

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE STATE.

In the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday the questions of women in the pulpit and prohibition were discussed...

DOMESTIC.

The administration has determined to go slow as to Cuban matters. Friday's occurrence in Madrid seem to have frightened the powers that be...

REIGN.

Hawaii is making pretense of desiring annexation with England. If the United States abrogates the sugar treaty...

Salern Female College Commencement.

(Special to the Messenger.) Winston, N. C., May 22.—Tonight was seniors' first evening in the ninety-first annual commencement exercises of Salern Normal college...

Hawaii Coquetting With England.

Boston, Mass., May 22.—Private advices received in Boston from Honolulu say: It has leaked out that the proposed visit of Hon. S. M. Damon and Major Iaukea...

Five Boys Drowned.

Chicago, May 22.—Five small boys were drowned in that portion of the south branch of the Chicago river as "Mud Lake" this afternoon while trying to cross the stream on an improvised raft...

Tony Ryan Wants to Fight.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 22.—"Tommy" Ryan today deposited \$500 for a bout with "Kid" McCoy, at 154 pounds, Tommy West at any weight, or any other 145 pound man in the world...

DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF

SENATORIAL CAUCUS AS TO THE COURSE TO BE PURSUED.

Agreement to Move to Strike out the Internal Revenue Clause—Opposed to Increase of Tax on Beer and Tobacco—To Make no Unnecessary Delay in Passage of the Bill—Opposition to Substitute for the Entire Bill.

Washington, May 22.—The democratic senators held a caucus today and decided to inaugurate their fight upon the tariff bill as soon as the bill is taken up in the senate...

The discussion on other features of the tariff bill was only desultory and a discussion beyond that stated was not reached. The sugar schedule was the subject of frequent remark...

Senator Gorman urged the advisability of the introduction of a substitute for the entire bill, and made a speech in support of the proposition...

The democrats expect that disagreements will develop among the republicans in the senate...

At the conclusion of the caucus Senator Gorman, chairman, gave out the following statement concerning it: The conference of democratic senators was held today, and it was unanimously agreed by them that, notwithstanding the delay in furnishing the comparative statements...

The democrats were further unanimously of the opinion that they would oppose the increased tax on beer, tobacco, cigars and other items embraced in the internal revenue schedules...

Senator Aldrich, of the republican majority of the senate finance committee, expressed the opinion, when informed of the decision of the democrats to move to strike out the internal revenue part of the bill...

General Miles Ordered to London.

Washington, May 22.—By direction of the president, Secretary Alger today sent a cable message to Major General Miles, commanding the army, who is now at Constantinople...

THE PRESBYTERIANS

The General Assembly Discusses Women in the Pulpit and Prohibition.

Charlotte, N. C., May 22.—In the assembly this morning the committee on bills and overtures made a partial report. They recommended that women be forbidden the use of pulpits for public addresses to mixed audiences...

At 3:30 o'clock the discussion of the morning as to women was resumed. Dr. Smoot made a strong and witty address in opposition. He regards women lecturing from the pulpit as unscriptural and degrading...

The discussion included a number of lengthy speeches and occupied a great part of the day. Dr. Beatty, from whose presbytery (West Lexington, Ky.) the question came up, offered a substitute "that the assembly refer overtures to former clear deliverances which settle the principles and which should guide us in all our churches, sessions and in our procedure."

The vote being called for, the substitute was carried by a vote of 71 to 62. The communication from the prohibition party of North Carolina in reference to some utterances of the assembly along this line provoked heated argument...

The report of the committee was, after much debate and discussion adopted. Dr. Dabney addressed the assembly this afternoon on ministerial education...

Mr. Finley Denies the Charges.

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.—Vice President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, denies the statement that the Pennsylvania road forced the Southern and the South Carolina and Georgia railroads to withdraw rates on vegetables from South Carolina to eastern cities by the Baltimore and Ohio...

Imported Laborers at Homestead Attacked

Pittsburg, Pa., May 22.—Enraged that work which they believed should have been given to them instead of imported labor, a half hundred idle men at Homestead last night laid siege to two large shanties in which were sleeping an equal number of Italians...

Delegates of Postal Congress on an Excursion.

