

LOSES POWER

Appeal to Members of House to Uphold Dignity of that Body

BOURKECOCHRAN

An Impassioned Speech in the House Reopens the Question of the Legislative Authority by Executive Order—There is Decline in the Dignity of the House and the Members Should Reassert Their Rights—Several Supporters Defend the President and Approve His Course.

The recent executive order of the President relating to the disability today furnished an opportunity for an impassioned speech by Mr. Bourke Cochran, of New York, a member of the House.

Mr. Cochran's speech was one of the most powerful ever made in the House, and the galleries were filled with people.

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the highest of compliments that can be paid to a man by any Congress in our political history."

"You tell us Mr. Cleveland did it, and therefore it must be regular. If this act was committed by Mr. Cleveland," he said, "the confidence which he enjoys adds to its danger and does not lessen it."

The President and Secretary of the Interior found warm supporters in Messrs. Dalzell, Grosvenor, Gibson, Calderhead, Lacy, and Hepburn.

The debate was upon a resolution introduced by Mr. Cochran directing the committee on the judiciary to investigate the recent pension order.

Three Republicans, Messrs. Cushman, of Washington; Littlefield, of Maine; and McCall, of Massachusetts, voted with the Democrats against tabling the resolution.

The House adjourned until tomorrow, when eulogies will be delivered on Representative Burke and Foerderer, of Pennsylvania.

EX-QUEEN ISABELLA DEAD.

Was Grandmother of King Alfonso—Her Daughters Were With Her When the End Came.

Paris, April 9.—Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, grandmother of King Alfonso, died here at 9:45 o'clock this morning of influenza with complications.

The Infantas Isabella Eulalie and Marie, daughters of the late queen, were at the bedside when she died.

It is understood that King Alfonso will not come to the funeral of his grandmother, King Francis, who died in April 1902.

The deceased queen had been one of the conspicuous figures of Paris since she left Spain, after her abdication, in 1870.

AN ATTACK ON THE BIBLE

Canon Henson Questions the Future of the Bible—Sir Oliver Lodge Suggests Reinterpretation of the Christian Doctrine.

London, April 9.—Canon Henson, one of the chief dignitaries of Westminster Abbey and a select preacher of both Oxford and Cambridge universities, has raised a storm of criticism by an article in the Contemporary Review, in which he entered into the question of the future of the Bible.

In this article, Canon Henson impugns the inspiration of the Old Testament, referring to its "incredible, puerile and demoralizing narratives," which are regarded as being a "pack of lies, too gross for toleration."

Letters, interviews and resolutions by church and lay bodies, denouncing Canon Henson followed the onslaught.

MAKES REPLY

Mr. Spooner Answers Democratic Strictures on His Party

DEFENDS MANY

He Approved of the Course of the Postmaster-General in Connection With the Irregularities in His Department—He Declared That the President Was Firm in His Determination to Enforce the Law, and Said the Recent Old Age Pension Order Was No Violation of Law.

Washington, April 9.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Spooner took occasion to reply to the Democratic strictures upon the conduct of the postoffice department, and before he concluded that, traversed quite an extensive political field.

Mr. Spooner expressed surprise that Mr. Simmons, for instance, should have said that the postoffice department inquiry was "spontaneously begun."

Mr. Spooner said that every word spoken against Mr. Payne in a recent debate in the House stung the postmaster-general like a lash.

The Wisconsin Senator condemned what he called a slander against Mr. Payne in relation to sending to Congress charges against the president.

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there is no class, high or low, rich or poor, who will be excluded from the benefits of the law or to be trampled upon by it."

Mr. Lodge made a statement in connection with the postoffice bill on the subject of cancelling machines. No progress was made on the bill.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was partially read, but further consideration was postponed on the suggestion that the conferees had inserted provisions that had not been passed on by either house.

Mr. Patterson made a brief addition to his speech of yesterday on the Chinese question. Final consideration was given to the bill for the aid of the Portland (Oregon) exposition and the Philippine coastwise shipping by accepting the House amendments.

The best informed military circles no longer anticipate a Japanese landing at the head of the Liao-Tung gulf. They believe the Japanese have missed their opportunity, the Russians being now too strong.

A Russian officer who accompanied the Japanese armies during the war with China said: "I witnessed the Japanese landing at Wei-Hai-Wei. It was excellently performed, but there was no enemy offer of resistance, the Chinese having fled. Yet it required four days to disembark 21,000 men."

