

CAPITAL NOTES.

A SENSATION IN THE SENATE—TILT BETWEEN GORDON AND CONKLING.

Indecent Arrogance of the New York Senator—The Lie Direct—Unavailing Attempt at Reconciliation—Further Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The executive session in the Senate to-day was sensational by a personal difficulty between Senators Gordon and Conkling.

Gordon had risen to address the Senate on the nomination for collector of the port of Mobile, when Conkling interrupted him by telling the clerk to proceed with the calendar.

Gordon, not relishing the unceremonious manner of Conkling, made a remark to the effect that the courtesy of the Senate had not been duly observed by the Senator from New York; to which Conkling retorted that if any Senator said he had violated the courtesy of the Senate, he stated.

A Deliberate Untruth. Gordon said then that such language should be couched in direct terms, in order to leave no possible loop-hole for subsequent convenience, to which Conkling again replied that he presumed the Senator from Georgia understood the ordinary purport of words.

Gordon said: "Very well, that is sufficiently direct," and added that he would.

Conkling said he presumed he correctly interpreted the meaning of the Senator from Georgia, and would, therefore, be glad to entertain any attention which he might consider due in the premises.

Gordon remarked that the Senate was not the proper place, nor the executive session the proper time, for attending to such matters, to which Conkling responded that the Senator from Georgia must be the judge upon that point.

Horoupan Thurman made an attempt to produce a reconciliation, but without avail, and the Senate shortly adjourned.

Senator Gordon has since instituted such proceedings as seem proper under the circumstances. Of course it is not necessary to go into details. It may be added that Conkling has always been a believer in personal methods of settling personal difficulties, and it is not probable that he will seek cover behind his senatorial privileges. In fact, his action was deliberate and impelled by feelings which were aroused in him by Gordon's course relative to the New York nominations.

Gordon, in the course of his speech on this occasion, made some reflection upon Conkling's personal relation to the New York patronage, which made the latter very angry.

Conkling, however, said that circumstances prompted him to refrain from resort at that time, but that he would select another occasion as soon as one might arise which would afford a reasonable pretext.

His friends counseled him to let the whole matter drop, but he refused, saying that Gordon's assault was gratuitous and could not be overlooked.

The Truth of the Matter Is that Conkling is so mad at Hayes, and so full of fight generally, that he can't contain himself any longer. He could not have selected a more available object of wrath than Gordon.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE.

Sad End of Mrs. Mary Bell, Formerly of New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—On Monday last a woman, giving her name as Mrs. Mary Bell, died at a boarding-house on MacDougal street, this city, and the remains were to-day interred in the city cemetery. Her death resulted from crossness soon after childbirth. Her physician, Dr. Easton, says her case was a sad one. The name of the deceased, who formed the bulk of the new Orleans, and her husband, and her husband also resides there. Out of respect to their position and feelings, their names are withheld.

According to her story, about a year previous to her arrival in New York she was forced by her father to marry a man of about sixty years of age. She had a beautiful child, and soon after came a prey to puerperal melancholia. This grew upon her to such a degree that her friends from New Orleans, and her husband, and her husband also resides there. Out of respect to their position and feelings, their names are withheld.

I was informed by her that she came here accompanied by her mother, and established herself at one of the hotels. She brought \$1500 with her. Shortly after her arrival here, which was toward the close of the year, she met the acquaintance of a gentleman of this city, who is married and has a family, but whose name she will never disclose.

He engaged himself into her favor, and finding her living in good style, consented to help her spend the money she had brought with her, and so on which was sent to her subsequent. She was very kind, and she was in a delicate condition, he abandoned her. Having no more money, she was turned out of the house, and on Sunday, December 4, she gave birth to a child.

She died of puerperal mania last Monday night. Her body was not received. The child has been placed under the care of the commissioners of charities and corrections, and the woman is now in the city hospital, in a case of need. The doctor says that personally she was an exceedingly attractive lady, graceful, elegant and refined, and not more than twenty years of age. She had been educated abroad, and spoke several languages, was proficient in music and a fluent conversationalist. She had been married in a French and other languages.

