

CHURCH AND STATE.

Question Brought Up in Debate in the Senate.

RANGE OF DISCUSSION BY SOLONS AT WASHINGTON.

Professors General that the Government should entirely abandon International Schools—The House Devotes Its Time to Consideration of Senate Amendments to the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriations Bills.

to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate devoted itself to business to-day, and would have completed the Indian appropriation and not the acrimonious discussion on the Indian school question. It was at a wide range of debate on the separation of church and state in the course of which the expressions were given by the Government should entirely abandon international schools.

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During the day two of the Senators from the Carolinas, ex-Governor Tillman of South Carolina and Marion Butler of North Carolina, made their first appearance on the floor, and their credentials were presented for terms beginning March 1st.

There were just sixteen Senators in the chamber when, at 11 o'clock, the session opened to-day, and Wolcott (Rep.) of Colorado suggested the absence of a quorum, but forty-seven Senators responded to the call for a quorum.

Kyle presented the credentials of Tillman as Senator from South Carolina for the term beginning March 1st next.

Turpie presented a resolution from the Committee on Foreign Relations expressing the high appreciation of the Senate to the distinguished honors accorded by the Mexican Government on the occasion of the obsequies of the United States Minister, Mr. Gray, and directing the Secretary of State to forward copies of the resolution to the authorities of Mexico.

The resolution was agreed to, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill authorizing the transportation of goods through the Isthmus of Panama.

Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska indulged in a sharp and personal attack on the financial situation as an incident in Harris' resolution for a night session to consider the bill to issue \$7,000,000 silver bonds for Washington, D. C. "Why are you so crazy," said Allen. "The President wants bonds, the Secretary of the Treasury wants bonds, and Senators on both sides of the chamber want bonds."

In the course of his speech Allen referred to reports that Teller and Vest were Populists, and he extended to them a cordial welcome to the House.

The income tax question came up on Gorman's motion to reconsider the Senate's approval of the conference report of the bill amending the tax law.

Morgan said a singular feature had crept into this conference report that had not been considered by either House. It changed the law so as to extend the vestments from furnishing a list of the salaries of employees.

He defended the conference changes. Gorman referred to the remarkable attitude of the other branch of Congress on the question of the income tax, and compared the course of the House with the course of the House conference.

Chandler said this disclosed the serious dangers of conference committees. Legislation was enacted which neither branch of Congress had considered.

what of a test, and the amendment failed—yes 21, nays 32.

Lodge ordered an amendment for the gradual abandonment of denominational schools, and the House voted to accept it.

The night session was a failure, no quorum being present. After waiting until 9 o'clock and no quorum appearing the Senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

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PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBTS.

New Measure to Be Reported to the House of Representatives.

BASED UPON THE REILLY BILL, WITH SOME CHANGES.

The Principal of the Government Debt to Be Paid at Once, and the First Mortgage Bonds and Interest Upon Government Bonds to Be Extended and Paid in Installments Through a Period of Fifty Years.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House Committee on Pacific Roads to-day decided to report a new bill based on the Reilly bill, but having certain changes recommended by Chairman Reilly.

The amended bill will provide that the principal of the Government debt shall be paid at once and the first mortgage bonds and interest paid upon the bonds by the Government, and that the Government at the date the bill takes effect, to extend and pay in installments through a period of fifty years.

The extended interest will be secured by practically a third lien on the property, subsidiary to the claims of the particular advance funds to pay the principal of the Government bonds, and who will be entitled under the bill to 5 per cent. interest on advances.

The committee will make the new bill public until it can be printed. An outline is as follows: Section 2 provides that if either the United States Pacific or the Union Pacific, within twelve months, pay to the United States an amount equal to the principal of the subscription for the property of the Secretary of the Treasury shall convey to the company or its trustees so much of the independence of the company to the United States as will be equal to the amount paid to the United States, together with the lien and mortgage of the United States on the railroad, so far as it shall be required to provide for the assignment of the portion of the indebtedness to be assigned, but without recourse to the United States in any event, and all the moneys and securities in the sinking fund shall be delivered to the company or trustees, providing the indebtedness so assigned shall be extended not more than fifty years, and not exceeding 5 per cent. The balance of the indebtedness to the United States, being interest on the debt, shall be paid by the principal of the bill, to be extended for fifty years and paid in semi-annual installments, and for it the companies shall issue bonds in the amount of the bill to issue to the purchasers of such claims its negotiable bonds, payable in fifteen years at interest of 5 per cent., that the moneys of the principal of the Government debt.

Section 3 provides that the Government lien shall remain in full effect, but enforceable as security for the payment of the indebtedness due the United States.

