

## KEMMLER'S DOOM.

### The Supreme Court Denies a Writ of Error.

### Chief Justice Fuller Delivers the Opinion.

### The Prisoner Not Deprived of His Constitutional Rights.

### Other Decisions—The Cuban Embassador Extraditable—Reluctance to Confiscate Mormon Property.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The supreme court has denied the application for a writ of error in the case of Kemmler, under sentence of death by electricity. The opinion is by Chief Justice Fuller. The court holds that the change in the form of death is within the legitimate sphere of the legislative power of the state. The legislature of the state of New York determined that it did not inflict a cruel and unusual punishment, and its courts have sustained that determination. This court cannot see that the prisoner has been deprived of the due process of law. In order to reverse the judgment this court should be compelled to hold that the court of appeals committed an error so gross as to deprive the prisoner of his constitutional rights. The court has no hesitation in saying it cannot do this.

The case will next come up before the United States Circuit Court Judge Wallace, who made the order to operate as a stay until the supreme court could pass upon the questions involved. This order was issued with the understanding that counsel would immediately apply to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus, their application for which writ was thrown out, but they were allowed a hearing on application for a writ of error, and it was this application which was today denied. It is therefore supposed that Judge Wallace, when the order becomes returnable, the third Monday in June, next, will vacate it, that being practically the understanding upon which the order was made.

### The Mormon Case.

Ex-Senator McDonald made a motion for a rehearing in the Mormon case, and to vacate the mandate in the case. The court refused a rehearing, but decided to allow the latter part of the motion. The court said it was satisfied that the conclusions reached were correct, but not with the form of the decree entered, and would take the matter under advisement until next term. It is understood the object is to ascertain if there be not some method by which the money accumulated by the church of the Latter Day Saints can be returned to some source that will not use the funds for the propagation of polygamy, there being a reluctance to absolutely confiscate the property.

### The Cuban Embassador.

The court also affirmed the judgment in the case of Teyza, the Cuban embassador, now held at New York. The effect will be to allow his extradition by Spain.

### Adjourned Till Next Term.

The court today finally adjourned until next term, beginning the second Monday in October.

## CLARKSON'S TWADDLE.

### The Distinguished Headman Makes a Speech at Prominent.

BOSTON, May 23.—Prominent gentlemen from all parts of the state were present in large numbers this afternoon to meet First Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson, who was the guest of the Norfolk Club. Several speeches were made, among them one by Mr. Clarkson, who spoke entertainingly upon the southern question, civil service reform, and the tariff. The speaker, referring to the south, said the nation is now face to face with the duty, whether in its sovereign power it shall allow Georgia, South Carolina, or any state, to prevent an American citizen from exercising his constitutional right to vote. On the tariff and the west, the speaker said: "The claim that the northwest is for free trade, is no object. In the last republican national convention the east made a stand for a stronger protection plank. The west accepted it, and the best protectionist in the United States today is the western farmer. Free trade has sought audaciously to set up its empire in the northwest, but it will fail. As a western man, I resent the pity bestowed upon the western farmer. He is passing through a temporary depression, and he will come out of it by his strength and wisdom. I have spoken of the past; let us turn to the future. I believe it is republican, but the party of today is rallying in faith rather than works. The opposition takes on new form and power. It is ceaseless in activity. Republicans everywhere should unite in extending the circulation of republican papers. This may be treason to the independent press, but it is loyalty to the republican party, and that means, I believe, loyalty to the republic itself."

## CONFEDERATE COLORS.

### Decorations at Richmond in Honor of Robert E. Lee.

RICHMOND, Va., May 23.—The State newspaper leads off today in confederate decorations in honor of General Lee. Its building is covered from top to bottom with confederate colors, and battle flags wave from every window. None but confederate colors are displayed. The only legend that appears on the facade of the building is this: "R. E. Lee, America's Greatest Man." These confederate decorations will be followed up tomorrow by a twenty-page paper, styled a confederate edition, filled with war articles, reminiscences and confederate war songs.

