

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

Continued Discussion in the Senate of the Arrears of Pension Act.

The House Getting Warm Over the Apportionment Bill Proposed.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 9.—Mr. Conger, from the committee on commerce, reported favorably with amendments the bill to improve the life saving service and encourage life saving.

Several bills, placing officers who had retired to civil life on the retired list of the army, came up under regular call of the calendar.

Messrs. Plumb and Sherman protested against such action, as being unjust to regular army officers and establishing a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Plumb then addressed the senate in support of Mr. Ingalls' resolution against the repeal of the arrears of pension act.

Mr. Harrison also spoke in favor of the principle of the pensions act, claiming that it appealed to the judgment and sense of justice of every man in order to avoid frauds claimed to exist.

He approved the recommendation of the commissioner of pensions that 400 special agents be appointed to investigate claims.

Mr. Brown said it would be unjust to repeal or suspend the operations of the act.

Mr. Beck pointed out that several senators were veterans of the American war and it was not right that they should come in for pensions under one of the amendments proposed.

Mr. Maxey said that needy soldiers of that war ought not to be deprived of the bounty because a few of the survivors happened to be rich.

At 3 o'clock eulogies to the memory of the late Representative O'Connor were pronounced by Messrs. Butler, Bayard, Jones (Fla.) and Hampton.

Senator Bayard in the course of his eulogistic remarks on the character and career of the late representative of South Carolina paid a glowing tribute to the influence of the Irish race in America.

Adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Hewitt, from the committee on laws regulating presidential elections, presented two bills, one covering the meeting of electors and dispatches before them, the other giving presidential claimants redress in the supreme court.

A resolution asking for details of signal service expenditures under Howgate was adopted.

At 12:30 p. m. the house resumed consideration of the apportionment bill, Mr. Colerick on the floor. Debate will last several days.

Mr. Cox (N. Y.) followed, saying he would at the proper time, move to reconsider the bill to the committee with instructions to formulate a new bill on the old system. He still held to his belief that 307 would be the number. He believed the house too large now rather than too small.

Since the committees of the house had indicated, however, that it would not accept 307, he would accept the number proposed by Mr. Colerick, 316. He refused to permit interruptions, as the question of figures is a very delicate and particular one, and said: "Should I permit all these miscellaneous attacks, there would be a whole bunch of figures ruthlessly raped right here. [Laughter.] The new system," he continued, "guarded strenuously against the rights of small districts, and placed no limits upon large ones. It strained at the gnat and swallowed the camel. It was mathematical pedantry to place small states at a disadvantage. Neither plan could do entire justice, but the old was the most just to both small and large states."

Mr. Cox was followed by Messrs. Tyler, Updegraff and Burrows (Mich.), against the new system, the latter denouncing it as unwise, unjust, and monstrous in its principles and provisions.

Adjourned.

CAPITAL NOTES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—David Dudley Field will address the law committee of the house on the laws respecting presidential votes on Saturday next.

The house ways and means committee this morning referred the Morrill and Randall refunding bill to a sub-committee, of which Mr. Kelly is chairman.

There are 117 tons of silver in the New York sub-treasury.

Mr. Austin Corbin was before the house postoffice committee and argued in support of the bill to establish a line of fast mail steamers between Montauk Point and Milford Haven in Wales. The company ask in lieu of a subsidy a contract for carrying the mails on the same terms now given to the fast railway mail service.

The house military committee agreed to the bill retiring Quartermaster General Mills, with the rank of major general. Gen. Sheridan will be heard this afternoon on a proposition for compulsory retirement of army officers at the age of 62. He is said to favor such a bill.

Secretary Folger says that the services of Geo. Curtis, special agent of the treasury in New York, against whom charges were made by the civil

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ORIENTAL NEWS.

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And is Preparing for Trouble by Increasing Her Fighting Strength.

The Optum Product and Other News From the East.

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SAN FRANCISCO, February 9.—The Occidental and Oriental steamer Gaelic arrived yesterday, bringing advices from Yokohama to January 24th, and from Hong Kong January 14th.

The latest estimate of the crop of opium raised in Western China is as follows: Western Hupeh, 2,000 piculs, (a picul is 133 pounds); Eastern Szechuan, 45,000 piculs; Ruman, 40,000 piculs; and Kweichow, 10,000 piculs; total of 97,000 piculs. This, it must be borne in mind, is the production of Western China only; in Shantung, Chili and Manchuria it is extensively grown.

According to the Tientsin correspondent of The Shanghai Courier, there is much talk among Chinese officials about a message from the Korean capital asking for arms and soldiers to expel the Japanese who have fastened on two settlements on the shore opposite the west coast of Japan. All accounts agree that the Japanese are very cruel and that the Koreans are minded to ally themselves with them. There will be serious trouble presently, as the Chinese are very angry about the incessant aggressions and annoyance received from the Japanese. What Japan wants in Corea no one knows. Clearly she has no right there. The forcible seizure of the ports must cost a good round sum yearly rather than being a benefit and the Japanese stay on Russian suzerainty. No doubt the invasion had much to do with an expedition or wish to have war with China. The Chinese are even more sensitive about Corea than about Loochoo and it may be taken for granted that mischief is brewing. The Chinese say that almost all Japanese who reside in various parts of Peking have left, so that only two or three remain in the city and are being held in custody. The Japanese are being held in custody for foreigners the reason why these Japanese have left.

The increased activity of China in military and naval preparations are very marked. Steel torpedo boats are being built.

A severe gale is reported from Nishinara. Houses and trees were blown down and vessels in the harbor were damaged. A steamer was sunk in Harimo bay.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new imperial palace will be held some time in February.

