

NEWS SUMMARY.

Thursday. The emperor of China declared that he would forfeit his crown rather than agree to the German demands; he desires that the dispute be arbitrated; Japan is massing troops on the island of Formosa. Further riotous demonstrations in Prague and its suburbs were suppressed by the military; martial law was proclaimed; in the Hungarian Diet Baron Banffy, the Premier, was asked as to the right of Hungary to exercise independent action. Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the president, was stricken with paralysis, and little hope of her recovery is entertained; the president started from Washington to visit her. Blanche K. Bruce of Mississippi was appointed register of the Treasury by the president. Negotiations for a treaty of reciprocity with Peru were begun. Nelson Dingley, republican leader of the house, says he expects bankruptcy legislation but no radical currency measure to pass congress at the coming session. The Forest Preserve board, having spent nearly all of the \$1,000,000 appropriated for its use, will ask the next legislature for \$1,000,000 more, and that of 1899 for a like sum.

Friday. Reinforcements of artillerymen, field guns and one thousand marines have been ordered to the German territory occupying Chinese territory. Senor Canalejas, Spain's special commissioner in Cuba, found fifteen thousand orphans in the Province of Pinar del Rio. Princess Kaiulani is reported as having joined the annexation party in Hawaii. President McKinley's mother is sinking slowly but steadily, and her physician gives no hope that she will ever regain consciousness; the president will return to Washington for the opening of congress. Speaker Reed and many other members of congress arrived in Washington. George R. Blood, patent lawyer for the General Electric company, was shot and dangerously wounded by a burglar at his home in Schenectady. Talk was given at the collegiate debate with Harvard at New Haven on the question of Hawaiian annexation.

Saturday. A British expedition left Bombay for the island of Mombasa, off the coast of Zanzibar. The Hungarian premier will on Monday introduce bills in the Hungarian Diet maintaining the status quo in Austria-Hungary. The definite treaty of peace between the Sublime Porte and Greece was signed at Constantinople. President McKinley took leave of his dying mother and started for Washington from Canton. Talk of a wheat corner controlled by Armour and Pillsbury did not affect the grain market. The Kent & Stanley company, manufacturers of jewelry in Providence, having liabilities amounting to \$1,800,000, went into the hands of receivers. Justice Chester of the supreme court in Albany sustained the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in taking charge of the Waterbury public schools, which the board of education would not open.

Sunday. Pierce storms have prevailed over the Italian peninsula; twenty-five merchantmen were wrecked in the Bay of Naples. It was officially announced in Washington that Governor Griggs of New Jersey had accepted the office of attorney-general, to succeed Mr. McKenna when the latter is appointed a justice of the supreme court; Mr. Griggs will resign as governor on January 11. The state excise commissioner's annual report shows that the Raines law has reduced the number of saloons in New York city one-sixth, and has increased the city's revenue by over \$2,500,000. The work of the Rothchild scientific expedition to the Gallapagos Archipelago is described in a letter from a member of the party. The proposed combination of the wire, wire nail and steel rod interests has almost been perfected; it is said that the control of the pool will be in the hands of J. P. Morgan and his associates. The president's mother, Mrs. McKinley, continues to grow weaker at her home in Canton, Ohio, and her death is expected at any moment.

Monday. Two German cruisers arrived at Port au Prince and delivered an ultimatum to the Haytian government, giving it eight hours to pay the Luaders indemnity; it is believed that the demand was complied with. To a deputation from the parliament Emperor William spoke strongly of his determination to increase Germany's efficiency as a naval power. The regular session of the fifty-fifth congress was opened. President McKinley's message was read in both branches, and adjournment was taken in respect to the memory of Senator George and Representative Wright. Superintendent Aldridge of the state department of public works, and state Engineer Adams assert that \$5,000,000 more is needed for canal improvements. The president's mother rallied slightly soon after noon, and was able to recognize those at her bedside; Mr. McKinley left Washington for Canton, Ohio. A decision was reached that Luertz, the alleged wife murderer, should take the witness stand in his own defence.

