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EGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE. The governor sends to New Bern commissions for five city councilmen; he refused yesterday to give out their names .- The governor appoints three members of the board of directors for the Raleigh insane asylum to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms.

-The senate confirms the nomination of T. R. Purnell .- E. O. Houston is applicant for position of assayer of the mint at Charlotte.-Governor Russell accepts a special invitation to take part in Memorial day exercises in Raleigh .- President Whitman, of Columbian university, Washington, D. C., will deliver the address at Shaw uniersity.-The Raleigh insane asylum board met yesterday; J. D. Biggs was elected president and Dr. Geo. Robinson, of Smithfield, first assistant physician; the election of other officers was indefinitely postponed .- The Winston tobacco board of trade meets to take action against the proposed increase from 6 to 8 cents of the tax en manufactured tobacco. DOMESTIC.

The president appoints Stanford Newell to be minister to the Netherlands .- The state department has received full translation of General Weyler's decree as to collection of mortgage debts in Cuba .- The senate by a vote of 43 to 26 declines to ratify the Anglo-American treaty, the affirmative vote lacking four of the necessary twothirds; Benator Mills made a powerful argument against ratification, which made a visible impression .-- The president had many callers yesterday interested in various appointments; dians bedecked in tribal paint, feathers and colored blankets; there was also a delegation from Georgia in the interest of General Longstreet as railroad commissioner. Secretary Gage will not rescind his order to customs collectors, based on the house retroactive clause in the tariff bill just because the senate committee struck that clause out of the bill .- James Meyer & Co., greeers, of Baltimore, make an assignment.—The Florida legislature took two ballots for senator yesterday. General Miles sails for Greece to observe the operations of war. -- Miss Augusta K. Grady, of Atlanta, was married pesterday to Mr. Eugene R. Black.—The universal postal congress convenes in Washington city .- Supervising Architect Aiken tenders his resignation. The South and West grain and trade congress meets in Kansas City, Mo .- A. G. Spaulding, tional Municipal League meets in Lou-The third annual conference of the National Municipal League meets in Lou-

FOREIGN. The Greek fleet captures a Turkish

schooner in the gulf of Salonica .-

Fighting between Greeks and Turks began yesterday between Velestino and Pharealos .- The Spanish government has ordered the Competitor case to be proceeded with; it is thought the two Americans will be released .--Spanish authorities announce the surrender of neveral Cuban officers; the Spanish gain one or two victories.-The Greeks gain a decided victory over the Turks at Velestino and also repulse them at Pharsalos.-The estimate of the deaths by the bazaar fire in Paris are placed at 143 while some persons say the number will be greater; some bodies will never be found, having been entirely consumed; at 7 o'clock last night ninety-four corpses had been positively identified and there are nineteen bodies still unidentified; only one American perished in the flames.-The Duchess d'Alencon, who

The Senate Committees.

ter of the empress of Austria.

was killed in the Paris fire, was a sis-

Washington, May 5 .- A caucus of the republican senators was held today and the report of the committee on committees adopted. The democrats will hold a caucus tomorrow to make their assignments after which the committee appointments on both sides will be officially announced.

States senator Wednesday. The first resulted: Call 36, Chipley 30, Raney 22, scattering 5; the second ballot: Call 35, Raney 23, Chipley 30, matter-



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#### THE PARIS DISASTER.

DETAILS ADD TO THE HORRORS OF THE ACCIDENT.

The Death Roll Estimated at One Hundred and Forty Three and Even Greater-Nine. ty-Four Bodies Identified-Heart-Rending Scenes at the Mortuary Hall-The Experiences of Some Who Escaped-Only One American Perished.

Paris, May 5 .- A sombre feeling pervades every class of society. The newspapers, without exception, describe the disaster at the grand bazaar decharite in the sober and simple terms befitting so appalling an event. The catastrophe will always be remembered as one of the most fearful that ever befell an European city. Nothing comparable in loss of life has ever occurred here, except the fire which destroyed the opera comique in 1887. Singularly enough, that disaster happened in the same month of the year, and eighty persons were burned to death, while forty-five were officially registered as missing. In aristocratic circles, the numberless dinner parties and other functions of a gayly opening season have been abandoned.

