

Norfolk Local (Continued.)

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mrs. I. J. Rephan, of No. 664 Birch street, who was in attendance at the Rephan nuptials in New Tuesday, returned yesterday. ... Mr. C. Fred. Bonney, manager of the Southern States Telephone Company, states that the line has been restored between here and Old Point.

BRAMBLETON.

The regular weekly business meeting of the Anna Gordon "Y" will be held at the residence of Miss Whitehurst, South Kelley avenue, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

An electric wire was on fire on West Brambleton avenue about 10:45 o'clock last night. It is supposed to have caught from the crossing of the wires.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Christian Memorial Temple will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. An address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. J. J. Taylor, of Freemason Street Baptist Church.

LAMBERT'S POINT.

A petition is being circulated for signatures to be presented at a meeting of the citizens of the village to be held at Odd Fellows' Hall Thursday night, asking the Legislature of Virginia to incorporate the town of Lambert's Point.

Dr. Charles W. Doughty lost a fine horse from lock-jaw Thursday night. The regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the residence of Mrs. Baylor, on Pocahontas avenue, at 2:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon.

Distinguished Visitors.

Hon. D. H. Mercer, of Nebraska, chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings, accompanied by Hons. J. B. Showalter, of Illinois; E. F. Howell, of New Jersey; Charles W. Gillet, of New York; James Norton, of South Carolina; Wm. H. Whaler, of New York; Bushkett, of Nebraska; —Richardson and Gale, of Washington, members of the committee, arrived yesterday morning on the Washington steamer and visited Portsmouth, where they inspected the postoffice building and other points of interest.

A Housekeeper Assaulted.

An unknown negro made an assault on a Tazewell street housekeeper Friday afternoon. The lady of the house in which the assault occurred recently discharged a colored servant, and it is thought the negro was a relative or friend of the girl's, and mistook the housekeeper for the mistress.

Colored League Reorganized.

The Third Ward Republican Protective League (colored) will meet at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Butte street, in response to a call issued by the Executive Committee Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, to reorganize for the spring and fall campaigns. This organization is reported to be working for Republican harmony in the ward.

Noted Educator Dead.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Princeton, N. J., Feb. 10.—William Henry Green, head of the Theological Seminary, died to-day; aged 75 years.

FIGHT AGAINST TRUSTS.

WHAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE IS DOING.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 10.—There was a hot fight in the House of Representatives to-day over Mr. W. J. Johnson's bill to prohibit the operation of trusts in the State.

Coal Miners Strike.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Knoxville, Feb. 10.—Five hundred miners at the Bryson Coal and Coke mines near Tazewell walked out to-day after a day's notice of a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages.

GERMANY AND FRANCE

Latter Charged With Disturbing Former's Relations with England

The Mission of Prince Henry, of Prussia, to Austria—The Reichstag Debate on the Naval Bill—Much Diplomacy.

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Berlin, Feb. 10.—An official of the German Foreign Office, who was questioned to-day by the correspondent of the Associated Press regarding the utterances of Duke Johann Albrecht, the regent of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, to a French newspaper man, said:

"It is true Duke Albrecht received the Eclair representative, but the latter evidently greatly exaggerated the Duke's utterances. The French are doing everything possible to disturb the friendly relations between Germany and England. After Fashoda, France's most reasonable policy would have been to establish an understanding with England in regard to the colonial question, but instead of this the Paris Cabinet seeks every opportunity to create enemies for England. If M. Delcasse thinks it to France's advantage to systematically agitate against England, he can do so, but he must not try to rupture Anglo-German friendship."

PREMIER HENRY.

Referring to the visit of Prince Henry, of Prussia, the foreign official said: "The immediate object is to present himself to Emperor Francis Joseph as a rank he was recently nominated. A political purpose may be assigned to the visit, as Germany wishes to show that all recent attempts to shake the Dreihund have been fruitless. The Dreihund's enemies in Paris and St. Petersburg must be shown that all the recent intrigues have had no result. Germany emphasizes this by Prince Henry's visit first to Germany's ally."