## A Railway to Alaska.

OTTAWA, May 23.—The project for a railway to Alaska, is about to take definite shape. Application will be made to parliament at the next session, for the passage of an act incorporating the Vancouver, Northern and Alaska Railway and Navigation Company, with the

power to build a railway from Vancouver or some other point, on Burrard Inlet, on the banks of the Fraser river, by way of Seymour Creek valley, Pemberton Meadows, Chilliaten plains and the headwaters of the Fraser river, to a point on Parsnip or Peace river, with branches to a northwesterly direction to the Skeena and Staken rivers, to the boundary of Alaska.

## THE ATCHISON'S BARGAIN.

### Terms of the St. Louis and San Francisco Deal Published.

BOSTON, May 23.—A circular was issued today by George C. Magoun, chairman of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, formally announcing to the stockholders the acquisition of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. The advantage of the combination as to the far southwest freight traffic, is dwelt upon. First preferred stock is not disturbed, and to the holders of preferred stock are given one and three-eighths shares of Atchison stock for one share of St. Louis and San Francisco, and to the holders of common stock three-quarters of one share of Atchison. The Atchison has issued \$27,000,000 new stock, out of which \$26,285,175 will be delivered for San Francisco stock and equities. The new acquisition makes the Atchison mileage 8,966 and increases the capital stock per mile from \$10,540 to \$11,296.

## Pennsylvania Strikes Settled.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 23.—A compromise was effected yesterday by which a number of strikers will return to work. They include Congressman Scott's coal miners, at Scott Haven, and a great portion of the Youngho river miners, together with several thousand men employed by the National tube works and National rolling mills at McKeesport.

## BASEBALL RUINED.

### SPALDING AGAIN EXPRESSES HIMSELF ON THE SITUATION.

### No Salvation for the Game Unless the Players' League Withdraws From the Field—Yesterday's Games.

CHICAGO, May 23.—President Spalding of the Chicago league club, expressed himself on the baseball situation again, today, to a local paper. He dwelt on the poor attendance at the games so far, and sees no salvation for baseball except the withdrawal of the Players' league from the field. The league, he says, is going to stick to the fight, uncompromisingly and without quarter. If the Players' league lasts, he said, there will be twenty-five-cent baseball, Sunday games, beer in the grand stand, and the game will be ruined. Spalding figures that the average attendance at the league games so far, exceeds that of the brotherhood. He predicts that if it should rain at baseball points on Decoration Day, the players' league will have hard work to pull through June. He figures that the moneyed men who went into the scheme without knowing what they were getting will have had enough of sport to last them for life, unless they recoup some losses on Decoration Day. Should it not rain on Decoration Day, Spalding thinks a storm on the Fourth of July would be disastrous. Should it rain on either day, and the attendance remain as at present, he predicts that the players' league will never open a second season.

## LEAGUE GAMES.

### Yesterday's Work on the Diamond.

### Microscopic Crowds.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The local league team found Pitcher Schmitt an easy mark this afternoon, and batted him hard. Attendance, 200.

Score—New York, 17; Pittsburg, 10.

BOSTON, May 23.—The Cleveland league team was beaten by the Boston, owing to Long's daring base-running. Attendance, 800.

Score—Boston, 4; Cleveland, 3.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The Chicago league club defeated the Phillies again this afternoon, after a stubborn tenning contest, by better all-around playing. Attendance, 1,500.

Score—Chicago, 10; Philadelphia, 8.

BROOKLYN, May 23.—Terry was poorly supported by the local league team today, and the Cincinnati won. Attendance, 400.

Score—Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 7.

## Brotherhood Games.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—"Jersey" Bakeny proved himself an enigma to the Philadelphia players' league team this afternoon. Cunningham's delivery just suited the Cleveland men. Attendance, 600.

Score—Philadelphia, 1; Cleveland, 9.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Giants today jumped on Dwyer, and the Chicago brotherhood club again went to the earth. Attendance, 1,500.

Score—New York, 23; Chicago, 9.

BROOKLYN, May 23.—The brotherhood game was called at the end of the sixth innings on account of rain. The Buffalos were outplayed at every point. Attendance, 500.

Score—Brooklyn, 6; Buffalo, 2.

BOSTON, May 23.—The brotherhood game this afternoon was marked by some fielding on the part of the home team and some poor work by the visitors. Attendance, 800.

Score—Boston, 8; Pittsburg, 3.

## American Association.

SYRACUSE, May 23.—Syracuse, 0; Columbus 4.

ROCHESTER, May 23.—Rochester, 4; St. Louis, 5.

