

THE CAPITAL.

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS BUSILY ENGAGED.

The Senate Amends and Passes the Fisheries Appropriation Bill—The Legation Award Taken Up and Considered—And its Findings Severely Denounced—Proposition to Pay and then Annul that Portion of the Treaty Relating to the Fisheries—The House Spends its Time Passing Bills on the Private Calendar—Miscellaneous Notes.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The President pro tem laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution of the Senate providing for the final adjournment of Congress on the 10th of June.

Senator Edmunds moved to amend the concurrent resolution, adding the words: "That if any emergency should arise, the President be authorized to call the Senate into session."

Senator Hamlin hoped the amendment would be concurred in now. He thought the sooner the day of final adjournment should be fixed the better it would be.

Senator Edmunds said he desired to consider the matter and the resolution might as well lie over until to-morrow, when it could be disposed of and on his motion the resolution was laid on the table to be taken up again to-morrow.

Senator Davis called up the bill providing for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the seventh judicial circuit, composed of the States of Indiana and Illinois, which led to a political discussion.

Senator Blaine referring to the remarks of Senator Morgan, said that he desired to have the bill postponed until a Democratic Senate could confirm the appointments. He thought it a most extraordinary proceeding.

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The government also prohibited a public ceremony by the honor of Jean de La Fontaine. While the two Voltaire celebrations were proceeding, the Cathedral of Notre Dame was filled by an immense congregation consisting principally of women to take part in expiatory services ordered by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris. The interior of the church was darkened, expiatory papers burned before all the altars, while from the pulpit a discourse was delivered in which the preacher denounced Voltaire and glorified Jean de La Fontaine.

LONDON, May 31.—A dispatch from Rome says the Pope is ill in body and distressed in mind by the plots and cabals designed to prevent the reforms he proposes. It is reported the Pope manifests a disposition to abdicate. Cardinal Franchi is doing his utmost to check the machinations of the Jesuits. The latter, on the other hand, are striving to secure Cardinal Franchi's downfall.

CONFLICT AVOIDED. LONDON, May 31.—A special from Santari, Albania, via Ragusa states that through the mediation of the British consul, the conflict which impended near Podgorizza between the Turks and Montenegrins has been averted. But for the consul's efforts a collision would have taken place in a few hours.

The Prince of Montenegro finally pledged his word in case hostilities were resumed he would give the Turkish commandant of Podgorizza ample notice. This pledge is mainly there is believed to be attributable mainly to private intimations received by Prince Niketa from St. Petersburg.

A CONFLICT IMMINENT. LONDON, May 31.—A threatened conflict between Turks and the insurgents in Crete is imminent. A dispatch from Athens announces that Minister Layard informed the British Consul at Candia, Crete, that the proposed armistice is unacceptable. After this information is communicated to the insurgents the Turks will probably renew the attack.

THE FAMILY VAULT. LONDON, May 31.—The widow of Earl Russell has declined the proposal for the burial of the deceased statesman in Westminster Abbey, as the will directs the remains to be interred in the family vault in Buckinghamshire.

DIED AT HIS POST. PHILIP WYKHAM MARTIN, member of Parliament for Rochester, died suddenly this afternoon in the library of the House of Commons.

ONLY A QUESTION OF DETAILS. PARIS, May 31.—A special from Berlin says some questions of detail between England and Russia in regard to fixing the date of the meeting are delaying the conclusion of the congress, but it will certainly commence its sittings by the middle of June.

PRECAUTIONARY. A Belgrade dispatch says that since the Austrian occupation of Kaleb has brought the Austrian left wing in communication with the Roumanian right, the Serbian lines at Klovada and Braza Palonka have been strongly reinforced as a measure of precaution.

CYCLONE IN ILLINOIS. Buildings Demolished, Several Persons Injured and One Killed. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 31.—A special from Gardner, Ill., says a tremendous wind storm passed over that place and vicinity between 3 and 8 o'clock this afternoon which did a large amount of damage. The barn of L. C. Fuller was completely demolished and the house carried about 40 feet and nearly destroyed. Jas. Mann's house and barn was also badly damaged. The horses, barn and nearly all out-buildings of Aaron Seegers were entirely demolished.

DEVILISH DEEDS. ROCHESTER, Minn., May 31.—Wade Brown, a merchant from Moon City, Mo., was arrested this afternoon by Sheriff White on an order from Sheriff Terrill, as follows: "Arrest Brown Start to-night. Horrible crime. Dangerous man." He was detected by Harvey Jackson, who worked in the county last harvest, and who is now here as a witness in a civil action. Brown shot his mother and without law wife. The former was killed instantly. He acknowledges the crime, and says he was returning from the Black Hills to give the news. The murder happened six months ago, and there is nearly \$1,000 bounty for his arrest.

MURKED AT PORT KENNEY. PORT MCKENNEY, Wyo., May 31.—Harry Anderson, an employe in the quartermaster's department here, who was sitting by a tree watching a herd of mules, was shot from behind, instantly killed and then robbed, on the 24th inst. Suspicion rests upon a soldier of this post as the murderer, from the fact that a citizen was observed in the immediate vicinity of where the murdered man was found, with his gun and a belt full of high powder. The fall was observed to be gradually heeling over on her beam ends and men were seen crowding on her bulwarks.

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