It is rumored that lists of persons to represent their districts in the proposed new parliament of 1890 are to be prepared by the civil authorities.

The large quantity of gold used in the Japanese bell metal is said to have been recently proved in the melting down of fragments of about a third of the whole bulk of a bell taken by the imperial troops during the Sutsuima rebellion. The reduction of this portion is said to have yielded 400 mg (about 65 troy ounces) of pure gold.

The Bursted Steel Concern.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, February 9.—It is said that the New York syndicate who held the option to purchase the stock of the Siemens & Son steel company have made a proposition to the Merchants and Manufacturers' bank of Pittsburgh as chief creditor to furnish the money to operate the works. To secure unsecured creditors it is proposed to issue \$250,000 preferred stock at 6 per cent, the present mortgage to stand as they are and secure creditors to hold on to their collateral and not use any with the expiration of the time agreed upon.

Double Elopement.

National Associated Press.

AKRON, O., February 9.—Particulars of a double elopement have just come to the surface. Cliff Osborne, a well known barber, and Henry Wagon, a cigar maker, have disappeared and been followed by Mrs. Jennie Knizer and her sister, Alice Bellows. Various parties held claims against the men amounting to over \$75. It is believed they have gone to Detroit, Mich.

Indications.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 10.—For the lower Missouri valley: Warmer, fair weather, winds mostly south, lower pressure.

Grave Robbers' Work.

National Associated Press.

SANDEWICH, O., February 9.—Intense excitement prevails at the peninsula near here over the robbery of the grave of Lorenzo Modock, a prominent citizen whose death resulted from a peculiar fracture of the skull caused by the premature explosion of a blast in a stone quarry. The resurrectionists off the head and replaced the trunk in the grave. The medical students of Port Clinton, a neighboring town, are suspected and detectives have been employed to ferret out the matter.

Echoes of the Mill.

National Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, February 9.—Nearly all the bets on the fight have been paid. Most of the New York men left on last night's trains. Ryan also left for Brooklyn. Sullivan and his backers had a box at Haverly's mill

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The General News Flashed Over the Cable Last Night.

The Queen's Speech Being Overhauled in the House of Commons.

The Egyptian Home Rulers Continue to Defy the Foreign Controllers.

MURDER OF A CORRESPONDENT AND OTHER CABLEGRAMS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, February 10.—In the house of commons last evening the discussion opened on Justin McCarthy's address proposing the queen's address amending immediate abandonment of coercion measures in Ireland. Forster, chief secretary for Ireland, in a speech justified the course the government pursued and said that the coercion measures were necessary for suppression of the land league which a society had paralyzed the law, made industry impossible, and liberty non-potent. The house then adjourned.

CAIRO, February 9.—The council to-day, under the leadership of the home rule party, approved the new budget law framed by the chambers, which sets aside the former system, which guaranteed European control of finances. The council also asserted, in answer to the French and English protests, that the European controllers have no right to interfere with the interior development of Egypt, and that such attempts will be resisted in the future.

BERLIN, February 9.—Berthold Auerbach, the celebrated German novelist, died at Cannes in the 70th year of his age.

LONDON, February 9.—A dispatch from Constantinople says it is reported that Albanian murdered the Times correspondent, Mr. Stillman, an American citizen.

Manitoba News.

National Associated Press.

WINNIPEG, February 9.—Reports from the Indian reserves around Battleford, Northwest territory, are very unfavorable. Deaths are reported every few days from Stoney reserve, said to arise from the scarcity of food, and cold and exposure. The Cree are not so bad, as they are in a better position.

A large quantity of raw furs were exported from here yesterday for New York.

Alex. Begg, a well-known Northwest writer, has been appointed commissioner of the Canada Pacific railway in England, with headquarters at London.

A Manitoba firm is shipping 30,000 bushels of wheat from Emerson to Minneapolis. The wheat will be ground into flour at that place and then shipped back to Prairie provinces. The weather is again mild, and the snow and ice are thawing. Sleighing is good, however, although only from four to six inches of snow fall. There is very little snow generally throughout the northwest and the season is unusually mild.

A Flooded Mine.

National Associated Press.

ASHTON, O., February 9.—At the Lake View mine, near Krummy, the miners yesterday struck water and the whole mine is now flooded.

Lumber Will Be Higher.

National Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., February 9.—The cut of logs in the Rum, St. Croix and Chippewa districts is estimated to be 50 per cent. below the average, on account of warm weather and the absence of snow.

Freight Train Ditched.

National Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, O., February 9.—A freight train was ditched on the Louisville Short Line railroad this morning. The engine fell on top of Engineer Stanford, crushing him to death. The cars are badly wrecked.

Poisoned by Hog Meat.

National Associated Press.

FORT WAYNE, February 9.—A family of five persons named Yeager were poisoned in a violent form by trichinae. The children will probably die.

Iowa Democrats.

National Associated Press.

DES MOINES, February 9.—At the meeting of the democratic state central committee to-night, Ed. Campbell, Jr., chairman, and Hoya Sherman, secretary, resigned, and Judge Kime, of Tama, and George Gardner, of Des Moines, were chosen to fill the vacancies. The place and time of holding the next convention were not fixed, but the expression favored Dubuque.

Tanner in Buffalo.

National Associated Press.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 9.—Dr. Tanner is here and intends to settle and practice his profession in Buffalo. He will lecture on temperance a week from next Saturday.

Wm. McCartney, 88 Lloyd street, Buffalo, N. Y., fell and sprained his ankle. His only lover, H. Anderson, 94 Main street, procured some Thomas' Electric Oil, and he says that a few applications enabled him to go to work as usual.

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