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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Stephens on Hand Again—Athens Clamorous for a Mint—Exciting Debate in the House Over a Southern Claim.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—SENATE—No session.

HOUSE—Private bills. The Senate committee has been strengthened by Eustis, of Louisiana, and Cameron, of Wisconsin. It is now expected to accomplish something.

Mr Stephens was able to attend the meeting of his committee this morning for the first time in ten days.

Mr Bell, of Georgia, appeared and made an earnest argument in favor of Athens, Ga. as a proper place for one of the proposed branch mints.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—HOUSE—The bill to compensate William and Mary College, Virginia, for the wanton destruction of the buildings by some Federal soldiers while occupied by the Federals during the war, came up today and gave rise to quite an interesting and exciting debate.

The debate was opened by Goode, of Virginia, who had reported the bill, and who advocated it in an able speech, which was occasionally interrupted by applause.

He was followed by Loring, of Massachusetts, in a very learned and eloquent speech in advocacy of the bill, in which he depicted the establishment, growth and national importance of American colleges and universities, and dwelt upon the historical fame and renown of William and Mary College.

He said if Harvard had suffered in like manner he would appeal to Congress, not on the ground of a legal claim, but on the ground of historical association, for compensation, and that what he would do for his alma mater he would do for a precedent for the Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Monroe had had their minds trained to the service of their country.

His speech, like that of Mr Goode, was highly applauded.

Then followed Reed, of Maine, in opposition to the bill, as being the most dangerous and the most important in its consequences of any of the bills pending before Congress. Its passage would be a precedent for a flood of war claims, that would swamp the treasury. No government had ever been so idiotic as to act favorably on the principle involved in this bill, which would make success in war more fatal than defeat.

Then Townsend, of New York, took the floor and delivered a speech composed in about equal parts of bitterness and drollery. He spoke of Virginia as having started in the vanguard of all the States and being now reduced to the position of backing up her little one-horse car to the rest of the world and asking for a little share of prosperity. If Virginia would build cotton mills he would vote for a tariff to support her industry, and if she would build a ship, he would vote a subsidy for that ship, but Virginia had been educated in the assembly chamber which taught that the chief aim of life was to promote Democratic harmony. He spoke as to this college teaching and encouraging secession, and illustrated the pending bill by an anecdote of an excited Frenchman rushing at a man in the streets of London with a red-hot poker, and when he was kicked off, saying: "Ah, monsieur, you will not let me do that, but surely you will not be so unjust as to refuse paying for the heating of the poker." This speech, which was greeted with shouts of laughter, closed the discussion for the day.

No action was taken on the bill, which will come up again next Friday.

WILLIAM M. TWEED QUIETLY EXPIRES IN LUDLOW-STREET JAIL, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, April 12.—William M Tweed died in Ludlow street jail at precisely 12 o'clock to-day. He was attended by Dr Cornochan, who had been with him since an early hour this morning. Also, Mr Foster Dewey, his late secretary, Mr Douglas, his son-in-law, and Mr Edelman, one of his counsel. All hope of his recovery was abandoned soon after 11 o'clock, when Dr Cornochan pronounced a clogging of the heart and complete nervous exhaustion. At the time of his death there was no struggle, as he passed away in sleep, with his head resting upon his arm. Keeper Keiman was hurriedly summoned about three minutes before noon, and reaching Mr Tweed's room the signal rang out, and the long-imprisoned old man dropped back dead in his bed. His last words to Dr Cornochan were, "I have tried to do some good; I am not afraid to die; I believe the guardian angels will protect me."

The announcement of his death spread rapidly, and a crowd of curious people soon assembled outside the jail, peering eagerly into the half closed windows.

Tweed had been dangerously ill for several days. His death resulted from a complication of disorders, but was caused directly by nervous exhaustion and a clogging of the action of the heart. He was delirious last night and early this morning, when he was attended only by his servant, Luke. Later he became calm and rational. He was conscious till within a few moments of his death, and a short time before drank a glass of wine which was handed to him by his son-in-law, Mr Douglas. Most of Tweed's family are in New Orleans. They were telegraphed to yesterday. Under the statutes the body of the dead prisoner cannot be removed from the jail until after an examination by the coroner.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A fire at Bay City, Michigan, destroyed six million feet of lumber, seven thousand barrels of salt, and the docks owned by Eddy, Avery & Co.

EUROPEAN TROUBLES.

Belief that the Congress will Meet—Austria Haughty—Germany Favoring Peace—Roumania to Receive More Consideration—A Generally More Peaceful Outlook.

LONDON, April 12.—The Post publishes the following from Berlin: "Germany has not only refused Russia's request to guarantee the neutrality of Austria in the event of war, but is further reported to have declared that she is prepared to interfere if any attempt is made to hinder Austria from protecting her interests."

Capt Wellesley has gone to St Petersburg to present his letter of recall as military attaché of the British legation. It is understood that no successor will be appointed for the present.

