

WORK BEGUN.

The Joint Committee to Amend the State Constitution

IS IN SESSION AT CHARLESTON.

And Going About the Matter in a Businesslike Way.

NO PARTY LINES TO BE DRAWN.

As Members Representing Both Parties Desire to Do the Work Satisfactorily to the People--A Conference with Gov. Atkinson--Doubts About a Special Session--If None is Called Report will be Sent to the Next Legislature.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 14.--The special joint committee of the legislature appointed by resolution at the recent session of the legislature to draft amendments to the state constitution and to report to the legislature, met this morning at 10 o'clock in the hall of the house of delegates.

Before starting in on their labors, divine blessings and guidance were invoked in prayer by Hon. J. S. Darst, a member from Jackson county.

The members of the committee are: Messrs. East, Hanen, Kennedy, Whitaker and Mansfield.

The Republican members of the committee called on the governor in his rooms this morning and had an informal conference with him.

The conference did not hold as an inflexible line, but in a spirit of courtesy to a Republican governor.

Governor Atkinson left the city this afternoon to attend the United States court at Clarkburg.

TENNESSEE'S CENTENNIAL.

Governor Atkinson Completes the Naming of West Virginia Commissioners.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 14.--Governor Atkinson to-day appointed Hon. N. E. Whitaker, of Wheeling; J. E. Dana, of Charleston, and R. S. Northcutt, of Clarkburg, commissioners on the part of West Virginia to the Nashville (Tenn.) centennial to be held this coming fall.

Confidence Returning.

WESTON, W. Va., April 14.--At a public sale near here to-day seventeen average ewes with as many lambs, brought eight good hundred cent dollars each, and ordinary cows sold for forty dollars.

BAND OF INCENDIARIES.

Had Possession of Kansas City for a Few Hours. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.--At 5 o'clock last night Kansas City seems to have been at the mercy of a band of incendiaries.

A Terrible Suicide.

CLEVELAND, April 14.--William Bundy, a colored man, aged twenty-eight years, committed suicide this afternoon by throwing himself from the fourth story of a building in the business portion of the city.

CAPTURE OF BALTINO.

News Confirmed at Larissa--Greek Losses Small--No Relaxation of War Preparations.

LARISSA, April 14.--Trustworthy reports received here yesterday confirm the statements that the Greek irregulars have captured Baltino, in Macedonia. The Turks lost forty men killed.

After this success the Greeks advanced to Kipuri, on the road to Grevena, threatening the communications of the Turkish central force at Ellassone, with Janina, the Turkish headquarters in Albania.

In all skirmishing and fighting since crossing the frontier, the Greeks lost some men killed and had fifteen men wounded.

Dispatches received here to-day from the Greek expeditionary force say that the irregulars have passed Kipuri, driving the Turks before them.

There are rumors here of ministerial changes, but there are no signs of relaxation in preparing for war.

THE GREEK POLICY.

Forced Upon It by the Precipitate Armament of Turkey--Sensational Statement by the Premier.

ATHENS, April 14.--On the reassembling of the boule-to-day M. Delivas, the premier, introduced in the presence of a crowded chamber, a bill granting the government a credit of 23,000,000 drachmas for the ministrations of war and marine.

The premier asked the house to expedite the passage of the budget. Dealing with the development of the foreign situation, he declared that the powers had taken their stand on the principle of the integrity of Turkey.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Turkish Officer Says He Recognized Greek Officers Among the "Irregulars."

ELASSONA, April 14.--The Turkish troops are now centered in very strong force at Grevena and the insurgents have no chance of advancing any further.

KING GEORGE IS RIGHT.

He Sizes Up the Attitude of European Powers Exactly.

LONDON, April 14.--The Daily Chronicle will publish the following to-morrow from its Athens correspondent, Mr. Henry Norman:

GREEKS DRIVEN BACK.

Reports that the Irregulars were Repulsed are Confirmed.

