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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 15.—Brownlow made a personal explanation in reply to Beck's statement in the house, that he (Brownlow) while governor of Tennessee made the State a pandemonium, and that he and other reconstruction governors were hated and despised by the people, and seemed to find no refuge from prison except in the Senate. Beck said he was sorry that there was a time when Beck would not have dared to put this insult upon him, lest he (Brownlow) should take Beck's overseer whip from his hand and lay it over his back. He also said that when Beck abandoned respectable business and became a slave driver, he sank below the notice of all decent men.

The vice-president said this language was improper under the rule. Chancellor moved that Brownlow have an audience with the vice-president. Chancellor asked the vice-president whether he knew of any precedent for the utterance of such language in the senate. The vice-president said he did recollect several instances when such language had been uttered, but not of course in accordance with parliamentary law. Blair said Brownlow's language was appropriate to the means by which he obtained his seat, and hoped he would be allowed to apologize.

The clerk then read the explanation. It reviewed Brownlow's career as governor of Tennessee, and asserted that his dealing with the State treasury had been strictly honest.

Cole submitted a resolution which was agreed to, instructing the committee on education and labor to inquire into the expediency of an amendment to the constitution to provide some educational test in the exercise of the electoral franchise.

The senate then resumed the consideration of Sumner's resolution, and Harlan continued his explanation of the sale of arms during the Franco-Prussian war.

Harlan continued at some length his arguments against the resolution, defending the war department from the imputations conveyed in it.

Fremont has reviewed the preamble and resolution and declared that some of the allegations were plainly false.

Sohns made a long speech in favor of the resolution in which he said the subject was forced on his attention a year ago by Butler's resolutions, and remonstrances from German citizens who believed the government was selling arms to France and who urged him to oppose the resolution.

Sohns said there existed an impression that there was a military ring somewhere, which exerts a damaging influence on the administration, and if the investigation could show the impression unfounded, or discover the guilty and bring them to punishment, it would render important services to the American people.

The senate went into executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE.

The house resumed the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. Maynard suggested to exempt from such bills those vessels on the California, Mexican, Kennebec, and the yacht America, which should be maintained by government. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Swan stated that in the case of war there were not six vessels in the navy that could be relied on, and he felt convinced that was, at the present, imminent danger of war. Hale's amendment was finally adopted and Maynard's resolution.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

BUFFALO, 15.—A Toronto dispatch last night states that several wholesale stores were in flames, and that the fire threatened to resist the efforts of the dramen and would doubtless prove very destructive.

A later dispatch says the fire burned nine out of eleven wholesale stores in what is known as Iron block, occupied by some of the "Harvard" merchants. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000. Insurance not ascertained.

NASHVILLE, 15.—The bookbindery and camping room of the Methodist book concern in this city, was burned at midnight last night, together with all the materials of both departments; also the stereotype foundry and an extensive library. Loss about \$10,000. No insurance, except on the building, the loss of which was \$3,000.

New York, 15.—In Oyer and Terminer court this morning, evidence was presented in behalf of Slocum as to the irregularities in empanelling the grand jury.

A special dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., says that chairmaker Ingomar is stopping in that city under the name of James Harvey.

Between thousand dollars worth of silks were burglarized on Washington street this morning. The thieves, who rapped but \$10,000 worth of money, were recaptured.

A Halifax dispatch in words on the New York paper for publishing a thrilling account of the execution of two alleged mutineers in Newfoundland, the parties not having yet been tried.

In the Stokes case, the district attorney does not traverse the various allegations as to the irregularities of the grand jury, but simply avers they were good and lawful men, and that the issue will go to the jury. The trial of the present issue will probably be set to-morrow.

C. Irsky, the accomplice of Jones, the fire burglar, confessed to firing the building on Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and the stove manufactured on Eldridge street, and that he received part of the proceeds of the insurance, except the last made, which occurred before they became partners.

WASHINGTON, 15.—The Senate in executive session to-day, confirmed Grata Washburn, son of minister Washburn, as assistant secretary of legation to France; and Samuel C. Wm. United States attorney for Washington Territory.

In accordance with the resolution offered by Cassier and adopted by the Senate, calling for information with regard to the detention of the California mail on the Pacific railroad, the postmaster-general sent a communication to the Senate, in which he states that no formal contracts exist for the transportation of the mail on the Union Pacific railroad, and that the mail is being paid for by the department, under orders issued quarterly.

The postmaster-general further states there is nothing in the usual contract stipulations which can be construed to compel the railroad companies, in circumstances like the present, to provide for the transportation of mails by any other means than their trains, or any other route than their own.

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