. Wm. Cullen Bryant presided.

Booth Recovering.

Senator Booth was, to-day, able to attend the meeting of his committee, but returned to his apartments early in the afternoon. A day or two of comparative quiet will undoubtedly restore him to his usual health.

The Case of Doorkeeper Polk.

CHICAGO, 4.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The southern democrats are to-night indignant that the northern democrats voted against Polk. They say they will present a Confederate brigadier, and refuse to vote for anybody else for the position, and, unless he is accepted, break up in the caucus. Blair's scheme finds no champion yet.

The Steamer "Down" Destroyed by Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, 4.—The steamer *Down*, from Shreveport, was burned at 7 a.m., at Whitehead plantation, 32 miles above this city. The boat and cargo are a total loss. No loss of life is reported. The passengers lost everything but what they had on. The cargo consisted of 500 bales of cotton, 100 head of cattle, 300 sheep, &c. The boat is valued at $20,000; insured for $12,000.

WESTERN.

Purchase of Silver.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—It is reported that Government has recently purchased in this city a quantity of fine silver to start the mint on the new dollars. The price is said to be equivalent to [illegible] in London. About 90,000 ounces have been obtained from the Selby Smelting Works, and 120,000 ounces from the Grand Prize Mining Company.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Liberal Deputation.

LONDON, 4.—Despite the speeches of Lords Granville and Hartington to the deputation of the National Liberal Federation yesterday, it is not believed the opposition will take any strong line against government's policy. Gladstone and his followers may endeavor to force the party leaders into active antagonism, and the independent members may introduce resolutions disapproving the calling out of the reserves, but there will be strong counter influences which the party leaders are not likely to disregard. A movement has already received the adhesion of 60 or 70 liberal members, having for its object the prevention of the party from trammeling the government's foreign policy.

The *Times* strongly condemns the objects of the deputation, and sharply criticises the supporters of Granville and Hartington.

England and the Congress.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Gladstone asked, firstly, if it was the intention of government in the recent communication regarding the congress, to reserve the self liberty to withdraw from the congress upon the proposal to discuss any matter, the discussion of which it did not think admissible, and, secondly, why England refused the preliminary conference.

Northcote replied, firstly, that all that England wanted at the congress was a discussion of every article of the treaty; and, secondly, that Lord Derby's dispatch gave reason for declining the preliminary conference.

Gladstone thereupon gave notice that he would raise a discussion to-morrow, because of Northcote's unsatisfactory reply.

The Cabinet Crisis in Bucharest.

The unintelligible rumors, recently current, of a cabinet crisis in Bucharest are explained by a letter from that city, dated April 1st, telegraphed here from Vienna. It seems that while the people and legislature are unanimously opposed to Russia, there is a strong suspicion that Prince Charles and his cabinet are prepared to consent to the cession of Bessarabia, and had really agreed with General Ignatieff in this sense, but found the opposition so strong that they feared a revolution if they proceeded with the scheme.

The Bessarabian Question.

"The pro-Russian party," continues the letter, "are, of course, anti-Austrian, and circumstances must determine whether the cabinet will carry out the will of the nation or throw themselves into the arms of Russia." This explanation is partially confirmed by the fact that Bucharest telegrams are very undecided in tone. One published in London this morning says the government is seeking to allay the unnecessary and impolitic statement over the Bessarabian question.

Won't Participate Without England.

Additional eastern correspondence is published: Lord Odo Russel, British Ambassador at Berlin, telegraphs, March 13th, that Prince Bismarck has requested him to state that Germany would not participate in the conference without England, and that he (Bismarck) cannot understand how a congress for a revision of European right could be held when England, one of the chief contractors, was absent.

Irrevocable Decision.

M. Cogalniceanu, Roumanian minister of foreign affairs, writes to the Roumanian agent at Vienna, March 16th, that Prince Gortschakoff had declared to Prince Ghika, the Roumanian agent at St. Petersburg, that notwithstanding our clamoring, Russia's decision in regard to Bessarabia was irrevocable. Russia would not bring the question before the congress, nor consent to another power doing so. It would be an offence to the Emperor. If she could not make us give in, she would take Bessarabia by force and armed resistance would be fatal for Roumania. The dispatch concludes: "Notwithstanding these threats, we persist in our refusal to yield."

Gortschakoff and the Roumanian Army.

The Roumanian agent at Vienna communicated to Sir H. G. Elliot, April 3d, a dispatch from the agent at St. Petersburg, recounting a conversation with Prince Gortschakoff, who said: "Is it true that your government intends to protest against the article of the treaty which provides for the communication of the army in Bulgaria with Russia though Roumania? The Emperor has ordered me to inform you that if you have such intention he will order the occupation of Roumania and the disarmament of the Roumanian army." The agent replied that Russia should have treated with Roumania and not with Turkey, concerning the passage of the army. Prince Gortschakoff rejoined: "We did not choose to have anything more to do with you on account of your conduct. It is important that you should know that we insist upon a free passage through your country and that you should inform your government of the Emperor's declaration. Your government must plainly state their decision."

Hostilities to be Renewed.

Russia has requested Montenegro to prepare for a renewal of hostilities. Prince Nikita is taking measures accordingly.

Russo-Roumanian Rupture.

It is reported that a rupture between the Russians and Roumanians is exceedingly probable. The latter, in spite of their numerical inferiority, are determined to resist any attack.

Ordered to March.

Fifteen battalions of Servian troops have been ordered to march to Drina and Save.

Four More Arrests.

Four more persons were arrested for complicity in the murder of Lord Leitrim. McTaggart has been released for lack of evidence.

Troop Ships.

PORTSMOUTH, 4.—The troop ships *Crocodile* and *Euphrates* were yesterday ordered to be ready for sea in 48 hours.

GERMANY.

The Ironclad Fleet.

BERLIN, 4.—The German ironclad fleet will proceed to the east in the beginning of May.

Mobilization.

Mobilization has been ordered in the four remaining Russian military districts.

AUSTRIA.

The Sultan's Conversion.

VIENNA, 4.—A special from Constantinople says the conversion of the Sultan to pro-Russian ideas is imminent.

Faint Hope for Peace.

Prince Gortschakoff is expected shortly to inform the powers that after Lord Salisbury's circular, the congress, were it to meet immediately, would no longer be likely to solve the questions at issue.

RUSSIA.

Ambitious Motives.

ST. PETERSBURG, 4.—The *Journal De St. Petersburg* says: "Lord Salisbury's letter shows an absence of conciliatory views, by gratuitously attributing ambitious motives to the Russian proposals."

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Italy, via North German Union, direct	5 cts.	2 cts
Japan, American packet, via San Francisco.....	10 cts	2 cts
Mexico.....	10 cts	2 cts
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