THE NAVAL BILL.

The Reichstag debate on the Naval Bill, and the question "Will it pass?" overshadowed everything just now. But the much-heard-of enthusiasm and so-called hurrah-stimulus seems to have suddenly oozed away as the naked facts confronted the speakers for both the Government and the opposition.

Intrinsically the best speech so far made was that of the Secretary of the Interior, Count Von Posadowsky-Wehner, who made a strong case in favor of the continued expansion of the navy. He also proved that after passing the bill Germany protects her merchant marine with one ton of navy against seven and a half tons of merchant ship, while the United States' proportion is five, Italy's three to one, and Russia's and France's in even less. He also made a strong point in insisting that the Reichstag passed the bill at both readings unanimously.

FRENCH DIPLOMACY.

Count on Buelow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Emperor still take care to vigorously destroy the impression in England and elsewhere that Germany at any time means to join in steps calling on Great Britain to halt in South Africa. This impression has been cunningly nursed and fostered by French diplomacy and in the French press, and Count Von Buelow believes it has been for the purpose of projecting Germany into an openly hostile attitude to Germany. This purpose may now be considered to have failed. The whole German semi-official press during the week has published facts showing that Germany wishes to remain a friend with both Russia and France and with Great Britain.

THE GRIP.

Influenza has retained an enormous spread throughout Germany. In Berlin there is hardly one family without sufferers.

LABOR TROUBLES.

The coal strike is gradually extending in Germany. The Hanseatic and Leipzig districts are also affected. Daily comes the news that large factories have closed because of lack of coal.

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURES

One in Session in Louisville and the Other in London.

TAYLOR WILL HOLD ON

Governor Beckham Sends Message to the Democratic Assembly and Governor Taylor Calls the Republican Bodies From London Back to Frankfort—Taylor Will Allow the Controversy to Take its Due Course.

London, Ky., Feb. 10.—Both houses of the Legislature met at the usual hour. Lieutenant-Governor Marshall presided in the Senate. Both houses immediately adjourned until Monday at 2 o'clock.

GOVERNOR BECKHAM'S MESSAGE

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Acting on the recommendation of Governor Beckham contained in a message which was read in both houses at 4 o'clock, the Democratic Legislature decided to continue its sessions in this city. Governor Beckham declared that because of the presence in the State buildings at Frankfort of armed men acting under unlawful authority, he was unable to guarantee to them the personal safety and peaceful surroundings under which a session of the General Assembly should be held.

TAYLOR'S PROCLAMATION.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 10.—I have only this to say: After mature deliberation and conference with my friends from every section of the State, I have concluded to allow this controversy to take its due course, vigorously contesting every inch of ground and upholding the rights of the people to the utmost. If those rights be destroyed the responsibility for that destruction must rest with those who sit in judgment.

A SECRET CONFERENCE.

The above was signed by Governor Taylor and issued as a proclamation. The decision not to sign the Louisville agreement was reached by Governor Taylor this afternoon. For over two hours he had been in conference with fully one hundred and fifty prominent Republicans from all parts of the State. The meeting was secret in the extreme, all those who came from the hall before Governor Taylor himself refusing to say anything of the progress of the deliberations.

TAYLOR TO THE CONFERENCE.

Governor Taylor stated to the conference that there were two courses to be pursued. First, to sign the Louisville agreement; the second, to quietly withdraw the troops, allow the Legislature to reconvene in the Capitol in Frankfort, to call off the session now being held in London and to ignore the Louisville agreement entirely. Several speeches were made and it was soon apparent that the sentiment of the gathering was very strongly in favor of the second course, and this was adopted. This action was decided upon at 1 o'clock and the first information of the decision was given to the outside world by Governor Taylor himself. He came rapidly through the doors unattended and looking nervous and haggard. He walked hastily toward the Capitol stairway, repeating several times to the newspaper men who stood in the hall: "I don't sign." "I don't sign." "I don't sign."

