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MINOR NEWS NOTES.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The first American Women's Chess Congress began at the May Hotel, Washington Hotel, New York City.

Simple women defeated their married opponents in the women's chess congress tournament in New York City.

Nineteen thousand calls were made by the Chicago deaconesses in their missionary and parish work last year.

Mrs. Louisa N. Bullard has given the Harvard Medical School \$50,000 to establish a chair of neuropathology.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, of New York City, receives by her father's will \$250,000 and \$200,000 worth of art treasures.

Mrs. Craigie delivered an address on May 4 in connection with the Shakespeare commemoration by the London Shakespeare League.

Mrs. Edw. Aiken, of New York City, desired to be again a candidate for President of the Professional Woman's organization's affairs.

Women golfers within a radius of fifty miles of Chicago are to be given medals in recognition of their ability in competing with club teams.

Miss Gertrude Giffin won the majority of bouts with rolls for the fencing championship of the New York City Normal School of Physical Education.

King Alfonso talks English well, and it is his intention to speak in that language to his bride, Princess Ena, on the other hand, will address him in Spanish.

Augustus Daly, theatrical manager, once said to Clara Morris, the actress: "You ought to be Irish yourself." She replied: "I did my best. I was born on St. Patrick's day."

The man who invented the clothes wringer died last week in Evanston, Ill. Many a woman whose work has been lightened by his invention will hope he has now an easy time of it.

Virginia Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of the State of Virginia, in annual session here elected the following officers: Grand master, R. E. Chase, of Clintwood; deputy grand master, C. C. Vaughan, of Franklin; grand secretary, T. W. Davis, of Richmond; grand treasurer, J. W. Ferguson, of Richmond; grand warden, J. C. Noel, of Lee county.

Thomas Monument Fund.

Nashville, Special.—Employees of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway have subscribed \$15,300 for the monument to be erected to the late president, Major J. W. Thomas, in Centennial park. Major T. C. Lewis, J. H. Ambrose and Hunter McDonald were appointed a purchasing committee.

Georgia's Only Republican Governor.

Rufus Bullock, the only Republican ever elected governor of Georgia and who played a conspicuous part in the reconstruction period, is now spending his declining days in the village of Albion, N. Y., his boyhood home. Although his mind is as brilliant and clear as ever, a form of paralysis which seized him a year ago has made him almost helpless invalid.



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CZAR OPENS PARLIAMENT

Russia Makes Her First Experiment in Representative Government

HOPEFUL VIEWS PREVAIL

With Pomp and Panoply Perhaps Hitherto Unequaled Constitutional Government is Inaugurated in Russia When the Sovereign Reads His Speech From the Throne in the Winter Palace—Address Merely a Brief Exhortation to Co-Operation.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Without a single hitch and with only a minor incident to mar the memorable day, the Russian Parliament was inaugurated. The weather was superb, and the stage management of the impressive ceremony in the Winter Palace, where Emperor Nicholas, surrounded by courtiers and all the pomp and panoply of power, delivered the speech from the throne, was perfect. Such a spectacle perhaps never before has been witnessed on the earth's stage.

The message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting and required only three minutes for its delivery.

Upon entering the chamber the Emperor halted in the center of the hall and the metropolitan, Antonius, advanced to meet him and held out the cross, which his majesty reverently kissed. Then, bending forward, the Emperor clasped the hand of the metropolitan, raised it to his lips and kissed it, the metropolitan returning the salutation.

The Empress, who had in the meantime advanced and taken their places on either side of the Emperor, greeted the sacred emblem and the representative of the Church in a similar manner.

Spoke in Firm Voice.

His majesty rose and looked down upon the wonderful scene, then delivered his message to the Russian millions. The Emperor spoke with a firm, steady voice which was heard distinctly in every corner of the hall, emphasizing deliberately every word. Such a hush fell on the assembly during the reading that the snap of a camera shutter was sharply audible.

The Emperor's speech was as follows:

The Czar's Speech.

"The supreme Providence which gave me the care of our fatherland moved me to call to my assistance in legislative work elected representatives of the people. In the expectation of a brilliant future for Russia, I greet in your persons the best men from the empire, whom I ordered my beloved subjects to choose from among themselves.

"A difficult work lies before you. I trust that love for your fatherland and your earnest desire to serve it will inspire and unite you.