The Times' St Petersburg correspondent says that notwithstanding the gloomy views of leading Russian newspapers, it is believed in official circles that the congress will shortly meet. The correspondent adds that he has reason to believe that this conviction has a pretty solid foundation. Germany has not abandoned her intention of using her influence in favor of peace.

A Vienna dispatch to the Times states that Austria, in the written statement of her views, which was sent to St Petersburg, not only insisted on the European character of the questions at issue but distinctly rejected the idea of a separate settlement.

A special to the Times dated Volo, April 11, says: "An American ship came here yesterday by order of the United States minister at Athens, in answer to an application of an American citizen. She will go to Salonicia to embark refugees."

A special to the Daily News from Vienna says the Porte has asked Austria what would happen if Russia insisted on enforcing the treaty of San Stefano? Austria replied that she would not protect European interests single-handed, but would protect her own interests most efficiently.

The News has the following from Berlin: "There is active competition between Russia and England in chartering steamers at German ports. Two steamers chartered by Russia have left Hamburg with sealed orders."

The cone of the comments on the on the political crisis is much more hopeful from all directions than yesterday. The whole basis for this change seems to be the conviction that Russia is preparing to accept Germany's help to get out of the present dead-lock by such concessions as will secure a meeting of the congress.

Prince Gortschakoff's reply to Lord Salisbury's circular, and circular to which it was annexed, were only published in St Petersburg Thursday, which strengthens the belief that the former was telegraphed hither on Tuesday night for special purposes. The circular, when issued here, Thursday afternoon, had a depressing influence on the stock exchange. In consequence of the restoration of the refusal to submit the treaty of San Stefano to a congress, Russian stock declined over two per cent. To-day, however, it is pointed out that although the circular offers no concession on the point at issue, it is couched in such considerate and moderate language as to leave the door open for England to make some reply to the invitation for further explanations and thereby furnish a basis for a common understanding.

At Vienna Prince Gortschakoff's reply created the impression of Russia's willingness to find an acceptable method for re-opening negotiations. This moderate spirit is believed to be in a great measure due to the altered tone of the comments of the German, French and Italian press and politicians, concerning the treaty of San Stefano, which point to the probability of England, instead of England, being isolated in case of a rupture.

LONDON, April 12.—The Vienna cabinet, which still firmly adheres to the idea of a congress as the only possible solution, is great pleased at the aspect of affairs.

The German semi-official newspapers yesterday evening were not sanguine that either London or St Petersburg will make the concessions necessary to secure an agreement, but all information agrees that the German government continues its endeavors to bring about an agreement, which it is not likely to do after the case is hopeless. The improved feeling has therefore substantial justifications.

There seems to be some disposition at St Petersburg to show Roumania more consideration. It is now announced thence that Prince Gortschakoff meant that the stipulation for the passage of the Russian troops through Roumania, and not the question of the cession of Bessarabia, could not be submitted to the congress. It is also stated that a Russian commissioner will go to Bucharest to treat with the government concerning the passage of troops.

At Stretcha Mehalovitch, the Serbian minister president, has resigned in consequence of the vacillating policy of the Serbian government. It is said that Anglo-Austrian influences are now in the ascendant at Belgrade, and that there is a disposition on the part of Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro to make a joint remonstrance to the powers against the treaty of San Stefano.

Meeting in the Interest of the Franco-American Trade.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A meeting in the interest of the Franco-American trade, held last night, adjourned at a late hour. General Banks presided. Senators Hill, Eustis, Butler of South Carolina, and Jones of Florida, and Representative Tucker, of Virginia, were among the prominent speakers. Senator Eustis said that as a citizen of Louisiana he felt a deep interest in this subject. The people whom he represented were united to the French by tradition, association, language and a great portion of them by religion. As a citizen of that State he gave this movement his hearty and sincere commendation. The company separated without taking any formal action.

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THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRACY.

The Platform on Which They will Fight the Coming Campaign.

SPRINGFIELD, April 12.—The preamble to the platform of the Illinois Democratic party is as follows: "The Democracy of Illinois, assembled in convention, congratulate the country on the final settlement of the questions resulting from the late civil war upon the principles of local self-government, so long supported by the Democratic party, and re-affirm our confidence in the capacity of the people to govern themselves, and their belief in the supremacy of the civil over the military power, liberty of individual action, uncontrolled by sumptuary laws, separation of church and State, the support of free common schools and the duty of all to yield to the lawfully expressed will of the majority."

Supplemental to the platform are the following resolutions: Resolved, That the acts of the leaders of the Republican party in defeating the choice of the people for President and Vice President is the most sinister political crime of the age. As a crime against free government and the elective franchise which can only be condoned when the criminals are driven from power and consigned to infamy by the people whom they have outraged; and we denounce the act of the President in appointing to high office corrupt members of the returning board in reward for their infamous conduct, and we condemn the officers of the Federal government who have attempted to interfere with the administration of justice in the courts of Louisiana."

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