Old Point Comfort, Va., May 22.—The delegates to the universal postal congress, who came down here this morning on the steamer Charlotte from Baltimore spent the day cruising about the waters here. There are 130 in the party and all were enthusiastic over the trip...

Turks Disregard the Armistice.

Athens, May 22.—A telegram received from the crown prince confirms the news that the reported advance of the Turks after the arrangement of the armistice and the occupation and fortification of strategic points half an hour distant from Lamia, giving a great advantage to the Turks in the event of the renewal of hostilities...

DIPLOMATS NOW AT WORK.

THE GRAECO-TURKISH CONTROVERSY REACHES THIS STAGE.

Negotiations Expected to Last for Some Time—The Sultan's Policy in Acceding to the Czar's Request for Armistice, Greece's Reason for Opposing an Indemnity—Strong Feeling Against the Greek Royal Family—Serious Epidemic of Disease Threatened.

London, May 22.—The Graeco-Turk trouble has now fairly entered upon its diplomatic bargaining stage and the negotiations are expected to last for some time. Many important differences have to be settled and the sultan of Turkey may be counted upon to drag the affair along as much as possible...

The Greeks insist that if an indemnity is imposed upon them there will be a general collapse and serious internal troubles will occur. They estimate the damage done to Thessaly at 25,000,000 drachmas and they say another 10,000,000 drachmas will be needed to supply the royal family of Greece...

Advices from the scenes of the recent fighting mention the possibility of a serious epidemic of disease when the heat increases and the putrid air of the trenches and horses left rotting in every ditch. The popular feeling at Athens against the royal family of Greece does not diminish. The stories of the "excessive prudence" of Crown Prince Constantine at the front have done much to weaken the monarch's position...

The correspondent of the Eclair, of Paris, at Athens says: "The people are violently in opposition to the king and against the royalties and groups loudly discuss them in the streets. Upon the boat from Stilla, to Athens, we heard a Greek sailor and a Greek peasant quarrel against the king and not one of the 300 passengers, including officers, lifted a voice in defense of the monarch."

Much interest has been aroused by the publication of an advertisement offering 500 pounds (\$2,500) reward for the return of a Spanish coat of arms and a medallion of Don Carlos, inscribed on the obverse side. It is supposed to have been lost in Scotland and great secrecy was at first displayed about the matter. It now transpires that a party of distinguished gentlemen in London to witness the jubilee celebration. One member of the party is a handsome lady, 27 years of age, who from girlhood, has been a devotee of the cause of Don Carlos...

The Pooling Bill Before the Senate Committee. Washington, May 22.—The senate committee on inter-state commerce was in session for almost three hours today considering the pooling bill. Owing to the fact that several members of the committee were absent no final conclusions were reached...

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A Negro School Burned.

Montgomery, Ala., May 22.—Barber memorial school for negro girls, located at Anniston, Ala., the gift of a woman from the north as a memorial to her dead husband, was destroyed by fire early this morning. There was but a limited water supply and the building was at the mercy of the flames. But little of the furniture was saved and the loss is about \$45,000, with insurance of \$4,500. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The school had been established about eight months and had fifty pupils.

A MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Political Affairs in Germany—The Emperor Again Startles the People of Europe.

Berlin, May 22.—Another ministerial crisis has grown out of the curious manner in which the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, nominally fulfilled his solemn promise in introducing a bill for the abolition of the most illiberal paragraph of the old law of associations. The bill introduced in the diet is purely reactionary, its provisions placing all political meetings and associations wholly and exclusively under police control...

The two days debate in the reichstag was the most exciting and interesting of this session. The speakers expressed themselves with energy and fearlessness on the emperor's reactionary tendencies which created a sensation throughout Germany. Emperor William and his family stayed nearly a week at Weisbaden, where a series of elaborately prepared and magnificently mounted performances at the theatre have been given. On Monday the imperial family had with them in the imperial box the grand duke and grand duchess of Hesse. The public appearance of the young couple was evidently brought about in order to silence the scandal about their reported separation and the emperor took pains to publicly show his affection for both the grand duke and his wife...