"I shall keep inviolate the institutions which I have granted, with the firm assurance that you will devote all your strength to the service of your country, especially to the needs of the peasantry, which are so close to my heart, and to the education of the people, and their economic welfare, remembering that to the dignity and prosperity of the State not only freedom but order founded upon justice is necessary.

"I desire from my heart to see my people happy and hand down to my

son an empire secure, well organized and enlightened.

"May God bless the work that lies before me in unity with the Council of the Empire and the imperial Duma. May this day be the day of the moral revival of Russia and the day for the renewal of its highest forces.

"Approach with solemnity the labors for which I call you and be worthy of the responsibility put upon you by the Emperor and people.

"May God assist us."

Members Dissatisfied.

Emperor Nicholas read slowly. The admirable and even cordial tone of the sovereign in renewing his pledges and asking the cooperation of parliament for the regeneration of the country was only negatively satisfactory. Courtiers and spectators other than members of the national Parliament led the cheering, but the members were ominously silent, expressing neither approval nor disapproval. What ruffled most was the failure of the Emperor to mention amnesty, and later when the members assembled in the Tauride Palace, away from the spell of the throne room, many of them were with difficulty restrained from precipitating matters by offering resolutions on the subject. The Constitutional Democratic leaders, however, who dominated everything, were anxious not to weaken the reply which the lower house will prepare to the speech from the throne, in which issue with the crown will be joined, and succeeded in staying off premature action.

The Emperor and the Empress after leaving the palace entered a launch, passed down the river, boarded the imperial yacht Alexander and returned to Peterhof.

The crowds on the banks of the river and island heartily cheered the imperial party. There was no other incident.

Parliament's First Session.

The scene around the Tauride Palace was in striking contrast with that at the Winter Palace. Each, indeed, was typical and told an eloquent story. At the Tauride Palace, tens of thousands of people were acclaiming their representatives; at the Winter Palace, legions of military and courtiers by the hundreds cheered for the Emperor. Nevertheless, the proceedings of the lower house were not spectacular; in fact, they were most tame in comparison with those at the Winter Palace. The only genuine flashes of fire which showed real temper of the members of the House, were when Prof. Mourousteff, who had been elected president of the lower house, invited government officials and clerks to leave the hall and when Ivan Petrunkevitch, in a few eloquent words from the rostrum, told the auditors that the first thought of the Parliament should be for those that have suffered in the cause of liberty, who now filled the prisons and whose arms were stretched out in hope and confidence to the people's representatives. More enthusiastic cheering than that which greeted this appeal never was heard in a political convention in the United States.

Constitution and amnesty were the keywords of Prof. Mourousteff's speech.

Dispatches received here from all parts of Russia indicate that the opening of the Parliament was celebrated everywhere.

Cotton Killed in Northern Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—A special from Decatur, Ala., says another heavy frost fell Wednesday night in the Tennessee river valley and that this frost and the one of Tuesday night have killed all the cotton that was up, in that section of the State. In some places the entire crop will have to be replanted.

Frost Kills Cotton.

Greenville, S. C. Special.—Effects of the recent cold have been far-reaching in this and adjoining counties. All lowland cotton has been either killed or badly injured. In many localities farmers have already gone to work to plow up the damaged crop and will plant the land in corn. Some will replant in cotton. The terrific hail storm of last Sunday so injured the crop that it could not stand the cold and frost following. Cotton planted on the high lands has fared much better, though has been injured to some extent.

Memorial Services at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Beautiful and impressive services were held in honor of the 16,000 Confederate soldiers who sleep in Oakwood Cemetery. There was a parade of local military, Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Col. John W. Gordon being chief marshal. Governor Swanson was the orator of the occasion.

Founder of Tampa Cigar Industry Dead.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Ignacio Hays, aged 64, president and controlling owner of the Sanchez & Hays Cigar Company, one of the largest clear Havana factories in the world died at his home here after an illness of two days. He established the first cigar factory in Tampa in 1886 and was the founder of the Centro Espanol Club of this city. He was a native of Spain.

Baptist Missionary Union Meets.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Church met. Reports were read by the corresponding secretary, Miss A. W. Armstrong, and the treasurer, Miss E. V. Ricker, both of Maryland. The convention of the church opens Friday.

Glass Factory For Lexington.

Lexington, Special.—Lexington is to have a new industry in the shape of a glass factory. A company has been organized and the capital of \$15,000 required has all been subscribed. Among those interested are Messrs. J. R. McCrary, D. F. Conrad, W. H. Walker and J. T. Hedrick, and Mr. Thomas Gallagher, of Pennsylvania. The new company intends to make mirrors for furniture of the Lexington factories use a great quantity.

