

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Happenings from Day to Day in the National Capital.

Appointments in the Various Departments—Proceedings of the Senate.

THE SENATE.

In the senate, Wednesday, the resolution offered by Mr. Call on the 20th of March, declaring that the committee on finance, navy affairs, military affairs, judiciary, foreign relations, appropriations, commerce and interstate commerce, shall each consist of fifteen members, was taken up and Mr. Call made an argument in support of it.

The senate then, on motion of Mr. Faulkner, proceeded to the consideration of executive business. In the senate, Thursday, a memorial signed by seventy-seven members of the Kansas legislature against the right of Mr. Martin to hold his seat as senator from that state, was read.

The senate was occupied during the greater part of Friday's session with resolutions for the investigation of the charges against Senator Roach, of North Dakota. Mr. Chandler introduced in the senate in support of that resolution at much length.

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THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH

Notes of Her Progress and Prosperity Briefly Epitomized

And Important Happenings from Day to Day Tersely Told.

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The democratic senators held a caucus Wednesday morning and decided that there should be no investigation of the Roach case at this session. The resolution will, therefore, remain unacted upon when the senate adjourns. The caucus decided to investigate the claims made by Ady to the seat held by Martin. It was announced to the caucus that the president would complete the business he has for the senate by the end of the week, and it is believed that the senate will then adjourn.

The treasury department was advised Thursday evening that six hundred and fifty-seven Chinamen had arrived at Victoria, B. C., on the steamer Empress of Japan, direct from Chinese ports. These Chinamen are all destined for the United States. The steamer Mogul also arrived Thursday at Tacoma, Wash., having on board one hundred and fifty-nine Chinamen, one hundred and forty-seven of whom claimed to be Chinese merchants and entitled to land. Assistant Secretary Spaulding sent telegraphic instructions to the treasury officials at the Pacific ports to exercise the utmost care to prevent the law from being violated.

Postmaster-General Bissell has prepared a circular letter for distribution to the various postmasters of the free delivery cities, containing the official announcement of the recent decision of the supreme court reversing the decision of the court of claims upon the operation of the eight-hour law pertaining to the employment of the letter carriers.

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A Washington special says: The starting news from Honolulu via the Francisco, of the hauling down of the United flag, it is said, was the subject of discussion at the cabinet meeting Friday. Before going into the cabinet room, Secretary Gresham said to a reporter that he had received no information whatever aside from that printed in the newspapers.

Georgia postmasters appointed Friday are: Cooksville, Heard county, J. H. Brasel; Fayetteville, Fayette county, B. L. McGough; Jessup, Wayne county, R. W. Tindall; Jonesboro, Clayton county, G. D. Stewart; Landrum, Dawson county, W. J. Painour; Melrose, Lowndes county, L. A. Hodges; Neal, Pike county, T. B. Neal; Folk, Union county, J. H. Cavinder; Young, Union county, E. F. Parks.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED INTO PITHY AND POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

TELEGRAPHIC GLEANINGS.

Interesting and Instructive to All Classes of Readers.

No more immigrants will be allowed to land at Halifax, N. S., before being fumigated. President Carnot, of France, will give a dinner to the members of the Behring sea arbitration on April 23d.

Titcomb & Pratt, furniture dealers, Chicago, engaged Saturday liabilities and assets about \$500,000 each. A letter received in Zanibar from Tippu Tib's son confirms the report of the death of Emin Pasha and all his people. Eugene Kelly, treasurer of the National Federation of America, has forwarded \$13,000 to Justin McCarthy for the home rule fund.

TRADE REVIEW.

Report of Business for Past Week by Dun & Co.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review says: The ruling fact in the business situation is the outgo of gold—\$3,500,000 Tuesday, \$1,000,000 more Saturday. The prospect of a large amount Tuesday next. Treasury gold is again reduced below \$2,000,000 in excess of the bullion fund, and there is more talk of bond issues, with the old doubt whether these would meet the real difficulty, which is the enormous excess of imports over exports of goods.

Trade in cotton goods saw rather disappointing in April thus far, with some shirtings reduced and print cloths dull. The boot and shoe trade is somewhat unsettled as to the advance of 2 1/2 to 5 cents, which some manufacturers obtain, but many buyers refuse. In the speculative markets, cotton 1/4 lower, the pressure of enormous stocks here and abroad being felt as should have been expected, while reports of increased acreage come from the south. In wheat, the Chicago corner has forced above 80 cents, while receipts at western ports of nearly 2,000,000 bushels in four days. Prices here, both for wheat and corn, declined 1-2 cent, and oats advanced 1-2 cent.

