

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE. Near Weldon Dr. A. S. Pendleton meets with a serious accident while riding his bicycle along the canal tow path...

DOMESTIC. J. J. Willis, deputy auditor of the state department has been removed; he was absent 234 days last week...

FOREIGN. The Turkish ministry declares that a state of war exists and orders active measures against Greece...

Serious Injury to a Bicyclist. (Special to The Messenger.) Weiden, N. C., April 17.—Dr. A. S. Pendleton, of Roanoke Rapids, met with a serious accident today...

Base Ball. At Norfolk, Va.: Norfolk ... 3 1 9 1 42 0 0 2—22; 23; 1 Johns Hopkins ... 0 0 0 0 0 1 10 6 Batteries: Seckler, Pfannmiller and Snyder; Swale and Herrick.

Washington, April 17.—The Senators defeated the Bluebirds today by a score of 10 to 6. Washington ... 0 1 3 0 1 1 3 6—10 Richmond ... 0 2 0 0 0 1 3 0—6 Batteries: McKuire and Swaine; Foster and Schmidt.

Newport News, April 17.—The Maryland university baseball club won today's game from Newport News. Score: Maryland ... 2 0 0 0 0 4 0 0—17; 10; 7 Newport News ... 3 0 0 0 0 3 0 0—6; 6; 3 Batteries: Brooks and Ford; Applegate and Blandford and Magee.

Charlottesville, Va., April 17.—The university of Virginia easily defeated Yale this afternoon by the score of 13 to 5. Score: Virginia ... 5 0 7 0 1 0 0 0—13; 8; 4 Yale ... 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—5; 6; 5 Batteries: Collier and McVair; Hecker and Greenway and Finke, Deforest and Bartley.

THE WORST BREAK

THAT HAS YET OCCURRED IN THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEES.

The crevasse at Biggs a mile wide and a Perfect Deluge of Water Pouring Over Several Counties—The Situation Above Improving—The Water in the Delta Receding—Pumping the Water Out of Helena—People and Cattle Threatened With Starvation.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 17.—(Midnight)—An official report says the crevasse at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., is nearly a mile wide at this hour, and the roaring torrent is spreading over the lowlands of Madison parish with startling rapidity...

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—A break in the levee at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., which occurred at 10 o'clock last night, has widened rapidly and tonight a solid stream of water is passing through an opening more than 1,500 feet wide...

At Memphis a fall of one-tenth of a foot is recorded, the gauge registering 35.7 at 7 o'clock. At Cairo, Paducah, Cincinnati and Louisville the rivers continue to fall. A large amount of supplies were forwarded from Memphis today.

The steamer Harbin carried provisions for the people of the Delta to supply the relief stations established there. Lieutenant Carman went on this trip to the Delta with a cargo of supplies for the relief stations at Helena, Port. There will be several new stations visited by the Harbin on this trip.

At Little Rock, Ark., April 17.—Governor Jones today received a telegram from his private secretary, who is distributing funds in the flooded district, stating that a most deplorable state of affairs exists in Monroe county. He estimates that there are 2,000 people and 1,000 head of stock in that county in need of immediate assistance to prevent starvation.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 17.—The crevasse in the Biggs levee, La., about six miles below Delta, which was broken at last reports and rapidly widening. The water is rushing through with a roar like Niagara and day long refugees have been fleeing to this city with their stock and other property.

An English Ad and Answer. Here is an advertisement that recently appeared in an English paper:—"A lady in delicate health wishes to meet with a useful companion. She must be domestic, musical, an early riser, amiable, of good appearance, and have some experience in nursing. A total abstainer preferred. Comfortable home no salary."

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

How Our Governments' Officials Took the News of Declaration of War in Europe. Fears of a General European War to Follow.

Washington, April 17.—The news of the crisis in the Cretan situation was the absorbing topic in official circles here tonight. The bulletins to the Associated Press were taken to the White house and to the members of the cabinet, leading diplomatic representatives and chairmen of the foreign committees in congress...

