

TELEGRAPH SUMMARY.

THE STATE. Attorney general still maintains railroad commission has no jurisdiction over the matter of rentals...

DOMESTIC.

Treasury department receives three million \$10 pieces from Danville. There is much of this spurious coin...

Between England and France Predicted

W. J. Bryan was the chief speaker in a speech in circulation chiefly to a arraignment of Secretary Gage...

Goldboro's Rice Mill

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RUSSELL'S STAR CHAMBER

INQUIRY ESTABLISHED BY RAILWAY COMMISSION

Colonel Andrews, Private Secretary Miller and Messrs. Munson and Potts, of the Southern Railroad interrogated as to Granting Free Passes—They Relying Upon Their Rights, Refuse to Answer, and are Adjudged in Contempt of the Commission

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 8.—The session today was the examination at the railway commission office, which began at 10 o'clock.

F. H. Busbee, of counsel for the Southern, contended that under the constitution it was not permitted the commission to ask any man whether he is guilty of a misdemeanor, that its province is merely to negotiate rates.

Mr. Busbee insisted that the commission could not ask a question for one purpose and make it necessary for the grand jury to investigate the evidence.

Chairman Caldwell said this investigation was being pressed under section 8 of the railway commission act; that this gives the commission the right to visit railway offices and see if the rates are kept; that there is no prejudice to any witness.

The commissioners, after a few moments, made their decision. Dr. Abbott said he did not consider that the commission had the authority it was assuming.

Mr. Busbee asked if Munson would not be, as is customary, placed in custody of the counsel until he conferred with him.

Colonel Andrews, who arrived at 7:30 o'clock this morning, was served with subpoenas and at 10 o'clock was before the commission, as was also his secretary, Henry Miller.

Potts was examined after Munson and said he had not time to find his books, as he was subpoenaed late last evening.

Colonel Andrews was the next witness and in reply to a question said the record of passes issued during the past three years was kept, but that he did not know where it was; that the records were usually sent to Washington at the first of the year; that no passes had been issued since the end of the year save to directors and editors, attorneys and employees.

Potts was the last witness. He declined to produce the records as requested.

The commission announced that it would not act today, but cited Andrews, Miller, Munson and Potts to appear at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning and show cause why they should not be attached for contempt of court.

Commissioners Pearson and Caldwell informed Colonel Andrews that similar action as to the inquiry about free passes had been taken against all other railroads and declared the commission had no hostility towards the Southern.

HANNA HOPEFUL

INDICATIONS POINTING TO HIS ELECTION

Two of the Opposition Jock the Hanna Party, which they claim, gives them a Majority—The "Combine" Still Claiming His Defeat Certain—Turbulence in the Democratic Ranks—Serious Disturbances on Monday Fared—Precautions Taken to Protect Governor Bushnell

Columbus, O., January 8.—Senator Hanna thinks tonight that his election is sure. His managers say they see the necessary 73 votes for him; that the tide of popular sentiment will make his vote larger than is necessary next Tuesday.

One week ago tonight the Hanna tickets for the organization of the legislature were defeated in the republican caucus. On last Monday the senate was organized by a vote of 19 to 17 and the house by 56 to 53 against him, a total of 75 to 70 against Hanna.

The opposition concede the loss of the representative from Montgomery, only, and claim that they still have votes to spare in defeating Hanna.

During the day bets were posted at the Neil house, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 or any parts thereof, even money, on the election of Hanna, and other private wagers were offered, but none were taken.

Reports from indignation meetings in the counties today and tonight are pouring into the Hanna headquarters. These meetings of the clubs, county committees and other organizations, at which speeches are made and resolutions adopted against Governor Bushnell, the bolting republican members and others, will not be continued unless there is a dead lock next week.

The ceremonies for the inauguration of Governor Bushnell occur at noon Monday next and the mass meeting is announced for 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The state committee explains that many who will be here on Monday expect to leave on the evening train and that no later hour could be fixed for the meeting, at which strong resolutions will, no doubt, be adopted against the newly inaugurated governor.

It is now urged by the resolutions of many indignation meetings that Mr. Kurtz resign as the Ohio member of the republican national committee.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach discharging food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late.

The Chicago Market. Chicago, January 8.—Wheat averaged easier today, over a moderate range. Trading, though not especially heavy, was of a nervous character and caused many quick changes.