Pork products are a shade stronger, also oil, but coffee weaker. The outlook for iron at Pittsburg is not so bright, but for the glass trade is fairly good. Trade at Cleveland is good; in manufactured iron, quite large, with a heavy demand for tool, iron, pipe, boiler, and other iron. Trade in Milwaukee is good and St. Paul and Minneapolis increasing, being especially brisk in lumber. At St. Louis, free collection in all lines are noted. Kansas City trade is good with large receipts of cattle, and at St. Joseph active, while at Sioux City, business is large in packing, dry goods and groceries, and at Denver fair. At most Southern points, trade is only fair, but somewhat improved at Little Rock, very quiet at New Orleans, with sugar strong and a large demand for building materials. At nearly all Southern points, trade is slow, and we are more active demand for money at most points.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, number 209, as compared with totals of 223 last week and 200 corresponding week last year, the figures were 228.

NEW WING OF DEMOCRACY

To be Organized in South Carolina.

Meetings were held all over the state of South Carolina Tuesday for the organization of a new wing of the democratic party in the state. The address calling for the organization of the Industrial and Wage Workers' Democratic League, says: We declare our principles to be embodied in the platform of the democratic party, "equal rights to all, special privileges to none," and our purpose to repeal and to oppose all legislation which tends to increase the power of the monopolistic class, to reduce the power of the industrial mechanism, and to declare that the enactment and execution of the law should be such as to secure to the people the quality and quantity of the product depend upon the harmonious working of the whole machine, and that the interests of the individual will fall the injurious effects of a departure from this principle.

We condemn the vicious class of legislation attempted and enacted by the legislature at its recent session, and approved by the governor of this state, the pernicious effects of which will be put to hazard all industries dependent upon corporate capital, to lessen the volume of currency, to increase the credit and to render uncertain and precarious the occupation of all wage-workers within the state, and to increase the power of the monopolistic class, to reduce the power of the industrial mechanism, and to declare that the enactment and execution of the law should be such as to secure to the people the quality and quantity of the product depend upon the harmonious working of the whole machine, and that the interests of the individual will fall the injurious effects of a departure from this principle.

A Pittsburg, Pa., morning paper prints a story to the effect that the ultra law and order society have placed in the hands of an alderman the names of over 200 people, who will be charged with violating the Sunday blue laws of 1794. The persons to be prosecuted are employed in mills, on the street and street railways and in other capacities. The object of these prosecutions is to make the law so obnoxious that the people of the state will try and have the legislature repeal the laws.

Snow in New York and Ohio.

A New York special of Saturday says: Snow has been falling fast in the middle section of the state since midnight. At Rochester the snow was heavy and a strong wind prevailed. Another dispatch from Cleveland, O., says: A heavy and blinding snow storm has prevailed throughout northwestern Ohio since early Friday evening.

The Cash Transferred.

The last of the cash in the Gate City national bank, at Atlanta, Ga., was transferred Saturday to the Atlanta National—the total amount having reached about \$15,000. Bank Examiner Stone is of the opinion that in a week or ten days something definite will be known as to the manner of the bank's liquidation.

THE FIGHT IS ON.

The Crisis in Central Railroad Affairs Has Been Reached.

The Richmond Terminal People Ask for Mr. Comer's Dismissal.

A great surprise was sprung on the United States court at Savannah Tuesday afternoon, when, without any warning whatever, Henry Crawford, of New York, attorney for the Richmond Terminal, addressed the court and stated that he had just filed two motions. One asked that Receiver Comer of the Central system be discharged and all contracts under the receivership be annulled on the ground of the illegality. The other moved that the order of Judge Spear in regard to the reorganization committee authorizing loans to the Central be set aside on the ground that said orders were imprudent, irregular and erroneous and that the court had no jurisdiction whatever in the cause to enter such orders and that the same should be annulled. These motions were filed under the Rowens Clarke bill, which placed the Central in the hands of a receiver.