BROOKLYN, May 23.—Brooklyn, 4; Louisville, 2.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—First game—Athletics, 1; Toledo, 4. Second—Athletics, 11; Toledo, 6.

## California League.

SACRAMENTO, May 23.—Sacramento defeated Stockton in a hard-fought game of twelve innings this afternoon. The clubs were tied after the ninth innings till the close of the game. Perrot and Harper were the pitchers.

Score—Sacramento, 15; Stockton, 13.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—In Oakland today, San Francisco, 5; Oakland, 4.

## A Los Angeles Man Suicides.

SALEM, Ore., May 23.—F. H. W. Schmidt committed suicide this evening by drowning in the Willamette river. He was suffering from cancer of the stomach, and first attempted to shoot himself, but friends prevented. His home was at Los Angeles, California.

## AN ELECTRIC STORM.

### Fearful Weather in Western Pennsylvania.

### The Elements Rage with Exceeding Fury.

### Widespread Destruction Caused by Wind, Flood and Lightning.

### Portions of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky Also Visited—A Number of Fatalities Reported.

Associated Press Dispatches.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—A severe rain and electrical storm passed over a large section of Western Pennsylvania this evening, doing great damage to property and resulting in the loss of several lives. East of and in this city houses were blown down, trees uprooted and small buildings demolished. A house on Black Horse hill, occupied by John Miller, was lifted bodily from its foundation and blown a considerable distance. The family escaped with slight bruises. At least a score of other houses in the vicinity were unroofed. A large number of persons received slight injuries, but so far as known there are no fatalities.

At McKeesport hailstones as large as walnuts fell, while the rain poured down in sheets for half an hour. Lightning struck several buildings and considerable damage was done. The greatest injury was done by water, which came down White's hollow in a stream 75 feet wide. The water was 5 feet deep on Fifth avenue, and a number of houses below grade were submerged.

At Greensburg, William Fry, a gardener at St. Joseph's academy, was killed by lightning. Heavy rains caused great damage in the low lands in the vicinity. Lightning struck a number of fine buildings, doing damage in every instance.

Near Washington, Pa., lightning struck a dwelling on the Miller farm, shattering it and killing William Furman, seriously injuring William Gates, and stunning two others.

In Fayette county the rainfall was extensive, and did much damage to railroads. A heavy landslide occurred at Oakland, and as it was being cleared away, a still heavier one came down, blocking both tracks. The flood in Monatz creek carried away many buildings.

At Layton station an immense amount of mud, rocks and trees came down on the Baltimore and Ohio tracks. The rain there amounted almost to a cloud-burst.

At Scottdale the storm was particularly destructive. The cellars along the principal streets were nearly filled with water, and goods in the stores were saturated. The creek is rising steadily, and the safety of the bridges between Scottdale and Fair Chance is endangered.

A dispatch from Oil City, Pa., says: There has been a heavy rain falling almost steadily since midnight, raising the water in the river and creek to the highest point since 1883. On account of washouts there is no communication with Buffalo or Warren. The ground floors in the lower portion of the town are flooded.

At Wheeling, W. Va., two and a half inches of rain fell in twenty minutes, deluging the streets and flooding a number of business houses.

There are apprehensions of a big rise in the river in Pittsburg. The heavy rain is likely to swell the rivers to flood proportions.

A special from Erie, Pa., says: Long-continued rains have caused a great deal of trouble on the railroads in this section of the state, and today there were many washouts. The west-bound freight on the Nickel Plate went through a bridge near Crayton. Three trainmen were severely injured. Twenty-five cars went down into the flood.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 23.—A rain storm much in the nature of a cloud burst swept over Northwestern Pennsylvania this morning, doing great damage. At Corry the streets were converted into rivers, in some places two feet deep, tearing up sewers and washing out the roads. The railroad yards are completely inundated. The merchants also sustained heavy losses. The valley from Corry to Irvingtown, a distance of twenty miles, is a complete lake of water from one to three miles in width. The loss will probably reach \$100,000 or more. The public highways in the surrounding counties are nearly all impassable.