Secretary Sherman was seen at his residence tonight and shown the bulletins. "It is no surprise to me," said the secretary, "that the news of the crisis in the Balkans should have seemed to make war inevitable and I have expected that result to come. Fortunately, the scene of the reported conflict is so remote that it will have but a little or no concern with the war."

Mr. Sherman's attention was called to the reports some time since that the United States warship Bancroft might be sent as a guardship to the United States minister, Mr. Terrell at Constantinople and the secretary was asked if the war would have little direct effect on us as our interests are so small in that part of the world. But it is of profound importance to Europe and it may yet be the first step toward a conflict involving all Europe.

Representative Grosvenor's Bill Restricting the Service and Requiring Examination of Those Over Whom the Service was Extended While in Office. Washington, April 17.—Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, who made a vigorous attack on the civil service laws in the last congress, today introduced a bill to declare the true intent and scope of the civil service act.

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Russians Refuse to Fire on Cretans. London, April 18.—A dispatch to The Observer from Athens says that four Russian officers who refused to bombard the insurgents on the island of Crete were tried at Sebastopol and acquitted. The Russian crews threatened mutiny if the bombardment was undertaken.

Congressman Milliken Dangerously Ill. Washington, April 17.—Representative Seth L. Milliken, of Belfast, Maine, who has been one of the Pine Tree state's representatives in congress for fifteen years, is dangerously ill at his boarding house in Washington and today such grave symptoms appeared that his wife and daughter have been summoned.

DECLARATION OF WAR.

TURKISH MINISTRY DECLARES A STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

The Turkish Commander on the Frontier Ordered to Assume the Offensive—Several Fierce Engagements Already Had. Turkish Positions Captured by the Greeks—Turkish Assault Last Night on the Greeks at Anafitli—Turkish Troops Hurried to Montenegrin Frontier.

Headquarters of the Greek Army, in Thessaly, Larissa, April 17.—Details of the fighting between the Greeks and Turks, at Nezeros, just within the Greek frontier line, in Thessaly, and due south of Mount Olympus have been received. The fighting originated, according to the Greek reports, in an attempt upon the part of the Turkish forces to occupy an abandoned post of the Greeks.

At 5 o'clock this morning heavy firing between the Turks and the Greeks near Nezeros, was resumed. The Greeks, in the meanwhile, had been brought into play upon the Turkish post at Kotroni. The latter was eventually destroyed with dynamite.

It is reported as this dispatch is sent that the Greeks have occupied three Turkish stations and that the Turks are retreating. Crown Prince Constantine, the Greek commander-in-chief, and General Macris, were up all night dispatching orders to the front. No further news has been received from Macedonia, regarding the movements of the Greek irregulars.

At Athens, April 17.—A telegram from Larissa, dated at 4:30 o'clock p. m., says that firing is still proceeding and that the cannon can be distinctly heard. At 10 p. m.—Orders were sent this afternoon to the Greek troops to keep strictly on the defensive, but to maintain their positions at all costs.

Constantinople, April 17.—The council of ministers after a session at the palace today declared that war had broken out on the frontier. The council of ministers had declared war upon Greece being widely circulated. It was also reported that the council of ministers had decided to recall Assim Bey, the Turkish minister at Athens, to give passports to Prince Maurocordato, the Greek minister at Constantinople.

Athens, April 17.—Midnight—In spite of the fact that official reports indicate that firing on the frontier ceased at midnight, a telegram from Larissa at 7 o'clock in the evening says that firing continued past 4 o'clock this afternoon. The firing extended from Mount Anafitli post to Klephtiki Gontekia a distance equal to ninety miles.

Athens, April 18.—1 a. m.—An official dispatch from Larissa, dated at 9 o'clock last (Saturday) night, says that the Turks under cover of darkness are assaulting the Greek forces at Mount Anafitli, with great fierceness. The Greek resistance, so far, has been magnificent and spirited.

A CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The Chancellor Insisting on Resigning. Naturalized Americans Allowed Only a Brief Stay in Germany—Discussing the Dingley Bill in the German Press.

