

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE IRISH LAND BILL BEFORE THE BRITISH COMMONS.

Anxiety and Alarm in Continental Europe Caused by the Movements of Russian Troops.

The Australian Federation Convention Adopts a Constitution for the New Government in the South Sea.

The Reported Murder of the British Officers at the Manipur Massacre Confirmed.

The Rebels Boldly Defeated in an Attack on the Fort—The European Wheat Crop Certain to be Short.

Foreign Notes

WEATHER BULLETIN.

UNITED STATES SIGNAL OFFICE, WICHITA, KAN., April 9, 1891. The highest temperature was 80°, and the lowest 49°, and the mean 57°.

Local forecast for Wichita and vicinity—Fair weather; cooler.

Last year on April 9 the maximum temperature was 82°, minimum 57, mean 59°.

Two years ago the corresponding temperatures were 65°, 47°, 56°.

B. L. WALDEN, Observer.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C. April 9, 9 p. m.—Forecast until 9 p. m., Friday:

For Kansas—Fair weather, northerly winds; warmer in northern portion; stationary temperature in southern portion.

For Missouri—Fair weather, clearing in eastern portion; northerly winds, cooler.

THE ENGLISH COMMONS.

LONDON, April 9.—The house of commons presented a bill for the relief of the evening. There was a goodly number of members on the benches and the galleries were well filled.

The bill was introduced by Mr. Parnell, when the house was called to order by the speaker, an unusual scene lately on the Irish benches.

Mr. Balfour's manner was in marked contrast with the solemnity displayed by the Irish members, who were affected by the knowledge of the difference of opinion which existed in their ranks in regard to the measure.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

VIENNA, April 9.—The Austrian government not being reassured by Russia's denial of unfriendly designs has already concentrated large bodies of troops at Tanopol and Brody to watch the Galician frontier.

The Tenth corps, under Reinlander, has been reinforced by a portion of the First corps and Prince Wittgenstein's Groetz of the Eleventh is watching the frontier with a large force of cavalry.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, who is now an officer in the Austrian army, has, it is stated, been called into consultation at the war office, with the view of utilizing his services in an important command.

The Austrian authorities having the confidence in the abilities of the prince, which were proven in the war between Serbia and Bulgaria.

Apparently by some understanding with Austria Germany has suddenly begun to increase the forces near the Russian frontier and to hasten the completion of works intended to facilitate the transportation of troops.

All indications go to show a Russian invasion would be met by formidable armies, whether first directed against Austria or Germany, at both countries at once.

On the French side Germany has a series of fortresses that could not be taken by a Russian invasion long enough to give ample time for the concentration of an army.

Heligoland is not to be made another Gibraltar. It will, however, be fortified on a small scale so as to be of some use to Germany in the event of war.

The scheme comprises a harbor for torpedo boats and the planting of machine batteries of long range guns on the Obelisk.

THE MANIPUR WAR.

SIMLA, April 9.—The letter received here yesterday from the Manipur government who ordered the massacre of the Chief Commissioner James W. Quinton and his colleagues, at Manipur, says: "The British troops attacked the place and massacred my soldiers and also killed women and children. In addition, they threw women and children into the burning bonfire and the temples."

Therefore we killed Chief Commissioner Quinton's party."

SIMLA, April 9.—Advices have been received here of a brilliant success for the British forces near Manipur, which, following upon so much distressing news from the same place, has decidedly raised the spirits of the British officials.

According to the cheering dispatch received today, the Manipur made a fierce attack upon the British forces of the frontier command, led by Lieut. Grant, which recently captured Fort Thabar, driving out an overwhelming force at the point of the bayonet after a severe fight, in which the Manipur was suddenly and determinedly made, and they pushed forward in spite of the demerative fire with which they were greeted. The enemy retired in the face of a foot of ground. Finally the Manipur were repulsed, the usurping rajah and two prominent chiefs being killed. The loss of the tribesmen was very heavy.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 9.—At yesterday's session of the Federation convention the delegates adopted the constitution, and the session closed amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 9.—The Federation convention has adopted resolutions that the Federal parliament shall fix and control the customs, and that the present tariff shall remain unchanged pending the adoption of the new tariff.

EUROPEAN WHEAT.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The Post prints an interview with one of the leading grain merchants of the state regarding the shortage in the European wheat crop, as follows: "Everything indicates that the price of wheat will be higher this year than last. Six weeks ago prices began to go up gradually, and now what is \$1.25 a bushel is \$1.50 now here. The season's crop is \$1.50 a bushel until June and year. Ninety-one options are quoted at \$1.37 and \$1.50. These options are the best indications of the price which will prevail during the next harvest, and the next crop will bring \$1.50 or

THE RETIREMENT OF EDMUNDS.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—There is a general agreement among politicians in Washington that the retirement of Senator Edmunds is a loss to the country and to the distinguished body of which he has been for so long time a member.

Among leading Democratic senators, such as Kenna and Vest, the most unforgotten regret is expressed over the announcement. This sentiment, while it may appear singular, in view of Mr. Edmunds' pronounced Republicanism, is not so remarkable when the labor southern Democratic reverence for statesmanship is remembered.

Mr. Edmunds' rank in the senate was such as to place him abreast of Sherman and Allison. In their particular ways these three men have dominated the Republican side and bent all the general legislation to conform to their views.

Unlike Senators Sherman and Allison, who only rise to discuss special features, such as financial, political and economic questions, Mr. Edmunds kept a close watch on everything going on, and acted as a sort of a veritable watch-dog. He was too small to escape his notice, and nose too small to escape his scrutiny.

No document was ever allowed by him to get into the record without first having been read aloud and these words were read aloud and century baffled the efforts of jobbers and sharpened the methods of slyish legislators ready to shift anything that appeared like work.

Presiding officers have been prompted time after time by Edmunds by rulings that would otherwise have gone contrary to their wishes. His conditions remarks on the floor interfered, and his domination and all-prevailing assertiveness was such that it may be said he virtually ran the senate.

This has been a good thing for the country, and it is to be hoped that other Republicans like Edmunds will be inspired with a similar sense of almost slavish attention to the public mind as to his fate. There was a general feeling that it was a particular measure aimed at the south, and the non-support which it received from the masses indicates that sectional questions will not again agitate the country unless the present conditions are radically changed.

While there is no possibility of a revival of the fanatical Know-Nothing campaign, the events of the past few weeks point to the possibility of a strong sentiment against the Know-Nothing movement as an issue in the next campaign.

This feeling has cropped out with more or less force in the famous Hartford convention explained of the case with which foreigners became full-fledged citizens. Then, in 1835, a "native American party" appeared in New York city, but was not more than local in its influence and soon disappeared. Some seven years later another political organization of the name was organized in New York and Philadelphia.

Finally in 1852 came the Know-Nothing movement, which stands today as the climax of that peculiar national feeling which believes that foreigners have no rights which Americans are bound to respect.

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DISEASES OF WOMEN—Dr. Terrill has made a specialty for the past twenty years and wishes to state that he has all the latest instruments, Batteries, Electrodes, etc., for their successful treatment, including Fibroid Tumors, Displacements, Enlargements, Protrusions, Utericulations, Leucorrhoea, Diseases of the Ovaries, Painful Menstruation, etc.

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