Boy Killed by Accidental Discharge of Gun.

Randleman, Special.—While playing with a pistol at his home here Delmar, the nine-year-old son of Mr. D. H. Hill, fatally injured himself the bullet passing almost through his body and lodging in his back. An operation was performed at once but death ensued within a few hours after the accident.

Cotton Buyers' Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Southern Cotton Buyers' Association met here in annual session, with an attendance from the principal cities of Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas, about 50 members of the association being present. The sessions were executive and nothing was given out officially as to the proceedings. It is understood, however, that the plagues of the cotton handlers and spinners was a topic of consideration.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

What is Being Done Day by Day By the National House and Senate.

Senator Daniel Concludes.

In the Senate Senator Daniel concluded his speech on the railroad rate bill. Taking up the question of the extent of the review to be had by the courts in rate cases and repeating briefly his objections to Mr. Bailey's proviso for the non-suspension by the courts of the orders of the interstate commerce commission, he said he did not agree with those who contended that there was no other way of protecting the interests of the shipper.

In cases where the courts have suspended the rates of the commission, Mr. Daniel suggested that a substantial bond be required of the railroads. He took issue with statements that a review would mean re-trial so far as the taking of testimony was concerned, for he declared that the interstate commerce commission was the most competent tribunal to take such testimony. Admitting that the bill was far from complete, he said it would provide for a swift hearing before such a tribunal and that was positive, verifiable progress in the right direction.

"Defining the terms 'just compensation' and 'reasonable rates,'" Mr. Daniel adopted the former expression as broadly covering what a rate should be.

Second Section Completed.

The Senate completed the consideration of the second section of the railroad rate bill and just before the adjournment listened to reading of sections 3 and 4 without considering any amendments offered to them. The purpose of this reading was to bring the consideration of the bill up to the point of taking up the Allison compromise amendments.

A number of very important changes were made in the second section, including a provision restoring the imprisonment penalty of the act of 1887, and an amendment suggested by Senator McCumber imposing a penalty of fine and imprisonment against the shippers who secure rebates from transportation companies. The latter amendment was incorporated for the avowed purpose of hitting the trusts. Another amendment adopted was offered by Senator Warren. It gives the government business a preference over all other traffic in time of war. A long series of changes also were made at the instance of the interstate commerce commission. Many of these were verbal, and were intended to improve the administrative features of the law.

Six Propositions Agreed On.

Conferences in the Senate which resulted in positive agreements on six propositions to be incorporated in the Allison amendment to the railroad bill were ratified by additional conferences of Senate leaders representing Republican factions. That there could be no further misunderstanding this data for the basis of the agreement was prepared and exchanged.

"The Allison amendment is to comprise six propositions:

"First—The words 'fairly remunerative' in section 4 of the bill are to be stricken out;

"Second—The words 'in its judgment' in the same section to be retained;

"Third—Jurisdiction is vested in the United States circuit court to hear and determine suits against the commission;

"Fourth—No preliminary injunction or interlocutory order is to be granted without a hearing and notice;

"Fifth—The application for preliminary injunction or interlocutory decree is to be heard by three judges;

"Sixth—A direct appeal from the interlocutory order or decree to lie only to the supreme courts of the United States."

Buyin of Shells Made Open.

Shells and projectiles for the Navy Department will, after June 30, 1906, be purchased by the Bureau of Ordnance in the open market instead of, as is now the practice, in secret markets from firms engaged in the manufacture of the articles. This change in existing conditions was brought about through the efforts of the chairman of the appropriation committee, Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, who offered an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, which the House had under consideration, directing that the Secretary of the Navy should advertise for proposals for shells and projectiles so that all firms engaged in the business of their manufacture may have an opportunity to compete.

Much time was spent in considering the question of enlistments in the navy and the failure of recruiting officers to properly enforce the law as to minors.

The debate on this amendment extended over much of the session and at times grew decidedly animated.

Telegraphic Briefs.

John Hitecock, a prisoner in the Virginia penitentiary, lost his chance of a pardon by Governor Swanson by trying to escape.

S. G. Duckworth former agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was indicted by the Parkersburg (W. Va.) grand jury in eight cases of robbing the society by means of bogus death certificates.

Barn Burners are at Work in Frederick County, Virginia.

