

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

SUMMARY OF FACT AND OPINION.

The Naval Bill—The North Carolina Election—Public-Building Bills—Personal Items.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The Capital was not today as lively as it has been since the opening of the session. The Senate after considering an Indian bill, went into executive session. The gallery of the House was not well filled, and Mr. Randall found little difficulty in getting the "Committee of the Whole" to take up and pass his naval appropriation bill, which gives Secretary Chandler an economic amount to run his department until the 30th of June of next year. It was a compromise bill, and there was no one on either side objecting. There was nothing in the appropriation that would enable Mr. Chandler to give preference to his party in expenditures. The House, it will be remembered, did not look with favor on the bill of last session appropriating millions for cruisers because it did not care to give the Secretary of the Navy too much money-power. Our navy, however, is a poor one, and has no iron-clads.

SOUTH CAROLINA MEMORIALS.

I asked a North Carolina correspondent to-day what he thought of the new delegation from his State. He replied that the delegation is a good one. He added that the successor of Governor Jackson is a son of a Methodist preacher, and that his grandfather was also a minister of the same denomination. "But," he said, "I have a letter on my State that reads, 'who was a college graduate of mine.'"

PRESIDENT JACKSON'S VETERANIZATION PROPOSAL.

A Union soldier, an employee of the House, who recently visited Richmond in the interest of the Confederate Soldiers' Home, today showed me the President's proposal in regard to the veterans. It was printed on satin and was well preserved. He obtained it from a southerner.

THE PUBLIC-BUILDINGS BILL.

It will be remembered that at the last session of Congress the bill for the construction of public buildings was reported to the House. To-day the House committee having this matter in charge declined to appoint a subcommittee to report in favor of leading cities. The idea is that the bill heretofore reported cannot pass. The suggestion of the Senate will include the improvement of the Richmond custom-house.

THE TARIFF AND INTERNAL REVENUE.

There are just as many tariff prognosticators as there were here a year ago, and they predict all sorts of things. Some say that the probabilities are that at a session of Congress that ends the 4th of March will be the final tariff act. The probabilities will not be able to accomplish anything. The advocates of internal-revenue reform continue to think that they have a case of almost insuperable difficulty. When asked if they anticipate being able to wipe out the internal-revenue system, they reply in the negative. The trouble is that the House is not in a position to do most meritorious bills have a poor show of being reached. For example, the Mexican pension bill, at the last session, could have passed, but it did not. The House Ways and Means Committee will to-morrow commence the consideration of tariff matters.

THE SENATE TO-DAY.

The Senate did not have a quorum until after private-to-day. In fact, there were only a few members present when the chaplain officiated.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Morton, of the Stamford *Telegraph*, was at the House today. A number of newspaper correspondents were at the New Orleans Exposition during the Christmas holidays. The desk of Senator Beck was today decorated with a handsome floral basket. He is expected to have gone to the Valley, who is here, says that while it was predicted during the late campaign by leading Republicans in the State that the iron interest would suffer by the election of Cleveland and Hendricks, the result shows that soon after the election the iron interest will be benefited.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

The House Appropriations Committee has determined to push the appropriation bills and reduce the number of collection districts. Louisville wants another Exposition, and will ask of Congress in furtherance of the scheme. It is stated by Senator George and others that the negroes in the extreme South have no fear of being sold into slavery. The Senate today agreed to give General Logan a \$1,400 messenger for his committee.

THE DEMOCRATS OF THE HOUSE WILL HOLD A CAUCUS AND DETERMINE WHAT MEASURES SHALL BE PASSED.

Mr. Cobb, of Indiana, says he will push the land-grant furniture bills. Mr. Mitchell, of Connecticut, a reformer, says that tariff cannot be reduced at this session. Representative Collins, of Massachusetts, has charge of the bill to amend the act which is in the House calendar. Representatives Nutting, of New York, and Howell, of New Jersey, want a tariff revision of this act, and a tariff on Government receipts to-day: Internal revenue, \$27,800; customs, \$48,352.

SECRETARY TELLER, OF THE INTERNAL DEPARTMENT, AND POSTMASTER GEORGE HATTON, WILL GO TO THE NEW YORKS EXPOSITION.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3.—The first meeting of the Ways and Means Committee today was held in the committee room. It is expected that the committee will then decide whether it is advisable to report a tariff bill during the present session of Congress.