Christian Endeavor Convention. The twelfth semi-annual convention of the Caledonia County Christian Endeavor union was held at Danville last week Thursday and Friday. The president, Mrs. Patterson, said they were delayed in getting out the programmes on account of difficulty in securing speakers, "but I am glad of it as I feel that we have the best." The programme was interesting from the opening prayer service Thursday afternoon to the closing convocation service Friday evening. The Bible studies conducted by Miss Emma W. Beaman on Ephesians, and lessons from the life and writings of Peter, were practically helpful. The junior conference brought out the fact of a deeper interest in that important work and three places expressed a desire to organize junior societies. The reports for societies and suggestions on committee work were good. Every member of the society, as well as the lookout committee, should be on the lookout for opportunities. "Do not act as if you were doing committee work, but with Christ be your best natural self. This struck the keynote of successful work. 'Go to the prayer meeting half an hour before you start,' was another good point, as well as advice on participation that followed. The 'can't stand members' should take a draught of spiritual enthusiasm," and "the verse readers should be restricted to those under 12 years and those whose memory had failed on account of age." The "what-overs" committee gathers up the fragments and so is twelve times as good as any other committee.

Miss Wheeler of Harpoot gave a thrilling account of the massacre in Harpoot through which she passed, made more real than ever the horrors of living under Mohammedan rule. The unanswerable arguments of God's care for his workers have convinced even Turkish officials in some cases, and Mrs. Barum, one of our missionaries, has been invited into a Turkish home to pray. She left God's word behind her and it is being read by the family. After carrying away to a heathen temple 25 girls from a mission school and without human solicitation bringing them all back unharmed the next day, the Turkish soldiers who did it said angrily, with themselves, "Why did we do it? Why did we give them up? The Christians pray and we had to. God made us." "You don't believe in prayer here in America, not as much as the Turks do," said Miss Wheeler, and it truly shames us.

Dr. Francis E. Clark sent a personal letter to the convention that was much enjoyed. In it he emphasized the "quiet hour" of which much has, and more will be made in days to come. Dr. Heath spoke with convincing power on "Systematic Giving." "God is a giver; yes, a systematic giver. Christ is a giver. If we are Christians we must be givers. Such as I have given I thee; givers of time, influence, power, money. Money has two sides, a material or commercial side and a spiritual side. See this silver dollar. On this side I find 'one dollar,' one hundred cents of purchasing power, and that is all some ever see in it. Reverse it and we find, 'In God we trust.' Lay up treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal.' Send your money ahead to heaven."

Of the nineteen working societies in this union, representing 705 members, there have been added during the year, 116 active members, 53 associate, 24 transferred from the associate to the active list, 67 united with the churches and over \$400 given for missionary work. This does not include the Junior societies.

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Ex-Supt. Childing's Cases. The case of Dr. W. H. Giddings, former superintendent of the Waterbury Insane asylum, charged with cruel and abusive treatment of female patients in that institution was ended at Montpelier Saturday morning, when a nolle prosequi was entered by State's Attorney F. A. Howland and ordered to be done by Judge Tyler. The state's attorney gave as his reasons for having the case nolle prossed that the respondent was living at his home in Bakersfield, and had suffered greatly because of the action of the legislative committee in deposing him. His family also deeply felt the stigma attached. Dr. Giddings was not now connected with the institution. He had talked with the asylum trustees and they did not believe much could be gained by

having the matter again stirred up, and they thought it might damage the reputation of the asylum if that was done. Handbills at Heroulanum. It is probably the general impression that posters and handbills are modern inventions, but it has just been discovered that the ancient Romans practiced this method of advertising. In digging at Heroulanum there was brought to light a pillar covered with bills, one on top of another. The paste used to stick them was made of gum arabic. The bills, when separated and examined, were found to be programmes and announcements of public meetings, and even election proclamations. An Underground Convent. The most remarkable convent in the world is found in the catacombs of the Russian cathedral at Kiev. Deep down beneath its magnificent cathedral are miles of subterranean corridors lined with cells, in which 1,500 ascetics perform their daily devotions and duties, live, eat and sleep in the grim company of their dead predecessors. For a short time each day they ramble in the beautiful gardens surrounding the cathedral, only to return from this fugitive glimpse of paradise to the dark, damp cellars where they live their "death in life."

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Presentation of Account. CARLOS NEWTON'S ESTATE. STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1897. Simeon Huse, Administrator upon the estate of Carlos Newton late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said court that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1897, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, newspaper published at St. Johnsbury previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made. By the Court: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Commissioners' Notice. GEORGE W. PELCH'S ESTATE. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the district of Caledonia, commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of George W. Pelch, late of Waterford, in said district, deceased, and the term of six months from the 24th day of December, 1897, being allowed by said court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling house of the late George W. Pelch in Waterford, in said district, on the 29th day of December and the 27th day of May 1898 next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on each of said days. G. W. Winslow, T. M. Keith, Commissioners. Dec. 4, A. D. 1897.

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