A Condemned Murderer Respite. Richmond, Va., January 8.—John Jackson, who was to have been hanged at Abingdon today, for the murder of his cousin, has been respited for ninety days.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddle's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Bitters, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles.

A SEVERE ARRAIGNMENT

At the Hon. Jackson Day Banquet in Chicago—How William J. Bryan is the Chief Speaker—He Makes a Vigorous Attack Upon the Financial Policy of Secretary Gage

Chicago, January 8.—A host of democrats, quite a number of them from Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin, celebrated Jackson Day by a banquet at the Tremont house this evening.

Mr. Bryan held a reception in the hotel parlors and shook hands with a large number of callers. Nearly 500 were seated at the banquet.

It is especially fitting that at this time the American people should recall the name of Andrew Jackson and gather inspiration and encouragement from his public career.

Mr. Gage, is eminently fit to be the instrument of the financiers in their effort to complete the scheme of the present twenty-four year ago and continued without interruption until the present day.

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JOHN BULL'S CONSOLATION

HE SAYS KIAO CHOU IS A VERY UNDESIRABLE LOCATION

Efforts to Draw the United States Into the Eastern Question—England to Allow the Exclusive Concessions by China, Korea and France Fearing an Anglo-Japanese Alliance—Activity in British Advance Upon the Nile—To Reopen the Maybach Case

London, January 8.—The disclosure of the details and terms of the acquisition of Kiao-Chou bay by Germany momentarily scared the British public, which, however, now regards Germany's move with all the more equanimity as, in the opinion of persons intimately acquainted with China, Kiao-Chou bay is of little commercial value and will only be a series of huge expense for the "German Jameson."

A conclusive illustration of the attitude of the British government is furnished by the presence of warships of Great Britain at Cempulo and at Port Arthur, and it is likely to be further demonstrated by the sending of ships to Kiao-Chou bay.

In well-informed circles it is asserted that it is not likely Great Britain will formally protest against Germany's acquisition of Kiao-Chou bay to Germany, but will confine herself to the significant hint given in the movements of her fleet, that she intends to claim equal share of all China's concessions in regard to all sea-ports, "leased or looted," as being additional treaty ports.

The specter reveals in the statement that the United States is inclined to support the British demand that no exclusive privileges be granted to any individual power in China, and says: "Nothing short of a direct equal share of all China's concessions in regard to all sea-ports, 'leased or looted,' as being additional treaty ports."

A suggestive piece of news is that Japan has purchased two cruisers of 3,000 tons each, which have been building in England for China.

The official statement that the military tactics in Egypt are purely defensive is not credited. The real activity is manifested in all quarters. Immense supplies of ammunition and food are being forwarded to the front and it is whispered in military circles that this means that the ministers desire to meet Parliament with Khartoum in their hands, so that a triumph in Africa may offset the blunders in India.

A letter has been received from a British officer serving in the Sudan, who says since July the Deverishes have killed over 2,000 of the Jaalin tribe and he adds that the women and children homeless and starving number 5,000. They have dragged themselves to Berber, he continues, "where we have scarcely sufficient food for our own needs."

The Statist expresses the opinion that the fact that a resolution has been introduced in congress to pay the interest on the United States debt either in gold or silver indicates that there is little chance of any reform of the currency by the present congress.

The foreign trade of Great Britain during 1897 was the largest in history. The exports, imports and re-exports amounted to 2,745,423,000. The increase was entirely on imports and re-exports, the decline in exports amounting to 25,750,000.

The case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick will perhaps be re-opened shortly in another form.

The Swedes seem inclined to take advantage of Russian pre-occupation in the far east to re-open hostilities with Norway. When the relations between the two countries were strained, in 1886, it became evident that Russia was inclined to aid Norway, in exchange for tession if Finnmark, including the port of Hammarfest.

The appointment of ex-King Milan as commander-in-chief of the Serbian army has caused a sensation. In well-informed circles the opinion is expressed that the appointment was necessary as the Serbian army, which has great admiration for the former king, is assuming an independent attitude. The course of affairs in Serbia indicates that King Alexander may ere long retire in favor of his father.

A Steamer and Crew Lost

Marseilles, January 8.—The steamer reported to have foundered, which will hands, on Thursday last, off Baidak, about twenty-five miles west of this port, turns out to the French steamer Louis, from Cardiff for Marseilles, with coal. She was wrecked on January 1st, however, and her crew, consisting of fifteen men, were all lost. Four bodies have already been recovered from the wreck.

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