It is now estimated that there were in the neighborhood of 1,200 persons in the building when the fire was discovered, about on-half of whom escaped unhurt. Some estimates place the number of dead at 143, others at a still higher figure.

The amount of administrative negligence surrounding the catastrophe is almost inconceivable. The structure was so combustible that many of the among them were a delegation of In- burned alive, without suffocation. No sort of inspection seemed to have been made in advance by the municipal or police authorities or by the prefect of

Mrs. F. B. Gilmour, of New York, had a narrow escape. She had consented to act as a saleswoman at the stall of Mme Costa Beaureguard. She left the Hotel Terminus, where she was staying, about 1:30 o'clock, accompanying the Vicomtesse Savigny. The sale was going well, when suddenly her maid cried: "Madame, sauvez vous. Voila le feu." (Madame save yourself, There is a fire). Mrs. Gilmour, with wonderful presence of mind, rushed toward the main entrance, but seeing the danger of being trampled to death, she ran back to the rear of the building where she saw a window that opened in the wall, through which she soon reached the street.

Monsignor Clari, the papal nuncio, who had attended to pronuonce his blossing upon the hazaar, says he was talking to the Duchesse d'Alencon at 3:50 o'clock. He adds: "Around me was a group of blind children. Several of these must have perished. My heart is bleeding to think of all those poor creatures. It is too horrible to speak of."

Dr. Nachtel, who has directed the ambulance work, says that the number of bodies found gives a very inadequate idea of the number of victims as dozens were burned completely to ashes.

The Vicomte Damas identified his wife's body by a piece of hair cloth which she wore next to her skin as a member of the third order of St. Fran-

M. Jean Raffaelli, the painter, says: 'My daughter had the mark of a heel stamped into her back. She was trampled in the heap at the door, near the main entrance. Her mother tried to pull her from the blazing fire, but she said: 'It is useless, save yourself as I shall die in any case.' Her monther replied: 'I shall not leave you. I will take you or stay and die with you. Both escaped though severely injured. The Abbe Marbot says the Comtesse Villeneuve returned to search for her two daughters, failed to find them and

perished herself. M. Lopine, the prefect of police who is severely censured for lack of proper supervision of the preparatry arrangements, says in excuse that the patrons and patronesses of the bazaar were reactionists and he feared, if he meddled with their programme, that they would say he was trying to suppress a Roman Catholic enterprise.

M. Faure has received telegrams of condolence from Queen Victoria, the Emperor Nicholas, the Emperor William, King Humbert and other sovereigns, all couched in terms of the deepest sympathy.

The body of the Duchesse d'Alencon has been identified. The secretary of the prefecture, accompanied by the maid of the duchess and a footman belonging to the household of the duke, At Tallahassee, Fla., the joint as- examined the rows of bodies. The two sembly took two ballots for United servants stopped before a blackened and mutilated corpse. They declared that it was the remains of their mistress, and also sent for the dentist of the duchess.

The latter after examining the corpse for half an hour declared it was that

of the duchess. Terrible scenes continued to be enacted at the Palais d'Industrie this afternoon. The mother of the 4-year-old child, Alfred David, one of the victims, arrived during the day for the | duchesse. The empress burst into sobs, purpose of taking the body away with returned to the castle and with her her. It was decided, however, that it two daughters went to her boudoir, was inadvisable to show her the which she has not left since. ghastly remains of her child. When this news was communicated to the unfortunate mother, in a paroxyism of grief she tried to force her wav into the mortuary hall, screaming "I will see my child!" It was found necessary to forcibly remove the poor woman. whose case is one of the most distressing. It appears that Mme David lost her husband a month ago and that her only other child died a fortnight

The unidentified bodies, as well as the jewels recovered from the debris, have been photographed by the Bertillon method and the funeral service of the victims has been fixed for the cathedral of Notre Dame. M. Faure will attend and Pere Richard will probably offi-

At tonight's session of the cabinet it

needy families. The minister of justice communicated to his colleagues the first results of the inquiry into the causes of the fire. The investigating magistrate, M. Bertolu, reports that there was great carlessness and impru-

dence in the principal arrangements for the bazaar.