Section 4 provides for the payment of the first mortgage bonds by renewing them by a new issue, the interest to be paid with interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent., and secured by the first mortgage, the same as are the bonds they are issued in renewal of.

Section 5 prohibits the companies from paying dividends so long as the bonds authorized by the Act are outstanding, unless they have first paid in full the amount of the principal of the Government debt. The companies are to cooperate in making the terms of the bill, and to traffic on equal shares, and devices to evade this shall be unlawful.

Section 7 provides that the companies, when required in writing by the department of justice, shall institute suits at law or equity against parties for misappropriation of assets, and suits conducted by the Attorney-General in the name of the companies, and the sums recovered to be applied to the payment of bonds and any excess to be paid to the companies.

The remaining sections provide for foreclosure by the Government in case of default, and the terms of the bill, and the bill met with greater favor in committee than its predecessor.

The minority members say they will contend in their report about the plan, if adopted, will be the continuation of the Union Pacific under its present management, and that the Central Pacific will come into the hands of the Government, a practically worthless property, because it will be without terminal facilities.

HAYWARD TRIAL. Defendant Makes a Rambling Statement on the Witness Stand.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—Nervous, contradictory, uncertain, garrulous, rambling and uncertain. These words explain the aspect of Harry Hayward on the stand this afternoon.

Hayward made an ideal witness, but in the afternoon, when his attorney began to lead him into the details of the circumstances attending the tragedy, he made a bad impression.

ALABAMA GOVERNORSHIP.

Kolb Preparing to Establish a Dual Government.

MONTGOMERY (Ala.), Feb. 21.—For some time the Kolbits have been threatened to establish a dual Government in Montgomery after the Legislature adjourned, if a contest law was not passed, allowing Kolb to institute a contest for the office of Governor, to which he claims the right.

Day news reached the city that Kolb was prepared to carry into execution his threat to establish a dual government in Montgomery, the Legislature having failed to pass such a contest law as he demanded.

Governor Oates was called on at noon at the Executive office and asked concerning the proposed contest law.

Chicago Politics. Regular Battle During the Proceedings of a Republican Convention.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—In the Republican Convention to-day trouble arose from the fact that the delegates armed themselves with canes and chairs and pounded each other energetically and indiscriminately.

Diamond Robber Arrested. New York, Feb. 21.—A man apparently 50 years of age, who refused to give his name, was arrested to-day containing diamonds valued at \$10,000 from the establishment of M. Fox & Co., importers of gems, in Maiden Lane, at 11 o'clock this afternoon, and was arrested five minutes later on his person were found two packages of gems, only one of which, however, was identified as belonging to Fox & Co.

Big Strike at New York. New York, Feb. 21.—A strike among building trades on all buildings in course of construction in this city was declared this afternoon by the Board of Walking Erection of the Electrical Workers' Union. It will call out 20,000 men, and may extend to-morrow to Brooklyn and Jersey City.

Death of an Ex-Governor. DENVER, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Edwin Clifford, who for two years has been playing the part of Martha in Morrison's "Fanny," died in this city to-day of heart failure. She was taken ill with grippe last week at Beatrice, Neb. She was 64 years of age, and resided in Denver.

Killed His Wife and Then Suicided. OMAHA, Feb. 21.—Charles Matthews, private in Company G, Second United States Infantry, shot and killed his wife and committed suicide to-day.

Costly Blaze at Brooklyn. BROOKLYN, Feb. 21.—Fire in an eight-story building, owned by Arubek Bros. Coffee Mills, caused a loss of \$300,000 this evening.

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Armenian Atrocities. TURKS AVERT AN INVESTIGATION OF AFFAIRS.

Put Up a Cholera Quarantine to Prevent the Commission Visiting the Afflicted Districts.

London, Feb. 21.—The special correspondent of the Associated Press who was sent out from London to Armenia to investigate the reports of the atrocities said to have been perpetrated on the Armenians, and whose first report, in a letter sent from the Tiflis, Russia, was received here on the 21st inst. and called to the United States that day, has made a second report. This, like the first, was posted at Tiflis. It is dated January 18th. In it the cholera quarantine is being enforced on various portions of the Sultan's domain in such a manner as to draw a net around the reports of the atrocities.

It is announced that cholera exists in Van, Bitlis and Moosh, and that strict quarantine regulations must therefore be enforced. Now it is certainly a peculiar circumstance that cholera should have happened to break out at this season of the year in the region of the Sassoun massacres, and now for the first time, who is to prove or disprove the statement that the disease is raging in those regions, and practically inaccessible Constantinople and Stamboul little or nothing is known by the public or by newspaper correspondents concerning the cholera outbreak officially reported from time to time in these cities.