At Meadville, lightning struck several buildings, although none were severely damaged. Several streets are flooded and extensive damage resulted in the lower portion of the city from the rapid rising of French creek. Three bridges, a slaughter house and numerous small buildings and sidewalks have been swept away. Reports from all directions indicate that the damage in this vicinity is very heavy. The railroads also suffered from washouts.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, May 23.—George Batterson, wife and two children, of Salineville, were killed by lightning while standing under a tree during a storm this afternoon.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—The northern counties of Kentucky and southern portion of West Virginia were swept tonight by a terrific wind, thunder and rain storm. Great damage was done at many points, the full extent of which cannot be learned until tomorrow. No fatalities are reported, but a number of persons were injured at different points.

## PACKING-HOUSES MULTIPLYING.

### Another Big Plant to be Put in at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The Chronicle states that a party of capitalists, including P. D. Armour, of Chicago, Jacob Hler, of Kansas City, and Miller and Lux, Colonel C. F. Crocker and J. C. Stubbs, of this city, have obtained nearly two thousand acres of land at Hunter's point, at the southern extremity of the city, on which they will establish a large pork-packing and beef-canning plant. The capital stock of the enterprise is placed at two and a half million dollars. A number of Sioux City capitalists recently secured a tract of land at Point Pinole, on the east side of the

## THE COAST LINE.

### The Santa Barbarans Bestirring Themselves to Have it Completed.

SANTA BARBARA, May 23.—At a meeting of citizens today, Hon. Elwood Cooper was commissioned to communicate with proper parties in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Alameda and San Francisco counties, for the appointment of five persons from each, to meet at San Jose, June 25th, with a committee from Santa Barbara county, to constitute a convention to mature some plan for the speedy completion of the coast line of railway from Los Angeles to San Francisco. The following delegates from Santa Barbara county were selected: Hon. Elwood Cooper, Hon. C. E. Dibblee, J. J. Perkins, Edward Ivison and M. J. Nichols.

## FATHER BARRETT MURDERED.

### An Insane Young Man Shoots a Catholic Clergyman.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Rev. Dr. S. M. Barrett, of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church, was shot and fatally wounded tonight, at Trespo, on the threshold of his residence. He was accosted by a young man, who professed to be in a dying condition from heart trouble. The priest gave the man directions to help him physically, and was considering the matter of spiritual consolation, when the fellow drew a revolver and shot him in the breast. He was arrested, and is apparently insane. He gives the name of Cady. Father Barrett had been pastor of St. Stephen's twenty years.

## KELLEHER KNOCKED OUT.

### JOE ELLINGSWORTH GETS EVEN WITH DENNY.

### The Fight at the Golden Gate Club Last Night—Half a Hundred Rounds—Both Men Badly Battered.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—A fight to a finish between Joe Ellingsworth, of Los Angeles, and Denny Kelleher, of Boston, for a purse of \$1,000, took place at the Golden Gate Athletic Club tonight. Kelleher's weight was announced at 150½; Ellingsworth's, at 153. Ellingsworth's seconds were Martin Murphy and Charley Gleason; Billy Shannon and Danny Needham seconded Kelleher. Patsy Hogan was referee.

Time was called at 9:53. Little was done in the first round.

In the second Ellingsworth kept moving about his opponent, looking for an opening, while Kelleher held himself in reserve. A little before the round closed he landed his right hand on one of Ellingsworth's ears.

In the third Kelleher rushed Joe to the ropes, but failed to land heavily. He stopped Ellingsworth's left several times but made no returns.

In the fourth Ellingsworth continued trying for Kelleher's ribs, and after several stops landed lightly on his jaw, and later more heavily on his ribs. The round closed in Ellingsworth's favor.

Kelleher continued to employ waiting tactics in the next three rounds, and allowed Ellingsworth to do nearly all the leading. Ellingsworth reached Kelleher's jaw with several straight left-hand blows.

In the eighth, Kelleher swung his right twice, but landed short.

In the ninth round Kelleher was down around the ring, and Ellingsworth landed a number of hard blows on his ribs and over his heart. Kelleher reached his opponent's ear, but missed a good chance for an upper-cut.

In the tenth round Kelleher made a savage upper-cut with his right, which scraped Ellingsworth's ribs, but he received a blow in the wind in return.

During the next few rounds Ellingsworth continued to pound Kelleher in the ribs and stomach, the latter making light returns.

In the sixteenth Ellingsworth used both hands on Kelleher's mouth, drawing blood.