Former Consul General S. E. Morse said to the representative of the Associated Press this afternoon: "It was singularly fortunate that there was only one American victim. This was indeed remarkable, because just now there is an unusually large number of Americans in Paris. They are generous supporters of such fetes as the grand bazaar de charite, and, more over, it gave them a favorable opportunity of getting into close quarters with the aristocracy and many of the celebrities of Paris.'

Mrs. Porges was the only American victim. She was a Miss Weisweiller. Her daughter accompanied her to the bazaar and escaped uninjured. The Porges family reside in Vienna.

At 7 o'clock this evening, the police officials announced that ninety-four corpse had been positively identified. There are nineteen bodies still unidentified, among which must be those of the Comtesse de Lupe and Mme, Nitit's second daughter, both of who are missing. Viscountess Malezieux, is now placed among those officially identified. that 'his wife an two daughters were among the victims was so prostrated that his life is despaired of.

M. Girard, director of the municipal labratory, reports that the Etherfoot lamps used in the kinematograph set fire to the film, the flames then igniting the apparatus.

Tonight such theatres as are open are almost empty, and the large cafes on the boulevards are practically dedeserted.

London, May 5.-The Times publishes spondent had last evening with the art. White; total 26. of ground behind the bazaar structure. I rushed through this and was soon in the open air though still in an enclosure, I had passed, as it were, under an archway of flames, but was only slightly burned. The hair above my left temple was singed."

## uties for a special credit in aid of the THE ARBITRATION TREATY

FAILS OF RATIFICATION BY THE

Proposition to Ratify Receives Four Votes Less Than the Requsite Two Thirds Majority - Senator Mills' Telling Speech Against the Treaty-Visible Effect on Senators of His Argument-England's Attitude Toward Greece and Armenia Has Its Effect.

Washington, May 5.-The senate today, by the vote of 43 to 26, refused to ratify the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain negotiated by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote. The rules of the senate require a majority of twothirds for the ratification of treaties. Hence four more affirmative votes would have been required to secure favorable result. The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas-Senators Allison, Bacon, Burrows, Caffrey, Clay, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Fairbanks, Faulkner, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gray, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, Lindsay, Lodge, M. Gosse, the notary, on learning, McBride, McEnery, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Nelson, Pasco, Perkins, Platt of Connecticut. Platt of New York, Pritchard, Proctor, Smith, Spooner. Thurston, Turpie, Vest Walthall, Warren, Wellington, Wetmore, Wilson; total 43.

Nays-Senators Baker, Bate, Carter, Butler, Cockrell, Daniel, Hansburg, Harris of Kansas, Harris of Tennessee, Heitfeld, Jones of Arkansas, Jones of Nevada, Kyle, Martin, Mason, Mills, Morgan, Penrose, Pettigrew, Pettus, an interview which its Paris corre- Quay, Rawlings, Roach, Shoup, Stew-

Duchess d'Uzes. She said: "The first | A total of sixty-nine votes was cast, gleam of fire came from a spot but a leaving nineteen senators who did not short distance from where I was stand- respond. The pairs so far as obtaining. I was dazed, so swiftly did the able were as follows, two affirmative flames spread. I can compare it only senators being paired with one negato the bursting of a rocket. There was tive senator in most instances: Chandno such thing in my case as reaching ler and Clark for, with Teller against; the main entrance, but near me was Tillman and Turner for, with Chilton a small door leading to a waste piece against; Sewell and Earle for, with Mantle against. Senator George was paired for the treaty and Senator Berry against it. Pairs were not announced for the following: Aldrich, Cannon, Elkins, Gorman, Murphy, Wolcott, Kenney, and Allen.