SENATORIAL CONTESTS.

Dolph of Oregon May Lose the Seat He Now Holds.

HIS FORCES LIKELY TO GO OVER TO GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

The Fight in Idaho Still a Deadlock. A Bank Clerk Charged With Theft. Commits Suicide at San Rafael. A Young Child Dies of Starvation at San Francisco, the Mother Being Bed-Ridden Through Lack of Nourishment.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Oregon Legislature will adjourn sine die next Saturday at midnight. This was decided to-day by the passage of a resolution in both houses fixing the time of adjournment. The choice for United States Senator which has been carried on during the entire session is the absorbing topic. To-day Dolph lost two votes, and many predict that his support will go to pieces to-morrow. The opposition to Dolph has centered upon George H. Williams, ex-United States Attorney-General, and he now has 29 votes. The situation to-night seems to point to the election of Williams, as he is believed to be the second choice of the Dolph men.

Those who believe the caucus promise to elect Dolph are maintaining intimate relations with other women. The marriage ceremony was postponed by him. Finally Mrs. Ramage, becoming suspicious of her husband's conduct, informed the two women had a stormy scene, ending by each slapping Starnes in the face.

Bicycle Tournament. An Increased Attendance at the Races Last Night. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—There was an increased attendance at the bicycle tournament to-night, owing probably to the good sport put up last night. Like last night, there was only one accident during this evening's contests. The handicap races were very interesting, and resulted in very close and hot finishes. The tournament will end to-morrow night, but there will be a matinee to-morrow afternoon. The results to-night were as follows: Final, quarter-mile, class B, scratch, Owen won, Foster second, Ubricht third. Time—5:35.

Two miles, class A, handicap, Decker won, Peckard second, Menzies third. Time—6:00-45. One mile, class B, handicap, Foster won, Obit second, Deimas third. Time—2:25.

Cheap Fare to Sound Ports. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The rate war between the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the opposition steamer Farallones has reduced freight and passenger rates to an unheard of figure. To-day the Pacific Coast Company announced that it would reduce the rate for cabin passage to Victoria and Puget Sound ports to \$5, and the freight rates to \$2.50, and the freight rates to \$1 per ton. Before the cutting began the rate for cabin passage to Victoria was \$10, and the freight rate \$5 per ton and \$3. An unprecedented amount of passenger traffic is the result of the cut.

A Deliberate Suicide. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—An unknown man deliberately threw himself in front of a moving train at Wilmington this morning and was ground to pieces under the wheels. He, in company with a Turk from the Midwest, was walking on the track, and stepped off to let the train pass. When the engine was within a few feet of the deceased he dived headlong in front of the engine, and the Turk could not identify the suicide.

Fair Will Contest. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Reuben H. Lloyd, attorney for the Herman Oelrichs and Miss Virginia Fair, announced positively to-day that his clients would not be a party to any contest of the will of their father, the late James G. Fair. The question of admitting the will to probate has been pending in the Superior Court this morning. Young Fair was present, ready to file his protest, but the whole matter was finally continued until March 23.

Contest Over a County Office. SAN DIEGO, Feb. 21.—The claim of A. H. Sweet to the office of District Attorney of San Diego County by appointment after the expiration of the term of M. L. Ward, his contestant, who had been previously appointed in anticipation of the vacancy occasioned by the death of the man elected to succeed him, was sustained to-day in the Superior Court. Ward will appeal.

Lieutenant-Governor Millard. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—Reports from India state that Lieutenant-Governor Millard is now suffering from sciatic rheumatism, and while he keeps up a cheerful countenance, it is a sign of weakness. Dr. Davidson, who attended Mr. Millard in this city, will go to India to-morrow to visit the invalid.

Died From Starvation. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The death from starvation of a four-weeks-old child of Mrs. John Harkins, who lives in a miserable shanty on Oregon street, was reported to the coroner to-day. Harkins has been unable to get work, and the family is poverty-stricken. The mother is bed-ridden through lack of nourishment.

A Burglar Escapes. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—William Frazer, a footpad and burglar, escaped to-day while he was being conveyed in a patrol wagon from the jail to the City Hall to be tried for his crime. No one saw Frazer, and he was not arrested. A number were injured.

Foot's Appointees. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—H. S. Foot, recently appointed United States District Attorney, announces that he will retain Samuel Knight as his first assistant and that E. L. Stonehill will be his second assistant.

Favor Election by a Direct Vote. BOISE, Feb. 21.—The Assembly to-day, with but five dissenting votes, passed a memorial to Congress in favor of the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people.