At a banquet in the castle of Weisbaden on Tuesday Emperor William, in toasting the czar, created astonishment by referring to the latter as "My dearest friend," a term hitherto only used by his majesty when speaking of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. The present of the sultan of Turkey to Emperor William, a large collection of costly, ancient Turkish weapons, has been placed on view in the royal arsenal of Berlin. The Munich Eris Presse issue of yesterday, was confiscated on account of an editorial satirizing the emperor and its editor was arrested in bed at midnight. Paul Potter, representing the heirs of the late George Du Maurier has arrived in Berlin to take the proceeds of the unauthorized use of his play and other versions of "Trilby" now being performed, four of them in Berlin and many at the provincial theatres.

The Concert of the Powers. Paris, May 22.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Hanotaux dwelt upon the good results the concert of the powers had already effected and said: "We have now arrived at the moment when it has become more necessary to use moderation and reason in order that the victory of humanity should prevail. The supreme object of the powers was to maintain general peace. Although they had been unable to prevent the war between Turkey and Greece, they succeeded in localizing it, and now, as is the duty of the concert, they are striving to bring about the feat of the vanquished. The maintenance of general peace and the status quo in the east, a pacific and unanimous mediation in behalf of moderation and autonomy for Crete, is the outcome which Europe seeks to promote by pacific means. The president of the mediation committee has already been submitted and we have no doubt that, in view of their unanimity, Turkey will bow to the will of Europe and renounce excessive claims. In any case, the governments of the powers are solicitous, above all, to maintain their agreement and to avoid quarrels with one another. To this the government of France proposes to devote itself, conjointly with the concert. We must, however, be on our guard against any difficulties beset every step. Nevertheless, we must hope the councils of reason will prevail. The powers are unanimous; the Balkan states have always yielded to advice given on all sides and the sultan has hearkened to the appeal of the concert and great secrecy was at first displayed about the matter. It now transpires that a party of distinguished gentlemen in London to witness the jubilee celebration. One member of the party is a handsome lady, 27 years of age, who from girlhood, has been a devotee of the cause of Don Carlos. She missed the bracelet after a visit to Daly's theatre on Monday. A great raised and the bracelet was searched. The lady was reluctant to call in the services of the police, as she was afraid of the scandal which might be caused by the bracelet being given her by a would be king, and if it were known that she had brought it to England several persons would get into serious trouble. The name of the lady is still concealed, but it is evident she is on terms of close intimacy with Don Carlos."

The sub- was then dropped.

Determined to Go Slow as to Cuban Matters

Washington, May 22.—To set at rest the common expectation that a more or less sensational report upon the situation in Cuba is looked for any day by the president, it may be stated that it is not a part of the understanding under which Mr. Calhoun went to Havana that he is to make a report by mail, or, indeed, at all, until he returns to Washington, and then his observations may be communicated to the president verbally and not in an official form, for it is a fact that Mr. Calhoun's only official duty is an investigation of the Ruiz case. Speaker Reed was at the state department today and conferred for some time with Secretary Sherman, presumably touching the legislative prospects of the Morgan resolution. An interview between the president and Senator Burrows, who has taken a strong position in resistance to the resolution at this time, gives evidence that the Cuban situation is still occupying a large share of the attention of the administration. The stormy events at Madrid yesterday have not escaped observation, and there is some apprehension of reflex action in Cuba.

The Refracting Sea Seal Fisheries.

London, May 22.—The report of Professor Darcy Thompson upon his mission to Bering sea in 1896 to inquire, in behalf of the British foreign office, whether the present restrictions of the Bering sea fishing are sufficient for the protection and well being of seal life, has been issued as a parliamentary paper. Professor Thompson believes that the alarming statement in recent years, giving accounts of immense decrease in the number of the prophesying their approaching extinction, are overdrawn and untenable, but there is still abundant need of care and prudent measures of conservation. It is easy to believe that the margin of safety is narrow, if not already to some extent exhausted. "We may hope for the perpetuation of the present numbers," says Professor Thompson, "but cannot count upon an increase." It is his earnest hope that recognition of mutual interests and regard for common advantage will suggest measures of prudence which will keep the pursuit and slaughter within definite bounds.

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AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

A COTTON GROWER'S CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN TEXAS.