The vote was preceded by a short,

#### regard to territorial claims was not well founded.

running character. Senator White remarked that the document was full of illogical propositions and said further-SENATE. more that its syntax would have to

> oughly acceptable. It was evident before the ballot was completed that the motion to ratify would be beaten. The absence of some senators unpaired, who were considered favorable to arbitration, was accepted as an unfavorable indication. The covert opposition to ratification was made very manifest after the vote was announced. Some senators who were recorded among the yeas spoke quite openly of objectionable features, confessing that they had cast their votes in the affirmative in deference to public opinion. Among those who waited in the senate corridors to receive the news was Mr. Michael Davitt, who appeared much pleased at the result.

The remainder of the debate was of a

be improved before it woud be thor-

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, declined to express an opinion for publication, but talked freely with his friends. To them he attributed the defeat to the feeling of dissatisfaction at England's course in the struggle of the Greeks to liberate the island of Crete from Ottoman dominion and in the Armenian massacres and with the "evident" designs of Great Britain upon the Transvaal. At the conclusion of the proceedings,

all of which were in executive session, the senate refused to authorize the publication of the details.

#### NEW BERN COUNCILMEN.

Commissions Issued to the Governor's Appointees-Their Names Refused to the Press-Directors of Raleigh Insane Asylum Appointed.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 5.-Commissions for five councilmen for New Bern were mailed today by the governor. There was a refusal to give their names at that they are men selected by republicans of the various wards and recommended.

The governor appoints James Q. Williams, J. R. Rogers and Jesse B. Ball, all of Wake county, directors of the Central hospital. Three old directors whose terms expire do not propose to hold over and so there is no difficulty as to these new men. Such is the information given out at the executive

#### IN THE SENATE.

Kentucky's New Senator Takes His Seat The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill. To Annul an Order of Ex-President Cleveland's Civil Service.

Washington, May 5.-The open session of the senate today was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill, which was not completed up to the time of adjournment. Among the amendments proposed was one suspending the order of President Cleveland, including many million of acres

as forest reserves. Mr. Deboe, of Kentucky, took the oath of office at the opening of the session and was cordially greeted by his republican associates.

One of the amendments to the sundry civil appropriaton bill, offered by Senator Wilson, of Washington, provoked considerable civil service discussion. It required the appointment of commissioners to classify Northern Pacflic lands in the northwest, "by and with the consent of the senate."

Senator Gorman urged that this was an effort to take the offices out of the civil service. The amendment was finally modified and adopted so that the appointees shall be confirmed by the senate, and all be divided between the political parties.

Senator Gorman remarked that he hoped the provision as to due recognition of the political parties would be carried out in good faith. In certain recent appiontments no attention had been paid to such provisions. Commissioners had been appointed, he said without reference to their party loyalty and party interests.

Senator Morgan offered an amend ment, which was agreed to, appropriat ing \$50,000 for the improvement of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

At 2:10 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Davis, the senate went into members took the oath of office. J. D. The open session was resumed a

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota offered an amendment authorizing the president to suspend the order of President Cleveland withdrawing millions of acres from the public domain and tendants dared place a newspaper at was general that the treaty should be constituting them forest reserves. The

iation of \$150,000 for surveys of thes

In the course of the debate Senator Allison stated that the main portion of the amendment had been prepared by the secretary of the interior under the eye of the president.

Senator Pettigrew added that assurance had been given, he would not say from whom, that if the amendment was adopted the president would suspend the order. In response to a statement by Senator Gorman that a signment today for the benefit of credpoint of order would be made against the itors to Mr. Walter B. Swindell. The amendment, Senator Pettigrew declared | bond has been fixed at \$25,000 and the that if the amendment went out on a point of order he would see that the pending bill did not pass until some relief was given as to the orders creating forest reservations. Final action on the amendment was deferred. At 5:10 o'clock p. m., the senate ad-

Purnell's Appointment Confirmed. Washington, May 5.-The senate in executive session today confiremed the nomination of Thomas R. Purnell, to be United States district judge for the Eastern district of North Carolina E. O. Houston has made application for appointment as assayer, in the mint at Charlotte, N. C.

