

and only ninety miles from Fort Fetterman, from which point the report should have been first received had there been any truth in it.

NEW ORLEANS, 22.—In the Senate investigating committee the question of adopting McDonald's resolution requiring the returning board to produce the original record of the vote of the State for presidential electors was discussed, Senator McDonald stating he had been advised that the aggregate vote would not correspond with the total vote furnished by the supervisors, and wanted to see by the exact condition of returns as made by the supervisors.

Howe said the board had furnished certified copies not only of the aggregate vote of the State, but also of those rejected.

McDonald said the copies furnished did not show the votes rejected by the supervisors.

The chairman stated that the returning board had to complete its work for State officers before the 5th of January, and this might prevent its completion, and preferred that the matter be postponed till the labors of the board were complete.

The democratic members opposed the postponement, asserting that, in order to fully comprehend the whole question, it was necessary to examine not only the work of the returning board but those polls which were rejected by the supervisors, and why the board, in other cases, went behind the action of the supervisors and rejected the polls.

Wadleigh said he did not have the power to compel the production of the papers, and it would embarrass the labors of the board; he would like to see the original papers.

McDonald, of the democratic counsel, claimed that the board could not reject a poll save on the statement or notes of the supervisor, and that polls had been rejected without their protests, and it was in order to determine this fact that the original papers were ordered.

The resolution was defeated by a party vote; the republican members stating that they were ready to agree at the proper time to any motion that would throw light on the subject, but thought the resolution impracticable at present.

NEW ORLEANS, 22.—Before the House committee Mr. Williams, colored, of New Orleans, said since the election he was assaulted and knocked down by colored men, who accused him of voting the democratic ticket; did not vote because threats were made against those who intended voting the democratic ticket; his assailants have since threatened to finish him.

R. J. Hogan, colored, of West Feliciana, said the election was free, fair and peaceable; was at Acklen plantation before the election; colored men threatened to shoot any colored man who voted the democratic ticket; knew of no intimidation to induce colored men to vote the democratic ticket; knew many colored men who voted the democratic ticket; knew of no armed men riding over the parish except organizations of white and colored men who whipped persons for stealing sheep and corn; did not see them whipped, but heard of it; one of them broke away and ran and was shot at; the regulators told these men they must behave themselves and quit stealing.

The next witness was E. A. Burke. He had a sheet of the poll of the 11th Ward; saw the election officers sign it at the polling place willingly and without violence or intimidation. The democratic majority was over 300, yet neither the returning board nor the assistant supervisor included it in the reports or tabulation. Kempton was the republican commissioner of election, and signed the tally sheet in witness' presence; his protest is unqualifiedly false; he is a scoundrel and has had a bad reputation. Witness visited the poll often on election day, and was certain that there was no intimidation whatever; the democrats had taken particular pains to prevent it.

The House sub-committee for New Orleans and adjacent parishes heard testimony from several witnesses that the election was peaceable and undisturbed by riot or any intimidation except by negro republicans. Several contradicted Conrad Simpson, who testified before the returning board, and others, declaring that they were not credible under oath.

In the Senate committee White,

of the democratic counsel, denied the correctness of the tabulated statement furnished by the board.

McDonald wished Eliza Pinkston's testimony to be further sifted.

Howe regretted this, as she was in a feeble condition.

Saulsbury expressed a doubt as to her condition. The subject was postponed.

Wm. R. Hardy, district attorney of Ouachita Parish, a republican, testified that his canvass for the election and parish judge was interrupted by the assassination of Dinkgrave; from his vivid narrative of that event it appeared that he was fully cognizant of all the attending circumstances; threats and attempts were made on Dinkgrave's life. His story is substantially similar to the first account of the affair.

H. C. Astwood, colored, of Carroll parish, a United States deputy marshal, attended the republican meeting at St. James Chapel, in Ouachita parish, in November. Bulldozers escorted the speakers from Phillips' place to the chapel, yelling and shouting. I was the first speaker; some one shouted, "You are a damned liar," and Willie Howard placed his hand on his revolver; colored men and women began to run away; told Howard I was going to speak or die. Col. Hale stepped in and prevented trouble. Captain Theobald slapped his hat down and said, "We ain't going to stand this." One colored man was very enthusiastic, and cheered me; shouted, "Go on, give us some more," his name is Henry Pinkston.

Senator Saulsbury asked what mileage the witness received from the United States for attendance.

Howe desired to know the object of the inquiry.

Saulsbury said he desired to bring out prominently the fact that money and the army of the United States were used to assist the republican party.

Senator Wadley said he was willing to take the responsibility of having the fact brought out as prominently as possible, that the army was employed to keep Senator Saulsbury's party friends from murdering the friends of his party.

