

SONGS AND CHEERS.

A Great Outburst of Patriotism in the House.

CLOSING OF SENATE QUIET.

President Signs Many Engrossed Bills—Senate and House Pass Resolutions of Thanks to Their Presiding Officers.

A Heartless Girl.

Washington, D. C., June 8 (Special.)—The end of this session of Congress in the House was marked by two notable incidents. One was sensationally partisan, well nigh resulting in personal conflicts upon the floor of the House; the other was notably patriotic and swept away all signs of the former.

Saw a Train for the First Time.

A country boy who was brought up in a remote region of Scotland had occasion to accompany his father to a village near which a branch line of railway passes. The morning after his arrival, when sauntering in the garden behind the house in which they were staying, he beheld with wondering eyes a train go by. For a moment he remained staring at it with astonishment, and then running into the house, he said: "Father, father, come out! There's a blacksmith shop run off w' a row of houses, and it's awa' doon by the back o' the town."

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Origin of the Word Velociped.

Frank H. Vitzelly tells "The Story of the Wheel" in St. Nicholas. After describing the introduction of the velocifere and the Dandy-Horse, Mr. Vitzelly says:

By this time the principle of balancing the wheel was understood, and the task of developing an crude vehicle of M. de Sivrac began. It was not long, however, before this machine was replaced by another, or was, perhaps, only renamed. During the French revolution a new form was introduced under the name of velocifere, and its riders became known as velocipedes. In the year 1808 one of these vehicles, shown at the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris, was much used. Eight years later another wheel of similar form came into France, and gained popular favor in the Gardens of the Tuileries; this was the draisine, named from its inventor.

COULD NOT SLEEP.

Mrs. Pinkham Relieved Her of All Her Troubles.

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DEBTS OF THE WORLD.

Total Approximates \$5,830,000,000; Interest, \$220,000,000.

The debts of the world approximate \$5,830,000,000. It was estimated just twenty years ago that the eighteen largest national debts amounted in the aggregate to \$4,563,000,000. A sum of \$1,970,000,000 was allowed for the numerous minor borrowers; and this brought the total indebtedness to about \$4,750,000,000, which means that there has been an increase in the two decades of as much as \$1,080,000,000. There have been in fact two notable increases—thus, the debt of Great Britain has gone down from \$780,000,000 in 1876 to \$645,000,000; that on the United States from \$440,000,000 to \$249,000,000, and that of Germany from \$200,000,000 to \$85,000,000. But the great majority of the old borrowers have been true to human weakness, and have increased their obligations; while a host of smaller peoples have appeared upon the scene. France, an easy first in regard to the aggregate, is also first in regard to the increase, for whereas its debt in 1876 was the equivalent of \$900,000,000, last year it was equal to \$1,280,000,000—a rise of \$380,000,000. Austria-Hungary is second to France in this particular with an increase of \$222,000,000; Russia is third with an increase of \$100,000,000; and Italy fourth with an increase of \$124,000,000. The fluctuations in the principal debts in the periods under discussion are shown in the following table, from which the millions (000,000) are omitted:

Country	1876	1896	Inc. Dec.
France	900	1,280	380
Great Britain	780	645	135
United States	440	249	191
Germany	200	85	115
Austria-Hungary	375	333	42
Spain	340	500	160
Russia	200	300	100
Italy	180	304	124
Belgium	120	125	5
Canada	20	43	23

Looks Like Murder.

While Lon Lindsay and Zeb Ewart were rowing up the French Broad river, north of Asheville, they observed an object floating upon the water which they soon saw was the body of a child. They rowed to the object, and when within five feet of it he made a grab for it, but it sank. Mr. Lindsay says that it was a child perhaps twelve or eighteen months old. He left several boys in boats to watch for the body to rise, while he and his companion went on to Asheville. Mr. Lindsay suspects that four or five months ago, when he was in the West, he was in the West when war was declared.

Attention Called to North Carolinians.

Senator Fritchard called the White House and called the attention of the President to the part taken by Capt. Thaddeus W. Jones and other North Carolinians in the fight at Santiago. Representative Skinner saw the President in the interest of Sergeant F. M. Cameron, Jr., now at Santiago, who took a prominent part in the fighting there. Sergeant Cameron has been recommended for promotion to a second lieutenant, but was held back because of a slight defect in hearing.

New Buildings to be Erected.

At a meeting of the board of trustees for the Institution of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind in Raleigh a contract was let for the construction of two new buildings. One will be at the white and the other at the colored institution. Each of the buildings will have an industrial department and will also have quarters for the power that furnishes heat for the buildings. The two buildings will cost about \$11,000.

A Klondike Near Charlotte.

A Charlotte negro, who seems to have an unlimited supply of gold, has been arrested by the city authorities, but no criminalizing evidence has been developed against him. He had disposed of several pieces of melted gold to the jewelry shops and also at the mint.

Their Courage on the Wane.

It is reported, since the battle of Santiago, that the negro troops are deserting. Green Evans, of Goldsboro, says all his men have backed out, and several other places report non-appearance of men.

A J. Wood Assigns.

A. J. Wood, of Apex, who conducted a general merchandise store in that place, filed a deed of assignment with the Register of Deeds.

Not a Welcome Visitor.

A nocturnal visitor at the home of Mr. Hancock, of Asheville, created considerable excitement in the servants' quarters. After awakening the household a search was instituted and a live opossum was found and captured.

Weaving on Double Time.

The Enterprise Mill at King's Mountain is running spindles on double time.

A Deadly Scrimmage.

On Roan Mountain, near Asheville, a fight occurred in which Rube Burison was perhaps fatally stabbed and cut, Bill Forbes shot and Dave and John Forbes stabbed. Burison had his throat cut and was stabbed several times in the body. The others were not dangerously wounded.

Wake's School Fund.

Supervisor Norris, of Wako county, in his annual report, says there is about \$4,000 of school funds on hand to be apportioned to the various townships.

A Large Consignment of Tobacco.

Twenty-seven tierces of leaf tobacco were recently shipped from Asheville to London Eng.

Will Avenge His Brother's Death.

"My brother was killed at Santiago and I want to enlist in the army," was the statement of a young man who presented himself at Major Dixon's tent at Camp Dixon, Raleigh.

Repudiate the Contract.

The commissioners of Buncombe county have declared the action of a former board donating certain lands to the Vance Monument Association revoked and annulled.

J. D. Bellamy Nominated.

At the Congressional convention of the Sixth district, held at Wilmington, J. D. Bellamy was nominated for Congress on the first ballot, receiving 236 votes.

Pays Well.

The first two days after the war revenue bill went into effect there were \$18,000 taken in at the revenue office at Raleigh from that source alone.

Camara Turned Back.

CAIRO, Egypt (By Cable).—Admiral Camara, the commander of the Spanish fleet which was bound for the Philippine Islands and which recently passed through the Suez Canal, has informed the Egyptian government that he has been ordered to return to Spain.

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