ELASSONA, Macedonia, April 14.--An officer sent by Edhem Pasha to Krania with instructions to ascertain the exact situation in that vicinity, confirms the statements previously made that the Turks have driven the insurgents back across the frontier, inflicting a loss of fifty killed on the latter.

Germany and Austria with Turkey.

LONDON, April 14.--The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard will say to-morrow:

"During the cabinet council at the palace on Sunday, the sultan was in constant communication with the czar and the kaiser. His ultimate decision will depend upon their advice, which many well informed people here believe will be in favor of the Turkish invasion of Greece.

Contempt for Policy of Powers.

LONDON, April 14.--A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says it is evident from the port's language to the powers, but is tinged with a perceptible scorn.

A Break in the Royal Family.

VIENNA, April 14.--The Tagerblatt says to-day that sharp differences have arisen in the Greek royal family as to the proper course for government to pursue.

Riddled with Bullets.

EDWARDS, Miss., April 14.--Jesse Evans, a negro, charged with assaulting two little white girls, was riddled with bullets to-night by a posse.

THE FIRST TEST.

Of Strength on the Tariff is Had in the Senate

ON A RESOLUTION BY MR. VEST

Aimed at the Retroactive Clause--Republicans Win by One Vote, and the Resolution is Referred to the Committee--A Short Discussion of the Wool Schedule. Mr. Hoar Says it will be Fair to All Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.--The first skirmish on the tariff question occurred in the senate to-day. It was followed by a vote which served to test the strength of the various elements of the senate.

Senator Kyle, whose position is a question of interest, was the wool grower's critic in the wool schedule, and declared illegal his recent order relative to goods imported after April 1.

The affirmative vote was given by Republicans, including one silver Republican, Mr. Mantle, of Montana.

The subject came up first when Mr. Mantle presented a memorial from wool growers urging ample protection to their industry.

Mr. Hoar responded to some of the criticisms of Mr. Mantle. He said he hoped to see the wool schedule arranged to the satisfaction of the wool growers.

The Spanish gunboat Satellite, while in the Cuban case, was fired upon by a party of insurgents who also sent out an armed boat to engage the gunboat.

AN IMPORTANT BATTLE.

In Sight on the North Coast of Cuba--Is Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

HAVANA, April 14, via Key West.--Banes, an important port on the north coast, near Gibera, from which go heavy annual exportations of bananas and coconuts to the United States.

DEMOCRATIC SPLIT.

In the House of Representatives Manifests Itself.

WASHINGTON, April 14.--The house was in session but ten minutes to-day and then adjourned until Saturday without transacting any business.

As soon as the journal was read, Mr. Dingley made a motion that when the house adjourn it be until Saturday.

Representative Simpson says that the Populists had expected the Democrats, the largest minority party, to insist upon a quorum, but as the Democrats are divided upon their policy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Urging on Congress the Necessity for a Representation at the Paris Exposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.--The President to-day sent the following message to Congress, urging it to make suitable provision or adequate representation of the United States at the Paris exposition:

"I transmit herewith for the consideration of the respective houses of the Congress, a report of the secretary of state, representing the appropriateness of early action in order that the government of the United States may be able to accept the invitation of the universal exposition to be held in Paris in 1900.

NEW YORK--Called: Friedman, Antwerp; St. Paul, Southampton; Germanic, Liverpool.

SOUTHAMPTON--Called: Trave, New York.

NEW YORK--Werra, Genoa.

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hundred men are engaged in the measure of protection.

This is but a sample of the work going on all along the river in this state.

The city wharves are found too low for the rising river, which is covering many of them.

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TERRIBLE PROBABILITY.

Contrary to Predictions Flood Situation is Worse--In the Delta the Water May Prevent Replanting of Crops.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 14.--The river continues to slowly rise at Vicksburg, and all points south, and the situation along the Louisiana system of levees is acute.

The waters are being hurled gulward with tremendous force, and several thousand men are working and watching night and day in one grand effort to hold the embankments intact.

Reports from the overflowed Mississippi delta to-night are not encouraging. The expected fall in the waters that extend for miles and miles over the fertile valley has not occurred.