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CASTING THE PRESIDENTIAL VOTE.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3.—Announcements of the meeting of presidential electors today in the various States are being received. In the majority of them the action was purely formal, but one or two varied the normal somewhat. In New Jersey, after considering the bill to amend the act relating to the election of electors, the electors united in recommending Attorney-General Stockton to President-elect Cleveland as a proper representative of New Jersey for a temporary position, in case Governor Cleveland should determine to select a member of his Cabinet from that State. Arkansas electors unanimously adopted a memorial to the President-elect urging Senator Garland for Attorney-General.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER-CARRIERS COMPLAINING.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.—A delegation of Philadelphia letter-carriers waited upon Postmaster-General Hutton to-day and presented a memorial suggesting that the charges of their contract be reduced. They were under the moral-law law, and asking that a general order be issued placing them upon the same footing as other Government employees. The memorial was read and the delegation was required to bring about a willingness to further the procurement of the necessary legislation.

Recent Announcements.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of a large number of officials who

GERMAN STUDENTS.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

There are twenty fully constituted faculties in the German universities in the United States. The number of students at the German universities in the United States is about 10,000. The German universities in the United States are not only a source of instruction, but they are also a source of information. The German universities in the United States are not only a source of instruction, but they are also a source of information. The German universities in the United States are not only a source of instruction, but they are also a source of information.

THE TEMPLE THIEF OF FOOT-CHOO.

(From an Article by Miss Gordon in the Pall-Mall Gazette.)

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SHOOTING FOR CRIMINAL NEUTRALITY.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PITTSBURGH, December 3.—At Lancaster, Pa., Miss-Inspector Steiner has instituted a suit for criminal negligence against the proprietors of the Foot-choo, a shooting range, for the death of a young man who was killed while shooting there.

FATAL SHOOTING AFFAIR.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

ATLANTA, December 3.—A special to the Dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says: An affair occurred here last evening, resulting in the death of A. A. Simpson and Mr. Simpson's wife. The cause of the shooting was a dispute over a small dog.

ALMOST A SERIOUS DISASTER.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, December 3.—While the Baltimore and Annapolis railroad was being worked on, a large fire broke out in a large building in the city. The fire was quickly extinguished, but it was a serious disaster.

THE PLenary Council.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, December 3.—There were two sessions of the Plenary Council today, and the most important business of the session was considered. For the remainder of the session, the council will be engaged in the consideration of the various matters which will be presented to it.

FIRE AT FORTRESS MONROE.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., December 3.—The hands-on quarters of the 10th Maine were burned this evening. Loss, about \$3,000.

FRANZISKA AND THE ROMAN CURIA.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

REELIN, December 3.—In the Reeling-ton today Bishop declared that the reintroduction of Dr. Windthorst's motion to repeal the law concerning the prohibition of export or import priests for illegally exercising their functions, after its recent rejection by the Bundesrat, was disrespectful to the Roman Curia.

THE PARIS SCANDAL.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PARIS, December 3.—The apartments of M. Morin, the man shot the other day by Mme. Clava Hugues, have been searched. In the important documents were found a number of letters which were addressed to M. Lenormand to testify against her husband. She wished to obtain a divorce, and engaged the lawyer to help her in this. She had had a long conversation with M. Lenormand, and she had decided to testify against her husband.

REFUSED TO ACCEPT A CHALLENGE.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PARIS, December 3.—The *Journal des Debats* recently challenged Herr Bismarck to a duel on the ground that the latter had insulted his father, the Chancellor, in a speech in the Reichstag. Bismarck refused to accept the challenge. He declared he would not fight a duel with Prince Bismarck himself, even if he were to be provoked to do so.

THE MADRID REPORTED DEAD.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

LODOWICZ, December 3.—A dispatch from Lodowicz to the *Times* says: "It is reported here that China is determined to resist the demands of the European powers for the maintenance of Chinese troops at strategic points in that country. She will insist that the French legation at Annam shall be placed on the same footing as the legations of other countries."

BANK FAILURE IN BROMEN.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCE.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

New York, December 3.—At the opening of the market was weak, and there was a general decline in all the principal stocks. The market was generally quiet, and the volume of business was not large. The market was generally quiet, and the volume of business was not large.

THE PENNSYLVANIA IRON TRADE.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PITTSBURGH, December 3.—A dispatch from Lancaster, Pa., says: The Pennsylvania Iron Trade Association has decided to hold a convention in the city of Lancaster, Pa., on the 15th of next month. The convention will be held in the city of Lancaster, Pa., on the 15th of next month.

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