In the seventeenth a sounding right-hander on Ellingsworth's left ribs was the only good blow.

The next seven rounds were uneventful.

In the twenty-fifth Kelleher suddenly roused himself and planted a right-hander on Ellingsworth's ear. The latter retaliated with a drive in his opponent's wind.

There was no lively fighting in the next few rounds. Ellingsworth continued to jab at his opponent, but took care that Kelleher should not be given a chance to deliver a knock-out blow. Ellingsworth pounded Kelleher hard in the thirty-first and thirty-third rounds.

In the thirty-fifth Ellingsworth forced him into a corner and knocked out two of Kelleher's teeth. Ellingsworth's jabs were beginning to tell. He continued to force the fight in the thirty-seventh round, and landed with his right and left on Kelleher's wind, but received a hard drive in the neck in return.

Kelleher was knocked through the ropes in the forty-third round, but recovered. He was also sent sprawling to the floor in the forty-sixth.

Kelleher was again knocked down in the forty-ninth, and in the fiftieth round Ellingsworth sent him to the floor three times. The last time he was unable to rise, and Ellingsworth was declared the victor. It was after 1 o'clock when the fight ended.

## Mr. White's Candidacy Announced.

FRESNO, May 23.—At a meeting of the democratic county convention this evening, a telegram was read from Hon. Stephen M. White, publicly announcing himself as a candidate for the United States senate.

## Pell's Bitter Pill.

NEW YORK, May 23.—George H. Pell was tonight found guilty of grand larceny in taking \$31,000 bonds belonging to the Lenox Hill Bank at the time of the recent bank-wrecking plot. His sentence was deferred.

## Train Nearing Tacoma.

LA GRANGE, Ore., May 23.—The train, bearing George Francis Train and party, passed here at 3 o'clock this evening. It will reach Tacoma shortly after noon tomorrow.

## HOW TO REVISE?

### The Problem That Puzzles the Presbyterians.

### Three Plans of Procedure Under Consideration.

### Weighty Matters Discussed by the Reverend Doctors.

### Proceedings of the Various Ecclesiastical Conferences Now in Session—Baptist Missions.

Associated Press Dispatches.

SARATOGA, May 23.—In the Presbyterian general assembly this morning the amended report of the committee on revision having come up, Rev. Dr. Patton, chairman, spoke at some length. He said he was in the minority, but bowed to the will of the majority of the presbyteries which desired a change in the creed. He therefore advocated that it be formulated by a committee for submission to the presbyteries. "We, of the minority," he said, "must not stand against the great right, but must define the functions of the committee. We must have no change that will affect the Calvinistic character of our standard." [Applause.]

Dr. Patton offered an amendment to Dr. McCracken's plan, providing for a committee of revision containing not less than fifteen, of which not more than two shall be appointed by any one synod, to report to the next assembly the alterations to be sent down to the presbyteries; said committee to be restrained from proposing changes such as will alter the Calvinistic character of the standards, and to propose only such as will remove popular misapprehension.

Dr. Day, of New York, read an amendment to both McCracken's and Patton's plan, which provided for a committee of revision of fifteen ministers and six elders, the moderator of this assembly to appoint one member of this committee from each synod, to act with the moderator as a committee of nomination of this committee of revision; said committee to meet no later than October 31st, and report to the next general assembly.

Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, of Brooklyn, opposed restricting the committee as to changes.

The three propositions were discussed at very great length by Doctors Vanduyke (Brooklyn), Morris (Lane Theological Seminary), Howard Crosby (New York), Robert M. Patterson (Chester), Agnew (Philadelphia), and others.

Dr. Patterson, in his address, said he would never vote, if there were no other objects, to confess that for 250 years the church has slandered the pope, in calling him an anti-Christ. He argued that only a minority of the ministry and elders had voted for revision.

Dr. Agnew contended that the revision should be within Calvinistic lines.

He also opposed the change proposed regarding "elect infants dying in infancy."

Dr. Craig, of the presbytery of Iowa, said: "I have been an anti-revisionist, but it seems we cannot stay where we are, and although I see many difficulties, they are not impossibilities. Therefore I will vote that an experiment be made, but we must be careful."

Finally the three proposals were referred to a committee consisting of Drs. Patton, McCracken, Erskine and Kempshall, and Elders Day, Graham and Torrey, to report to the assembly tomorrow.