Invitation From Governor Culberson to Governors of Cotton States to Appoint Delegates—To Try to Prevent Gamblers' Futures Controlling the Market—Additions to the State Museum—To Dedicate the Reade Memorial Chapel—Programme of the Teachers' Assembly.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., May 21.

Governor Russell received a letter from Governor Culberson, of Texas, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Texas legislature empowering him to call a cotton growers' convention at Galveston August 2nd. He has issued a proclamation and asks the governor of each of the cotton growing states to appoint two agents at large and one for each congressional district. He asks that, in view of the great importance of the convention, the selection be of gentlemen sure to attend. Aside from the vast interests involved and the benefits accruing from the gathering, Governor Culberson says delegates may be assured that they will be heartily welcomed and cordially entertained during their stay in Galveston—a city noted for its hospitality.

The resolution is a stirring one. It says over 65 per cent. of the world's cotton is grown in the south; that the industry is being depressed by speculators, who control the product and the own interest. By offering for sale fictitious cotton called futures at prices uniformly less than the current spot cotton market, cotton which they do not intend and are not compelled to deliver, they force the mill men to withdraw from the market and then do away with competition, leaving cotton at the mercy of dictatorial prices. Raw cotton, which should sell for not less than 50 per cent. of the prices of the manufactured article, is sold at 400 to 1,400 per cent. more. There is no over-production. The purpose of the convention is to develop and amend the current legislation in the cotton growing states, to relieve cotton from speculation and gambling in futures and to suppress unlawful interference with the cotton trade.

The state treasurer says the state convention of benefactors will be held at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, about August 1st.

At the state museum there were received today from Beaufort five specimens of the hammer-headed shark, a hornet-headed shark, several species of sting rays, the butterfly ray, etc. Some of the republicans have taken various ways to make it appear that the penitentiary was not self-supporting last year, but they cannot disprove the fact.

Governor Russell expects to go to the Tennessee exposition June 1st. In that case he will not attend the state university commencement.

The Woman's Exposition of the Carolinas, at Charlotte, now in progress, is certainly in all respects admirable. Really, it is the work mainly of the women of the state, and they are doing it in the state could have equalled it. It has the merit and dimensions of a state exposition.

The dispensaries at Rutherfordton and Louisburg go into effect week after next.

The white marble headstones to be placed at the graves of the North Carolina soldiers at Winchester, Va., are being cut and lettered here. They are nearly completed.

The programme of the North Carolina teachers' assembly, for its fourteenth annual session, was finished yesterday at Morehead City, Va., and the year two programmes. The department programme was prepared to furnish teachers with something practical and of real professional value—something which they can carry home with them and use in their school rooms, as well as the general discussions that may be gained by their discussions. Half of each daily session is to be devoted to professional work. These morning hours are intended to give plans for the future thought and study as well as practical instruction on the various subjects. These departments are in charge of teachers of distinguished ability and experience, who are authority on the subjects entrusted to them. They are not vague theorists of the ultra-professional type, but they are men and women who have successfully worked out in their own school rooms the methods they will present.

The general programme is probably the most comprehensive ever prepared. The speakers are all well known to the teachers of our state. They represent every department of our educational system. The subjects to be discussed will interest all teachers and intelligent citizens.

The department programme is as follows: Primary department, Mrs. M. O. Humphrey, Goldsboro graded schools; primary reading, Professor Edward F. Moses, Winthorpe normal college, South Carolina; essentials in vocal reading, J. H. Synnot, principal high school, Reidsville; outline work in vertical writing, Miss Minnie Sloumb, Goldsboro graded schools; essentials in arithmetic, President James Dinwiddie, Pease Institute, Raleigh; the art of teaching of grammar, Superintendent E. S. Sheppe, Reidsville public schools; geography, Professor E. B. Lewis, Fellow American Geographical Society, New York city; Superintendent E. P. Mangum, Wilson graded schools; nature studies, Professor Massie, national Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Professor Potat, Wake Forest college; English literature and composition, Professor B. F. Sledde, Wake Forest college; nine lectures on the colonial history of North Carolina, Dr. J. S. Bassett, professor of history, Trinity college; civics and school law, Professor N. Y. Guley, law and political science, Wake Forest college; vocal music by Professor Charles J. Brockman, manager Greensboro music school.

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