Many well known planters express the fear that the yellow stream will not recede until June--too late to plant this year's crop.

Much suffering still exists in the Sunflower and Bogie Pkalia country, where hundreds of negroes have deserted their cabins and are on high grounds and along the railroad tracks.

Many cabins are submerged to their very roofs, while several have been swept from their foundations and carried away by the swift current.

Near Greenville to-day two negroes were drowned in an attempt to reach dry land.

Throughout the overflowed area, rain fell in torrents last night and part of to-day. At Helena the downpour was of such violence that great pumps were put to work in the lower part of the city.

The water gained so rapidly that the pumps had to be abandoned and according to reports, the streets became soaked and unmanageable.

The whole of the southern part of Helena is under water from one to four feet deep, and those who had provided themselves with boats were fortunate.

The pumps were started up again to-day, but it is expected the water will be thrown out of the streets in three or four days.

Owing to the great rain storm, the river did not fall at Helena to-day, but stands stationary.

At Memphis the river is stationary to-night. As the river is falling at Cairo, and as the rainfall throughout the valley drains into the Mississippi at Memphis and above has been heavy, the local observer predicts that during the ensuing twenty-four hours there will probably be a slight rise at this point.

The work of relieving the flood sufferers with the government funds appropriated by Congress for that purpose is progressing smoothly.

In the second instance, extending from Memphis to Helena, local relief stations have been established and placed in charge of responsible men.

Nothing now remains to be done in the districts now except to ship supplies every week to the relief stations.

So far no relief stations have been definitely established in any of the districts below Helena, but the army officers who have been sent into these districts on a tour of inspection, are expected to report within a few days.

When these reports are filed and the relief stations suggested, the army officers will then have the entire situation well in hand, and will be able to supply the needs of all the flood sufferers in the entire overflowed country.

LESS DANGER.

At Omaha, but Conditions Still Critical. Workmen Demand Higher Pay.

OMAHA, April 14.--To-night there is less danger of the threatened cut off by the Missouri river and unless there is an unlooked for rise or high wind from the north it is not probable that much more damage will be done.

The hastily built dyke that stemmed the torrent from Florence Lake on Tuesday was greatly strengthened to-day and has almost stopped the flow at the most threatening point.

The water has spread out over a wider stretch of territory and surrounds a few more houses, but the change in the channel of the Missouri will be averted for the time at least.

The workmen employed along the levee struck to-day for double pay. They were getting fifteen cents an hour and demanded thirty. Their demands were refused and they quit work. Other men were easily secured.

On the lower side of the river, south of Council Bluffs, the water has inundated farms for a distance of three or four miles back from the stream.

The water came up in the night and the farmers report many hogs, cattle and horses drowned. These reports are coming in to-night from every point along the river as far south as St. Joseph.

The flood is the worst since the inundation of 1881 and is doing immense damage to property along the river's edge.

The flood seems to have reached its height and will probably fall from now on.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

At Vicksburg--Only a Question of Human Endurance.

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 14.--At 6 o'clock this evening the situation is indeed a gloomy one.

Cloudy with light rains and a promise of high wind to-night and the great sea of water slowly but surely rising, promising to go above all work for its retention and the protection of the great valley is lost the situation.

At 6 P. M., the river has reached 11.6 feet on the gauge, every inch now is more than a foot some days ago, for miles the Louisiana line has stood their extreme limit and the rising river is being held back by the most untiring efforts ever made by any people.

Human endurance is fast giving way and it is now only a question of how much more and how much longer the working forces can last.

At the above named hour the conditions are such as to cause the greatest anxiety and alarm and each coming hour is dreaded. The general situation is but little changed from that of yesterday.

A weather forecast for to-day: For West Virginia, occasional showers; northerly winds, becoming variable.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, generally fair, but with the light variable winds, becoming southerly.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 52 7 p. m. 53
8 a. m. 52 8 p. m. 53
12 m. 55 Weather--Changeless.

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