The opinion now is that the Japanese will try a flanking movement from Taku-Shan, west of Antung, at the head of the Gulf of Korea, in connection with their advance on the Yalu river, but the authorities here make no display of nervousness.

General Kuropatkin's visit to New Chwang has inspired boundless confidence. The commander-in-chief ordered 10,000 reserves to reinforce this position.

Paris, April 9.—A dispatch to The Temps from St. Petersburg says some of the enemy's ships appeared before Port Arthur last night, but retired when discovered by the electric searchlights.

Shot Himself Through the Head—Had Been Married Only Three Days and Was on Wedding Trip.

Greensboro, N. C., April 9.—J. Stanley Parker, billing clerk for the yard master of the Southern railway at Danville, Va., committed suicide here at Clegg's hotel at seven o'clock this evening by shooting a ball through his head.

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FEAST OF JOY

Russian People Celebrated Resurrection of the Saviour

EASTER SERVICE

During This Celebration the Spirit of Genuine Democracy Prevails—Unrivalled Scenes of Beauty and Magnificence Take Place—The Celebration at the Palace One of Stately Beauty—Scenes of Rejoicing Over All the City—The Red Letter Night of the Russian Calendar.

St. Petersburg, April 9.—The Russian church and the Russian people at midnight celebrated the resurrection of the Saviour. For dramatic effect this Russian Easter service is unrivalled.

Upon the acclimating of the arising of Christ, the great white Czar salutes with a kiss the sentry posted at the palace door, and the highest dignitary and the lowest Mujik exchange the joyful tidings with equal freedom.

At the door of the chapel two gigantic grenadiers, attired in superb uniforms, acted as sentinels. The doors leading to the imperial apartments were guarded by the Emperor's mamlukes and Arab footmen.

At half past eleven o'clock a gun boomed from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul on the opposite side of the Neva. Within the church, the solemn service was proceeding in the presence of only the officiating clergy and the Court Chaplain, Yangsheff.

The Emperor escorted his mother, who was arrayed in spotless white, the young Empress also attired in white, leaned on the arm of the heir apparent. Before the splendid altar the imperial procession halted and the Court Chaplain, Yangsheff, in resonant tones pronounced in the old Slavonic tongue of the Russian church "Christ is risen."

Then followed scenes of rejoicing, men and women, irrespective of class, embraced and kissed each other before returning home to the Easter feast.

Similar rejoicing occurred at the palace. After paschal hymns and mass had been sung the Emperor embraced, first the Empress, then his mother and then the other members of the imperial family, kissing each three times and exchanging the salutation "Christ is Risen."

A SUSPICIOUS DEATH. Joe Kelly Thought to Have Been Victim of Knockout Drops.

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DEATH OF MR. W. A. TURK

PASSENGER TRAFFIC MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN.

Mr. Turk Had Been Ill Only Three Days With Pneumonia—Body Will Be Taken to Raleigh for Interment

Washington, April 9.—William Armstrong Turk, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Railway died here tonight of pneumonia. He had been ill three days.

Mr. Turk, who formerly was general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, had been passenger traffic manager about a year. He had been with the Southern and its affiliated properties 21 years.

The local committee has arranged for a lecture on Radium on the night of May 25th by Dr. Charles Baskerville, of the University of North Carolina, followed by a reception by the Capital Club, at which preparations for five hundred physicians and notable guests will be made.

DAMAGE BY A STORM. Several Houses Blown Down—To Vote on a Bond Issue.

Goldboro, April 9.—People who came to the city today from the Eureka section report that a wind storm passed over that part of the county yesterday afternoon which did considerable damage.

At a meeting of the Goldboro and Seven Springs Securities Company held last night \$15,000 was subscribed for building the railroad from here to Seven Springs, and for improving the property at the springs.

Howard Relief Company Bazaar. To Be Given by Ladies at the Club Building on Wednesday and Thursday of This Week.

The bazaar to be given by the ladies of the Howard Relief Company at the handsome club building of the company on Front and Orange streets, will be the leading social event of the week.

The entertainment will be given on both Wednesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 7 o'clock. Thursday afternoon will be the children's day and the club will be thrown open at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A number of the ladies have been busy during the past week getting everything in readiness. The main scene will be in the spacious dancing hall on the second floor.

A delicious supper will be served for the small sum of twenty-five cents. There will be dancing on Wednesday and Thursday nights, from 9 until 12 o'clock.

There will be no admission fee and the public is invited to visit the club. This will be the first time the club has ever been thrown open to the public.