The case of the Central Trust company vs. the Central railroad had been called before Judge Pardee and everything was progressing calmly when the motions were read and fell like a thunder clap on the lawyers assembled. Judge H. B. Tompkins made an argument for the Central Trust company, asking the appointment of an independent receiver for the Savannah and Western on the ground that it was a complete system with the Central and had not been properly managed by the Central. He was answered on behalf of the Central by Captain Cunningham, who said that the interests of the Central and the Savannah and Western were mutual and affidavits were produced showing that there was no competition except in conjunction with the same roads.

This argument, however, became of minor importance when the Terminal people sprung their motions. Mr. W. G. Oakman, receiver, and Henry Crawford, attorney for the Terminal, came down from New York Monday night and until the case was sprung no one knew anything about their mission, which had an air of mystery about it. When Mr. Crawford addressed the court and read the motions under the Rowens Clarke bill above outlined, Judge Pardee straightened up to listen to every utterance and every eye in the court was intent upon the speaker. Mr. Crawford said he appeared to represent the Richmond Terminal Company, which owned 48,000 shares of Central stock, and that he was discharged by that court. He charged the district court with acting in copartnership with the reorganization committee and said the court had no right to appoint a receiver for a solvent corporation. Judge Pardee, whereupon a district judge, made an argument in which he said that the Central Railroad Company was not a solvent corporation and that its property was illegally and improperly administered—under authority of the court and its receiver—and orders have been passed which will not bear the test of a law, and are illegal from beginning to end. He asked the order authorizing the receiver to borrow money without stating in the petition to the court to what use the money was to be put. But most unusual of all was the order authorizing the receiver to contract a loan with the Hollins syndicate, and that the receiver should negotiate collateral securities belonging to the Central Railroad Company as soon as its bonds fell due if they were not paid. This order was most unusual and without precedent and we shall move that it be annulled and the receiver discharged. Mr. Crawford was the only man who spoke during the court adjourned until Wednesday morning.

PERU APOLOGIZES

For the Outrage Perpetrated on One of Our Consular Agents.

A Washington special of Monday says: The Peruvian government has taken the initial steps toward complying with the demands of the United States that reparation be made for the outrage committed on one of its consular agents in Peru. It was not until Monday morning that the name of the place attacked, which was omitted in the first dispatch from Minister Hicks notifying Secretary Gresham of the affair, was made known to the state department. The information was contained in a cablegram from Minister Hicks, stating that the consular agent is at Mollendo, Peru, and that in answer to the demand for satisfaction made by the administration the government of Peru immediately removed the sub-prefect of the department in which Mollendo is situated and promised to provide suitable reparation; and, furthermore, that the government has expressed its regrets for the occurrence. This information is entirely satisfactory to the United States government.

SERBIA'S NEW KING.

Alexander Takes Charge of Affairs and Arrests the Regents and Ministers. A cable dispatch of Friday from Belgrade states that King Alexander has arrested the regents and ministers of Serbia. He has declared that he has attained his majority, and has assumed the governorship of the country. The arrests were made at a great banquet given at the palace to celebrate King Alexander's success in passing the examinations prescribed for Serbian students. At midnight, while the festivities were in progress, the king proclaimed that he had attained his majority and had, with the skuptina, assumed the government of the country. When the deposed regents and ministers heard the proclamation, they were dumbfounded. The king and his advisers acted promptly, and soldiers in waiting placed the regents and ministers under arrest. The army is loyal to the king. Long before daybreak the king proceeded to the barracks, where he was received with joyous acclamations and expressions of loyalty. A new ministry was appointed with M. Dokitch as premier minister. The king then issued a decree dissolving the skuptina, and writs for a new election were sent to the various constituencies. The act of Alexander appears to meet with the approval of the population.

A Missouri Cyclone.

Messenger companies were received Tuesday of a cyclone at Page City, Mo. Three people were killed and a large number injured. The most terrible hailstorm that has been known in this section for years visited St. Louis Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The falling stones hit upon the skylights with sufficient force in many instances to break them.

Another Nashville Bank Failure.

A special of Sunday from Nashville, Tenn., states that there is another sensation in banking circles of the city. Speculation has ruined another man and broken the bank with which he was connected. The bank concerned is the Mechanical Savings Bank and Trust Company, and John Schardt, its cashier, is short in his accounts from \$40,000 to \$60,000. He is sick at his home, and not allowed to talk. From one of the directors of the bank it is learned that it is believed the shortage is \$65,000.

Secretary Morton Has Discharged Forty.

Secretary Morton has discharged forty, seven and furloughed 181 employees of the Bureau of Animal Industry, thus saving \$19,550 a month.