Geo. H. Deltor, colored, living in Ward Five, Ouachita, went to Monroe to vote because he could not vote as he desired in Ward Five. Mr. Faller compelled Garrett Esau to vote the democratic ticket. My employer, W. C. Williams, drove me and two other colored men from his place for voting the republican ticket.

WASHINGTON, 22.—Speaker Randall's composition of the House committee, to act with a similar special committee of the Senate in the preparation of some measure for counting the electoral votes, is severely criticized by the republicans. Payne, Hutton, McCreery and Hoar are all universally considered proper selections, but Springer is criticised as an extreme and very obstinate partisan. Hewitt is deemed too excitable, and Willard, though appointed as a republican, is charged by many members of that party with having lately evinced decided democratic leanings. They say, therefore, that the republicans have not been given the same fair representation on the committee that was accorded by the Senate to the democrats, and that at least two members on the part of the House will not be able to treat the subject dispassionately.

Battery F. First Artillery, 65 men, and Battery H., Second Artillery, 54 men, arrived last night from Fort Reno, and proceeded to quarters at the arsenal. The latter battery left this afternoon for their post, Fort McHenry.

The President, yesterday, pardoned Madison Doon, imprisoned in Virginia for violation of the civil rights act, thus forestalling the action of the Supreme Court, this being the only known instance of such imprisonment.

The elections committee will probably report favoring the admission of Cannon, of Utah. The republicans fear that it would be a dangerous precedent to declare Cannon disqualified on account of bigamy, not having been convicted of it.

The republicans maintain that the Florida Supreme Court cannot compel the canvassing board to recount the votes.

Senators Bayard and Gordon, and perhaps Thurman and Ransom, also Speaker Randall, Congressmen Lamar, Hewitt and Watterson, will leave this city to-morrow for New York, by invitation, to hold an informal conference with Mr. Tilden.

In the case of Charles G. Fisher, late assistant district attorney, charged with abstracting papers from the clerk's office of the district court, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. A motion was entered for a new trial.

CHICAGO, 22.—The meteor reported in the dispatches of last night passed over Southern Iowa, Central Illinois, and part of Indiana. It seemed about twenty to forty miles high. Scientific men, judging from the report which its two explosions made, think it must have been about sixty miles from the ground. It seemed to be directly over all the places where it cast its light, and the visitor was said to be the largest that ever visited this section. Fragments have been discovered to-day upon the farm of Jackson Morris, three miles northwest of Rochester, Ind. They resemble sandstone.

INDIANAPOLIS, 22.—A number of fires have been discovered here within the last twenty-four hours. The stables of Senator Morton and General Morris were burned; Floral Hall, Agricultural Hall, Music Hall and the Green House have been destroyed, inflicting a loss of about \$35,000, insurance \$15,000. Besides these there have been losses by fire in John Derby's candy factory \$4,000, Landis, Rodier & Co's., and near the city, Wm. B. Mills' barn, with considerable grain and utensils.

TALLAHASSEE, 22.—The supreme court sustains Drew's demurrer to the answer of the canvassing board, and grants a peremptory order to the board to recanvass the face of the returns. This is a democratic victory. Counsel for the board gave notice of a motion to answer. The Court announced its intention of adjourning, *sine die*, to-morrow.

HOMER, La., 22.—Twenty business houses were consumed by incendiary fire, to-day, with dwellings, etc.; loss \$150,000, insurance \$50,000.

NEW YORK, 22.—The *Mail's* Washington special says an unauthorized but influential representative republican interviewed Alexander H. Stephens yesterday, with a view to making a compromise of the presidential muddle. He submitted to Stephens' suggestions of Galusha A. Grow that a policy might be adopted to divide the white vote of the South and attach it to a more moderate republican element in the North. Stephens rejected the suggestions, and said he would not advise the South to give friendly acceptance to Hayes' inauguration, but he does advise them to submit to the discretion of the electoral college.

The Washington correspondent of the *Graphic* telegraphs that the President stated to him that he considered the speech of Nichols, at New Orleans last Monday, as an indication of the democratic policy of force on the presidential question. The President, however, keeps himself thoroughly informed of all the movements of his opponents.

The *World's* Washington special says dispatches have been received to-day by both the Senators from Florida, Conover, republican, and Jones, democrat, announcing that the Supreme Court issued a mandamus requiring the returning board to revise the entire count, to give the majority to the democratic candidates for electors and State officers, and declaring the entire proceedings null and void. A hurried consultation has been held by the republicans on the subject, this evening, and a republican Senator, familiar with the laws of the State, has pronounced the decision of the Supreme Court a transfer of a *prima facie* case from the republicans to the democratic electors.

Senator Jones received the following to-night:

"Tallahassee, 22.

"9:40 p.m.—The Supreme Court has awarded everything the democrats asked for. There is great rejoicing here.

"(Signed) C. C. DYKE."