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## CERTIFICATES OF STOCK

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Convicts Taken to Fayetteville to Testify in a Robbery Case -Charlotte to Erect a "Mecklenburg Declaration" Menument. The Vance Monument Fund-Bribery im Charlotte Municipal Election-No Polltics in School Board Appointments.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel. Raleigh, N. C., May 5.

The state treasurer was today examining some boxes in his department. packed many years ago, and found \$12,-666 of certificates of stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina railway.

Mrs. Russell expects to give at the executive mansion next Friday afternoons a reception to a number of school chil-

Major E. M. Hayes, U. S. A., was appointed by the governor today a commissioner on the part of this state tothe Tennessee centennial exposition. He will go to Nashville this month.

A deputy sheriff took two convicts from the penitentiary to Fayetteville this morning as witnesses in a case of robbery. One of the two is Charles Johnson, of Wake, a notorious criminal. Among today's arrivals are Democratic State Chairman Clement Manly and Marshall Mott.

A monument is to be erected at Charlotte in honor of the Mecklenburg decla ration of independence, and will cost \$2,000, which is in hand.

Funds for the proposed monument or statue to Senator Vance comes in with marked slowness.

J. S. Dunn, of the Forty-sixth North Carolina regiment, declares that six the executive office; but it was learned | men of his company (F.) aided by three or four Croatan Indians, members of Company A, burned the "apple tree" at Appomattox.

It is said that at Charlotte Monday in the municipal election there was an almost open purchase of votes, quotations ranging from \$1-to \$25. The cool weather continues, with

light showers today. There was snow near Shelby Saturday night. C. H. Mebane, state superintendent of public instruction, writes quite a sharp letter to some persons who sought to have him make political ap-

pointments of local boards of the colored normal schools. He declares there must be no politics in the public The board of trustees (or directors) of the insane asylum here (or central hospital) met today. The question at

issue was whether the entire old board was to hold over. R. O. Burton, a very able lawyer, so argued, and cited very strong authorities. The republican side admitted the great strength of his ar-Many prominent Baptists took dinner

here today on their way to the convention at Wilmington. Raleigh sends a strong delegation.

Senator Butler's urges Governor Russell to take up (through the railway commission) at once the reduction of freight and passenger rates in this

### A SPECIAL INVITATION

To the Governor to Attend Memorial Kr ercises-President Whiteman at Shaw University.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., May 5.-Governor Russell accepts a special invitation of the Ladies' Memorial Association here to participate in the memorial exercises next Monday. A salute will be fired by cadets at the south gate of the capital during the movement of the procession to the cemetery.

President Whitman, of Columbia university, Washington, will deliver the annual address before Shawuniversity here.

Meeting of Raleigh Insane Asylum Board-(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 5 .- The board of directors of the insane asylum met as 3 o'clock and organized. Its three new Biggs was elected president. George B. Curtis was elected a member of the executive committee. Dr. George Robinson, of Smithfield, brother of Judge Robinson, was elected first assistant physician, vice Dr. Faison, whose terms had expired. The election of second assistant physian, steward and matron was indefinitely postponed. The board meets again about July 10th. Three old members of the board, John B. Broadfoot, Boykin and R. R. Cotten, retired without contest.

Baltimore Grocers Assign.

Baltimore, May 5.-William B. Meyer and Henry B. Christhif, wholesale grocers, trading at No. 131 Cheapside, as James Meyer & Co., made an asassets are estimated at \$12,500. No estimate has been made of liabilities. Slow collections are said to be the cause of the failure.

To Oppose Increased Tobacco Tax. Charlotte, N. C., May 5.-The Winston, (N. C.) tobacco board of trade met today to protest against the increase in the senate tariff bill of the tax on tobacco from 6 to 8 cents. The board will seek the operation of all North Carolina and Virginia tobacco manufacturers in opposing the increase.

TendersiHis Resignation.