The Union League Club—A Score for Conkling.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The Union League Club last evening, and the contest between the Administration and its opponents, which has been in progress since the meeting of the club, was closed by the election of a new committee.

What are known as reform, or Administration Republicans, are believed to have a large majority in the membership, among them Charles Easton, Richard G. Turner, and others. In the usual way, and without any anxiety as to the result, the nominating committee put a ticket in the field headed by District Attorney James H. Easton, charged with the duty of representing the club.

The last thing they expected, apparently, was a Conkling movement. Less than two hundred members were present last evening, and a majority of the two hundred were led by the supporters of Mr. Conkling, who were not so quietly at work for several days arranging an opposition ticket headed by ex-Gov. D. Morgan, with Hamilton Fish, Jr., as one of the members.

This organized opposition was unexpected by the Administration Republicans, and to great detriment to their difficulties the head of their ticket deserted them.

A printed letter from Benj. K. Phelps, dated Wednesday last, and which was distributed to all present. In it Mr. Phelps told those who desired him to represent them that he found himself in a seriously awkward position, and that he was unable to do so.

It was too late for the Administration men to make any arrangements, so they simply accepted the opposition ticket, which was, accordingly, voted the Morgan ticket. This nominating committee presents a ticket objectionable to the Administration, and it is believed that they will offer an opposition ticket, and think that in an open fight they can carry off the victory.

Effect of the Russian Crops on Our Grain Trade.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The dispatch from the United States Consul at Odessa in regard to the accumulation of an enormous quantity of grain in a Southern Russian port, which was purchased by English and Continental agents at low prices, and is stored awaiting the season of high demand, had no effect upon the grain market here, and no effect upon the price of our grain.

Dealers say that they have much better opportunities for obtaining information than the United States Consul, and that they are at dispatch to be greatly exaggerated. Besides, there is no present prospect of a cessation of hostilities, or of the opening of the Black Sea to commerce, and the war may be general and no one can predict twenty-four hours ahead what may happen.

Those who believe that the railroads will be so occupied transporting troops to their homes that it will be a long time before the grain embargo and the import cannot take place before May next in an open market.

Meantime, in the absence of laborers at the front, the grain cannot be properly taken care of, and the large proportion of it is being damaged, and the exports from Odessa never exceed 12,000,000 bushels. Finally, any effect that Russian crops might have had been discovered long ago.

Return of the Huron Burial Expedition.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The steamer Virginia, with the expedition commanded by Comr. Greave, returned to the government wharf at New Orleans, and the bodies of the Huron Kitty Hawk crew, has returned to the navy yard, and Comr. Greave will make a detailed report of his operations to the Secretary of the Navy.

The people along the beach have been wearying in recovering the dead. One instance deserves special notice. D. C. Lindsay and his daughter, Miss J. Lindsay, were again brought, dragged a body partially decayed. They dragged it to a place of safety and buried it, using shingles for spades.

Trunks and other valuable trinkets belonging to the drowned officers were at once packed up and forwarded to the relatives of the deceased. The bodies of the bodies, by which friends may identify them.

Sugar Seizure.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—The formal seizure of two cargoes of Demarara sugar, supposed to be contraband, was made yesterday by the United States officers, in accordance with information filed by the United States District Attorney in court.

It is understood that while efforts will be made to hasten as much as possible a decision in these cases, there is very little probability of the importing question being judicially passed upon for several months.

The first step in the investigation will be the appointment of commissioners, who will visit Demarara and probably other places, and the taking of evidence will be necessarily much protracted. Pending the final adjudication, however, it is learned that importers can release sugars by giving the usual bond required in such cases, which bond will, of course, be subject to the decision when it shall be reached.

Curious Conformity to Custom.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 14.—Two negroes named George Collins and Samuel Cross, who were convicted of a criminal assault on a white woman, were sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of March next, but after they had been sentenced it was discovered that the law would not apply to them, and they were again brought into court and sentenced to die on the 22d, which falls on Friday—the traditional hanging day. This is a curious conformity to custom, which has been known to occur in other States.

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