COLUMBUS, S. C., 22.—The democratic house has adjourned *sine die*. This action gives two State governments, acting upon their own responsibility. Chamberlain made a large number of nominations of county officials, which were confirmed by the Senate in executive session. Hampton has assurance of funds and is proceeding also to organize county governments.

SAN FRANCISCO, 22.—A Salem, Oregon, dispatch says the democratic State central committee met yesterday, and adopted an address to the people of Oregon, calling for

mass meetings to be held in every county, on the 8th of January, to consider the political situation and protest against the returning boards of the three doubtful southern States, and especially of Louisiana. The meeting represented two-thirds of the counties, and was attended by prominent democrats from various parts of the State, about thirty in all. The address is mainly devoted to a review of the action of the Louisiana returning board. An organized effort will undoubtedly be had to make the demonstration as imposing as possible, and strengthen the democratic party in this State. The committee endorsed Grover's action.

WASHINGTON, 23.—The Secretary of the Treasury has published a circular for the instruction of the collectors of customs, and of persons engaged in commerce between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands by the Hawaiian treaty. Neither the Treasury Department nor the Department of State have received any copy of the regulations made by the Hawaiian government under the treaty. It is, therefore, suggested that exporters to Hawaii should ascertain what formalities prescribed by the Hawaiian government, if any, must be complied with in order to obtain the benefit of the treaty.

NEW YORK, 23.—Hugh McClelland, a clerk of William A. Webb, was arrested on the charge of embezzling \$35,000.

The steamer *City of Berlin* arrived to-day, bringing one million dollars in specie.

PORTLAND, 23.—A fire last night, in the Savings Bank and Fluent Blocks, caused a loss of about \$50,000, mostly insured.

SLATERSVILLE, N. C., 23.—Wm. Messenger was hanged, to-day, for murdering his mother-in-law on the 4th of May last.

AUBURN, N. Y., 23.—Landfield & Co's. tannery, at Newark Valley, was burned last night, loss \$60,000; partially insured.

#### FOREIGN.

PARIS, 20.—Minister Washburne did not present to the Duke de Cazas the apologies of President Grant for the arrest of Captain Aury at Philadelphia.

HAVANA, 21.—The government of the Island of Cuba has published a decree prohibiting code and cipher messages of all kinds to and from the Island of Cuba, on and after to-day.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 21.—The new constitution will be promulgated on Saturday, with great solemnity. All the public edifices will be illuminated in the evening.

Djeudet Pasha has been provisionally appointed President of the State Council.

LONDON, 22.—The *Standard's* dispatch from Pesth reports that the greatest irritation prevails there

over the Maros affair. None of the Hungarian journals are satisfied with the dismissal of Ristic's cabinet, they demand the occupation of Belgrade. Addresses are being sent to the Hungarian ministry, urging the Austro-Hungarian government to forcibly intervene for the protection of Turkey.

A Berlin telegram to the *Standard* says it is reported that the appointment of Midhat Pasha Grand Vizier is regarded at St. Petersburg as a challenge, to Russia.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* reports that the banking firm of Balmahoff, in St. Petersburg, has failed with a deficit of a million roubles. The commercial crisis continues, and is especially severe in the south of Russia.

Russian papers report a famine in Montenegro.

The Lord Chamberlain has issued a memorandum, threatening to vigorously prosecute all theatrical managers who violate the rule concerning the facilities for exit.

A dispatch to the *Daily Telegraph*, from Pera, states that the reforms adopted by the preliminary conference are very sweeping. They include the admission of Christians into the Ottoman army, and the transformation of the village of Sophia into a Christian province under a Christian governor. Opinion is equally divided as to whether the Porte will yield to the representations of the Powers. The correspondent represents that Midhat Pasha's appointment means a more vigorous action and resistance to undue foreign influence.

BERLIN, 22.—The Emperor William closed the session of Parliament, to-day, by a speech from the throne. In reference to foreign affairs, he said the negotiations of the powers on the eastern question, as far as proceeded with, justified the hope that his efforts and the peaceful intention of the powers will be successful in solving the pending questions without prejudice to the good relations existing. Germany will continue, by friendly and disinterested mediation, to lend her cooperation for the attainment of that end.

LONDON, 22.—Many wrecks on the coast of Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire are reported. Upwards of sixty lives have been lost. In addition to these disasters the Italian bark *Maria Gardellian*, in the American trade, has been lost off Stabbshead, and twelve persons drowned. These, with other casualties reported during a few days, makes the total number of lives lost on the east coast of Scotland and England during the recent gale fully 150.

LONDON, 23.—A special from Pera says Midhat Pasha, on Thursday, communicated to the Sultan the informal conclusions of the European plenipotentiaries. At this interview it was resolved that Turkey would yield in nothing which would impede her independence.

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