Washington, May 5.-William Marting Aiken, of Ohio, supervising architect of the treasury has tendered his resignation to secretary Gage to take effect July 1st. a and and additional action

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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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A dispatch to The Times from Paris spirited debate, introduced by Senator of the bazaar, admitted last evening that the arrangements was evidently ill made, adding: "We ought to have foreseen that such a disaster as this was possible, but the stalls have been increasing every year and we were very anxious not to lose an inch of

Sister of Empress of Austria Among the Paris Victims.

London, May 5.-A dispatch to The Times from Vienna says: "Not until this morning, (Wednesday) had the Emperor and Empress of Austria heard that the Duchess D'Alencon was among the victims. The Empress was devotedly attached to her sister and is completely overcome by the bereavement. The dinner which was to be given to the queen regent and the queen of Holland at the Chattau Lainez where the emperor and empress are staying has been canceled. The empress has been weeping all

day over the loss of her favorite siter. and declines to receive food or nourishshe did not find it in its usual place she called for it and opened it, trembling with anxiety. She could not believe that her sister, the Duchess d'Alencon was more than injured. After breakfast she went for her usual walk in the deer park surrounding the fairy-like Castle Lainez. She went alone. Before she returned to her room she had received a telegram from her sister, the Comtesse Trani, who is in Paris, confirming the news of the death of the

Marriage of Miss Augusta Grady. Atlanta, Ga., May 5.-Miss Augusta King Grady, the only daughter of the late Henry W. Grady, was married today at noon to Eugene R. Black The wedding occurred at the First Methodist church and the ceremony was performed by Dr. W. W. Landrum, pas-tor of the First Baptist church. The bridal party was entertained at breakfast by Mrs. Henry W. Grady at her

home on Ponce de Leon circle. General Miles Sails for Greece.

New York, May 5.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., accompanied by Captain Maus, of his staff, sailed today for Southampton. General Miles is going to observe the military operawas decided to ask the chamber of dep. Turkey. \_\_\_\_ that the objection of inconsistency in if it falls to ours. 25c.

says that Michael Heine, the manager Mills, of Texas, who made a strong appeal to the senate against ratifying the agreement. He asserted that as amended the document was most objectionable, not to say contradictory in terms. He pointed out especially he provisions for the settlement of controversies in regard to territorial claims and asserted that, whereas the amendment adopted by the senate to the first article of the treaty declared against their inclusion, the sixth and eighth articles made provision for them. He held that as long as these articles remained unchanged England justly could claim that questions of territorial rights were still included within the scope of the treaty. Under such circumstances, he asked, what was to prevent England from purchasing the island of Cuba or any other American territory and, in case of objection on the part of the United States, insisting upon the reference of the dispute to ar- 4:20 o'clock p. m., and the consideration bitration? He spoke of the conduct of of the sundry civil bill resumed. England in connection with the Graeco-Turkish war and implored the senate to protect the United States against the proposed alliance. The speech made ment. This morning none of the at- a visible impression and the opinion her majesty's breakfast table. When amended so as to repair the inconsist- amendment also proposed an approency explained.

Senator Tillman asked that time be given for such an amendment. Owing, however, to the fact that the senate was under agreement to vote a 4 o'clock there could be no postponement except by unanimous consent.

Senator Carter, who has from the first been one of the most and and effective opponents of the treaty, interposed objection. He said he would put no obstacle in the way of the postponement of the vote until another day. but if the vote was to be taken today he would insist upon it at the specified time. He made a very pungent speech in opposition. He said there could be no doubt of the partiality of the government and the people of the United States towards the settlement of disputes by arbitration and that for this reason here never would be any difficulty in securing an agreement for arbitration of any specific dispute with any nation, but it was not necessary for our people to tie themselves in an agreement of uncertain scope and purport, especially with a country which had shown itself so completely out of sympathy with the feelings of the people of the United States by the position England had taken in European af-

fairs . Senator Hoar replied briefly, going over the general argument in favor of tions in the war between Greece and the treaty and contending especially