A German ship seized by Turkish authorities was taken away from under Turkish guns by the German Ambassador.

The Viceroy of Canton has paid to the American Consul there \$50,000 as indemnity for the destruction of mission property at the time of the Lieuchow massacre.

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LIVELY DISCUSSION

Senator Tillman Brings Out His Evidence

SHOWS PRESIDENT HAS CHANGED

New Hampshire Ex-Senator's Written Account of His Conferences With President as Intermediary Between Executive and the Senator.

Washington, Special.—Senator Tillman, who made a statement in the Senate Saturday covering the details of his and Senator Bailey's negotiations, through ex-Senator Chandler, with President Roosevelt regarding the rate bill, made public a portion of a written statement to him by Mr. Chandler of the last-named's various conferences with the President on this subject. The portion given out by Mr. Tillman is largely a repetition of the first part of his statement in the Senate. It covers, however, that portion where Mr. Tillman had quoted Mr. Chandler as saying that the President had stated that he had come to a complete disagreement with the senatorial lawyers who were trying to defeat or injure the bill, naming Messrs. Knox, Spooner and Foraker, regarding which statement Senator Lodge subsequently said he was authorized to say from the White House that it was an unqualified falsehood. On this subject Mr. Chandler, referring to the President said in his written statement: "He said that he had been much troubled by the advice of an unlimited court review by some of the lawyers of the Senate, naming Senators Knox, Spooner and Foraker as trying to injure or defeat the bill by ingenious constitutional arguments, but that he had come to a complete disagreement with them. He made this point emphatic by repetition." The statement given out by Mr. Tillman follows:

"Senator Tillman said that on Saturday, May 5, he insisted on having from ex-Senator Chandler a written statement of the various conferences by the latter in connection with the plan of the President to control the railroad rate legislation by alliance with Democrats of the Senate, and Mr. Chandler gave him such a statement made prior to Saturday, May 12, and signed by Mr. Chandler. Mr. Tillman said that he would give a portion of that statement relating to the interview of Mr. Chandler with the President on March 31, which had become a subject matter of dispute, but would not repeat the remarks for use in case of any of his statements in the Senate Saturday should be denied."

The following is the portion of Mr. Chandler's statement given out by Mr. Tillman:

"On Saturday afternoon, March 31, 1906, a friend of mine came into my office and told me of the White House conference of that day in which an understanding as to a limited court review had been reached with Senator Long and others, and he told me that the President wished to get into communication with the Democrats and would shortly ask me to come and see him. While he was talking a messenger boy arrived with a letter to me from Mr. Loeb as follows:

"The White House, Washington, March 31, 1906.

"My Dear Senator Chandler:—The President requests me to say that he will be glad to have you come to the White House at 5:30 o'clock to-night. Will you please let the bearer know whether you can come?"

"Very truly yours,

"(WILLIAM LOEB, JR., Secretary to the President.)"

"Hon. W. E. Chandler, 1421 I Street."

"I told the messenger I would be there."

"At the time and place appointed the President said to me that he wished, through me, to get into communication with Mr. Tillman, Mr. Bailey and other Democratic Senators. He stated his purpose slowly and carefully, and in exact substance his statement was this: That he had reached the conclusion that the best plan for railroad rate legislation was to expressly grant a court review, but to distinctly limit it to two points; first an inquiry whether the interstate commerce commission had exceeded its authority, and second, an inquiry whether the constitutional rights of the carrier had been violated."

"He said that he had been much troubled by the advocacy of an unlimited court review by some of the lawyers of the Senate—naming Senators Knox, Spooner and Foraker as trying to injure or defeat the bill by ingenious constitutional arguments, but that he had come to a complete disagreement with them. He made this point emphatic by repetition; said that he would go thus far and no further and that his decision would be unalterable. He said that he wished to ascertain whether there could be united action in the Senate among the friends of the bill so that it could be surely passed without injurious amendments, and he named various Republican Senators who he thought were the friends of the bill, but said that it would take nearly all the Democrats to carry the limitation and defeat all obnoxious provisions."

Riney Jones Gets 18 Years.

Petersburg, Special.—The jury in the case of Riney Jones, colored, charged with killing George Valentine, another negro, after being kept together all night came into court with their verdict. Jones was found guilty of murder in the second degree; and his punishment fixed at 18 years in the penitentiary. The jury at first stood six for hanging and six for 15 years in the penitentiary.

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