Berlin, April 17.—Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, the correspondent of the Associated Press understands, in a letter dated from Baden Baden, April 13th, forwarded his resignation to Emperor William. A brisk exchange of telegraphic messages followed. His majesty insisted upon the chancellor retaining office for the present, in spite of the cogent reasons cited in Prince Hohenlohe's letter, urging that his resignation at this juncture would most seriously embarrass the emperor.

As reasons animating him to resign, Prince Hohenlohe urges his inability to carry out his solemn promise to submit to the reichstag and to the diet two bills, one placing the Prussian law regulating political meetings upon a more liberal and modern basis and the other reforming the procedure of military trials.

The socialist Vorwaerts calls attention to Germany's bad faith in the past tariff dealings with the United States and says: "We pretended American products were frauds, denounced American pork and oxen as diseased, and chased American insurance companies out of the country. Since 1890, while reducing our tariff, we have increased the duties on American products, such as cotton seed oil and fats. German workmen do not want a tariff war with America."

The Prussian minister of the interior has issued a new decree, permitting only a brief stay here of any Germans naturalized in America, who returned to this country. They were formerly allowed to remain here permanently, providing no questions of military desertion upon their part were involved.

The naval authorities have just concluded experiments, undertaken with the view of discovering the most suitable to render men-of-war inconspicuous, and have decided to follow the American example and paint their vessels olive-green.

The emperor and the imperial family will remove to the new palace at Potsdam at the beginning of May. The emperor on Tuesday purchased a number of fine American etchings here. While viewing them, his majesty remarked: "Great fellows these Americans. They are the coming great artists of the world."

The Countess of Balmoral. The only benefit which the queen enjoys from her "countess of Balmoral" incognito is that she is dispensed from the necessity of at once returning the calls which are made on her, nor is she embarrassed by state receptions, while her visitors can come to Cimiez in plain clothes, instead of being arrayed in full uniform with stars and ribbons, as would be required if her majesty was staying there as the queen empress.

The Laurada Label Case Postponed. Wilmington, Del., April 17.—Today was the time fixed for hearing the Hibel case against the steamship Laurada, in the United States court here, but as there is still no judge of the court to act the case was postponed until a judge shall have been appointed by President McKinley.

THE ASYLUM CASES

CONTINUED AT INSTANCE OF THE NEW BOARD.

Text of the Federal Supreme Court Decision in the Ohio Express Cases—New Chapel for the Soldiers' Home—Attack on the Local School Tax Law—John Dancy Knocked Out in the District of Columbia Recordership—Eye Witness to Killing of William Manly by a Train.

Before the supreme court this morning it was expected that the cases involving the three hospitals for the insane would be argued. The court had arranged to hear the argument, on the supposition that both sides were ready. But W. H. Day of the counsel for the new boards stated that they were not ready and asked that the matter be deferred until next Monday.

State Treasurer Worth today received the full text of the opinion of the United States supreme court in the Ohio express cases. He will lay the whole matter before the railway commission. It is the plan, according to the opinion, to tax the entire property as a unit and each state get its pro rata. This is the statement which Treasurer Worth makes of the case.

The state auditor today sent a warrant for \$50 to a new agricultural society just established in Forsyth county. The law requires this amount paid to county societies. Work begins next week on a chapel at the soldier's home. It will replace the present very small one, which will then be used as a cottage.

Two years ago the state officials accepted plans for the new records building. It was never built. There is a great need of it. Valuable records are stored in buildings not fire proof, some of them rented. The state has a desirable site for a suitable building.

It is said that the names of 285 pupils to enter the Baptist female university as soon as it is ready for occupancy are already secured. It ought to be completed by next winter. The new state directors of the North Carolina railway are called to meet at Greensboro again July 7th.

Avery Morris, a white man, who has been the engineer at the deaf-mute school at Morganton has created a sensation by running away with a 17-year-old girl, a laundress in the same institution. He deserted a wife and three children. He and the girl, whom he had ruined, were captured at Charlotte.

It is conceded that fire insurance rates on farm property in this state are so high and they have prevented many farmers from insuring. It must be admitted that country risks have not proved a profitable class to most of the companies. The rates are now sure to be reduced and this will please the farmers.