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WAR has been declared between Greece and Turkey, as was predicted by the RECORD last week, and actual hostilities have begun. There was considerable fighting on last Saturday and Sunday, the number of troops engaged being estimated at from twenty to fifty thousand. It seems peculiarly sad and a striking commentary on the civilization of this enlightened age that a bloody battle should be fought on Easter Sunday—the day on which all Christendom celebrates the resurrection of the Prince of Peace.

The seat of war is in the province of Macedonia (south of Greece) which is a Turkish province and this will be favorable to Greece because of its distance from Turkey and nearness to Greece. As our readers know, Greece is a much smaller country than Turkey and has a much smaller army. The population of Greece is less than that of North Carolina, and [illegible] would be no ticklish matter, but it is probable that the [illegible] inhabitants of Macedonia will take this opportunity to throw off the Turkish rule and help Greece. It may be that Servia and Bulgaria will aid Greece to whip their present foes.

Everybody would naturally expect Greece to have the sympathy of all Christendom in the war with Turkey, but such is not the case. Christian countries seem disposed to favor the Turks. The reason for this is that Turkey has borrowed of the European countries large sums of capital to [illegible] Paris, Berlin and [illegible] owning the bonds [illegible] and they are anxious that Turkey be given a chance to [illegible] est on those bonds.

THE committee of the People's Party Reform Press [illegible] decided to wage a fight for control of the party [illegible] on Butler as chairman and [illegible] ple's party. It has also decided to reorganize the People's party and has issued a call for a national convention to be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 4th of next July. The preamble and resolutions accompanying the call recite a resolution adopted at Memphis, calling upon Chairman Butler to get together the Populist national committee not later than May 1, for the purpose of calling a national delegate conference of the People's party not later than July 4. They allege that Senator Butler failed to notice this or to issue a call for a national convention.

On the other hand Senator Butler says that the reason why he did not call a national convention, as requested, was that a large majority of the Populist national committee were opposed to it.

The holding of this proposed national convention may result in a disruption of the People's party.

IT NOW seems that the [illegible] alums of this State will not be controlled by the hungry [illegible] whom the last Legislature undertook to put in charge. It will be remembered that the last Legislature passed a bill attempting to repeal the charters, so as to turn out the efficient officers who were in charge of them and put in only [illegible]. The old officers contended that this could not be done, that the act of the Legislature was unconstitutional and that they were entitled to hold their offices until the expiration of the terms for which they had been elected.

In order to test the legality and constitutionality of this act of the Legislature a [illegible] was argued before [illegible] (the new Republican judge of this district) and he decided that [illegible] day, in favor of the old officers. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, and it is almost certain that the decision of Judge Allen will be affirmed.

IT is greatly to be regretted that the Democratic Representatives in Congress cannot act with more unanimity and less disagreement. There seems to be no harmony, led by Bailey, of Texas, and led over by McMillin, of Tennessee. The former favors [illegible] to let the Republicans carry out their policy [illegible] me without interruption, and let them bear the blame if they do not bring prosperity, or receive praise if they do bring it. The latter favors an aggressive warfare on the Republicans and using every effort to embarrass them.

This disagreement among the Democratic Congressmen is another proof and instance of the fact that Democrats are too independent to be led by any one man. While Republicans and Populists can be completely controlled by their leaders, or by one man, Democrats cannot be.

THE two last Legislatures have passed more legislation than any previous Legislatures. Necessarily [illegible] have made [illegible] mistakes and [illegible] the same fault is true of any previous Legislature. No body of men have ever framed laws [illegible] mistakes and [illegible] been changed. And [illegible] but [illegible] to [illegible] wisdom [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] finally [illegible].

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

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Senator Pasco took occasion [illegible] to explain a little [illegible] taking exception to [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]