Prohibition Ordinance Repealed. LAKESIDE, Feb. 21.—The Board of Supervisors to-day repealed the county prohibition ordinance.

BRITISH POLITICS.

Rosebery's Ministry Repells the Attacks of Its Assaultants.

OPPOSITION BADLY DEFEATED IN THE COMMONS.

The Government Comes Out of a Contest, in Which It Was Predicted It Would Be Defeated, With Flying Colors, and With a Majority Which Surprised Even the Most Sanguine Supporters.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Lord Rosebery's administration has passed successfully through a stormy contest, and which many of its friends believed would require the most skillful statesmanship to weather. Despite the restrictions of the Conservative peers, and the more or less badly disguised fear of Liberals, the Government came out of the contest with flying colors, and with the majority that surprised even those who would not have admitted there was a chance of defeat.

The question that precipitated the dangerous situation was made by Sir Henry James, formerly Attorney-General in Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, and who abandoned the Liberal party on the bringing forward of the Irish home-rule scheme. By standing order No. 15 of the House of Commons a member may move for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a matter of public importance. Taking advantage of this order, Sir Henry to-day moved the adjournment, in order to call attention to the importance of the cotton recently decided upon by the Government of India.

It was claimed by many of the manufacturers of Manchester and other cotton centers in England that the imposition of this duty would have a most serious effect on their business, and they desired the Imperial Government to intervene to the effect of the duty.

The cotton interest is strongly represented in the House, and when the notice of the motion was given, it was conjectured that the Government would be defeated, but by some of the staunch Liberal organs, that the Government, which was bound to oppose the desired change, would be overthrown by the Government party in combination with Conservatives and Liberals interested in the cotton trade. The Parliaments, too, were expected to be overthrown by the Government, but the result did not bear out the hopes or fears of the political parties, for by a majority of 155, the Rosebery Ministry repelled the attacks of its assaultants.

Dadabhai Naoroji, an East Indian, who represents the central division of Fishery in the Liberal contest, warned the opposition that if the motion were adopted the first rail would be driven into the center of British rule in India. A division was taken on the motion, and it was defeated by a large majority, the vote standing 304 against 109 in favor of it.

BLACKMAILERS PUNISHED. Sentences Meted Out to Parisian Journalists. PARIS, Feb. 21.—The trial has been concluded of the representatives of the press of this city, charged with blackmail, and sentences were pronounced to-day. M. Deshayes, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs; M. Girard, manager of the Nineteenth Century, and M. Heitler, two years in prison and 1,000 francs fine each; M. Camille Dreyfus, a former member of the Chamber of Deputies, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs; M. Edouard Portalis, formerly director of the Nineteenth Century, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs. The arrest and conviction of these men grew out of the unearthing of a gigantic scheme for buying blackmail upon the members of all casinos and gambling clubs of France.

HARDSHIP FOR THE POOR. Destitution in Newfoundland Reported to Be Increasing. ST. JOHNS (N. F.), Feb. 21.—The destitution arising from the financial crisis in Newfoundland has become so serious that the Government has been obliged to provide relief for seven thousand persons are regularly receiving relief. The funds for this purpose are becoming low, and there is yet another month of real hardship before the poor. The Herald, by a broad baking contest, secured one thousand dollars for the relief of the poor, and among the relief committee. The Government has heretofore been contributing \$1,000 weekly for the benefit of the poor, but must be reduced to the relief fund. The Government intimates its intention of starting relief works. The opposition has been taken on the question of cutting off its contribution to the relief fund in order to devote the \$1,000 weekly to a corruption fund to be used in the bye elections, which occur within a fortnight.

WHI HE NO W?—First at Present. GUATEMALA, J. 21.—Reliable information received at the Foreign and War Departments say that it is certain that some sort of a settlement has been reached in the Mexico-Guatemala negotiations. In this city between the British and American consuls. The settlement has been reached, though several high officials assured the press correspondent that it is a positive fact that there will be no war just now.

Hottens Students. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—The students' demonstrations became so riotous that soldiers were summoned to quell them. The students resisted. A horse fight ensued. Order was not restored before many students had been arrested. A number were injured.

ON THE TURK. Bookmakers Caught Napping and Pay Decried for It. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The bookmakers were caught napping in the first race to-day, and got hurt. Bookmaker was out for a killing, and a stable-boy was put up to get odds. The horse opened at 25 to 1, and was played all over the ring down to 8 to 1, when the horses went to the post. Bookmaker won easily. Bellows, winner of the second race, was entered for \$500, and was run up to \$1,000. About six furlongs, selling, Decker to winner, Marietta second, Sadio W. third. Time—1:33.

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