Adjourned.

## BAPTIST MISSIONS.

### Meeting of the American Missionary Union—Dr. Northrup's Address.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The American Baptist Missionary Union met in annual session this morning and transacted routine business.

Dr. Northrup, in an address, presented the obstacles and encouragements to foreign mission work, and closed by stating that the Baptists, through the efforts of William Carey and companions in England, had once roused the world on the subject of foreign missions, and now he called upon the Baptists to rouse the world again by sending 200 men at once into the foreign mission work.

The annual report of the executive committee showed a very successful year's work. The total income was \$550,527, more than paying expenses and reducing last year's debt to \$7,942. The increase in missions during the year was fifty-two missionaries, forty-five churches and 3,980 members.

Many interesting addresses were made. Rev. Dr. Northrup was re-elected president.

## SOUTHERN METHODISTS.

### Ten Thousand Dollars Appropriated For a Paper on the Pacific Coast.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—In the general conference of the Methodist church this morning, the committee reported recommending the board of church extension to establish a system of mutual insurance for churches. A long debate followed.

The committee on publishing interests reported favorably on the proposition to establish a paper on the Pacific coast. The report was adopted after debate. All the California delegates favored it. An editor is to be elected by the general conference, and \$10,000 appropriated to carry the paper along during the next quadrennium.

## Reformed Presbyterians.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—At today's session of the general synod of the Presbyterian church, quite a hot discussion took place on a resolution that the use of the "taken" at the communion be left to the judgment of the several sessions. This is a question which has been open for discussion in the Reformed Presbyterian church for some years. The matter was finally settled by a motion to indefinitely postpone action on the question.

## Rockefeller Endows a University.

CHICAGO, May 23.—About a year ago John D. Rockefeller, of Cleveland, offered to give \$600,000 toward a new university

projected by the Baptists of Chicago, provided the latter would raise the \$400,000 necessary to complete an endowment of \$1,000,000. He named June 1st as the date by which the total sum must be subscribed. Rev. Dr. Goodspeed announced today that the task has been completed. Marshall Field, of Chicago, has given a university tract of ten acres of ground on the south side, and ten acres adjoining will be purchased.

## STILL UNSETTLED.

### Union Carpenters' Trouble in Chicago Not Yet Ended.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The carpenters' strike still remains unsettled, so far as a number of the union carpenters are concerned. The old masters' association still refuses to have anything to do with the union, and is employing non-union men. The union is sending out warning to carpenters throughout the country against what they call the misleading advertisements of the masters' association, which are flooding the city with carpenters from outside ports. The union says there is no scarcity of workmen here; that it has been obliged to send back to their homes many men. It is estimated that at least 1,000 of the union carpenters in the city are out of employment.

## The Glass-Makers' Combine.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—The western window-glass manufacturer's association met here and decided to shut down all the factories in the country for the summer on June 14th. A combine was also made with jobbers, by which the price of glass will be made uniform in all cities. The jobbers and manufacturers agreed that neither will buy nor sell to any but members of their respective associations.

## STOLEN KISSES.

### THE CAUSE OF AN INTERNATIONAL IMBROGLIO.

### Complications Between Russia and Turkey Arising from an Indignity to Russian Ladies—Cable Flashes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23.—It has been ascertained that the ladies belonging to the Russian embassy, who were assaulted while walking at Buyukdere, were the wife and daughter of the chief dragoman of the embassy. The offenders were Turkish officers and five students. The ladies were walking in the garden, when they were seized by the officers and students, who forcibly kissed them.

A party of sailors belonging to a Russian dispatch boat happened to be in the garden. They captured four of the assailants, and conveyed their prisoners to the Russian embassy. The Turkish authorities have asked that the prisoners be turned over to them for trial. The Russian ambassador refuses to transfer them, on the ground that Turkish justice is illusory. The affair has created much comment, and it is feared will result in complications between Russia and Turkey.

## British Affairs.

### LONDON, May 23.—In the commons tonight in answer to questions, the government stated that it did not consider itself empowered to ratify the sugar convention without the sanction of parliament. The government declined to make any statement as to whether orders had been given to protect the English seal fisheries in the Bering sea. Correspondence with America is still pending.

The government is aiding the starving people of the Sudan; two thousand