LEGISLATURE CALLED BACK.

From the Capitol he passed to the Executive building, where he at once made up and signed the following proclamation reconvening the Legislature at Frankfort: "Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 10.—This excitingly recent prevailing in this city having to some extent subsided, and there appearing now to be no necessity for the General Assembly to remain in session at London, I do hereby, by this proclamation, reconvene same in Frankfort, Ky., February 12, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

"W. S. TAYLOR,"

Governor of Kentucky. Orders were at once issued to General Collier to prepare for the departure of the troops, and in a very short time a large number of them were ready to leave. Six companies left to-night, more will leave to-morrow, and only a small detachment will remain by Monday morning. These will be retained only as a peace guard, and will in no way be obstructed upon the presence of the Legislature.

Word was at once sent to the members of the Republican Legislature, now in session at London, that the next session would be in Frankfort, and a prompt reply was read to the effect that they would leave in a body Sunday and be in Frankfort Monday morning in ample time for business. After Governor Taylor had left the hall a resolution embodying the sense of the meeting was adopted.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that Governor Taylor should not sign the agreement referred to him by the Louisville conference, and that reposing confidence in his ability and sense of duty we are content to follow his leadership after that refusal." After the adjournment of the meeting it was the opinion of the Republicans that the gubernatorial contest was practically over. They understood the action of to-day to mean, and it was intended to mean that the matter should now be fought out before the courts, and the issue there reached to be accepted as final. There was no intention of asking that a new vote should be taken on the Goebel-Taylor contest, but Governor Taylor stated to several prominent Republicans that he would ask that any former action be

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greatly developed on Major-General Sir William G. Nicholson, the Adjutant-General, who has now gone on Lord Roberts' staff. Another staff officer, to whom Lord Roberts is reported to submit all strategy, is Colonel Henderson, who gained a reputation by a "Life of Stonewall Jackson" and a minute study of the Civil War.

MORGANATIC MARRIAGES. Morganatic marriages are becoming popular. It is finally announced that in spite of all delays, the Crown Princess Stephanie, of Austria, widow of the Crown Prince Rudolph, will marry according to Vanity Fair 3d, and now, according to the Austrian throne, the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Ferdinand, three months ago married Countess Chotek, for her sake resigning his claims to rule. She is a handsome lady-in-waiting of Princess Stephanie.

BRILLIANT MARRIAGE. The forthcoming marriage of Lord Chesterfield to Miss Enid Wilson will be a brilliant affair, and will set precedence at night, the bride wearing a satin train embroidered with silver lilies, doves and stars, while the bridesmaids will wear scarlet cloth coats with triple capes and picturesque felt hats. Lord Chesterfield's gift to them are big sable mufflers, instead of the orthodox hange, while his gift to the bride is a diamond tiara and a check for £2,000.

IN MEMORY OF DICKENS. Once again this week the little band known as the Dickens Society gathered in Westminster Abbey and placed wreaths on the tomb of the novelist, to show that his anniversary was not forgotten. Among the many floral tributes was one inscribed "Anne and Edwin Drew," while several Americans were among those who, in the quiet poet's corner, listened to the low-spoken address of the society's secretary.

SONG AND DANCE ARTIST. Countess Russell, who has recently been touring in "A Runaway Girl," announces that she is going on the music hall stage, and will do a song-and-dance act.

That Martville Riot. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 10.—A thoroughly responsible Martville correspondent reports that there is nothing in the rumor of incipient riot there. Negroes in a factory formed a union, and upon the proprietor's refusing to accede to their scale of wages, quietly walked out. Some of them went to the house of one of their number, who had returned to work, with the alleged purpose of whipping him, but he discharged his gun and they fled. The whole matter was dismissed by the authorities.

Bryan in Washington. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Washington to-day on his way South, after his visit to the New England and Middle States. He was at the Capitol during the afternoon and saw Senator Martin, of North Carolina, concerning his proposed visit to the former State Monday day and to the latter Tuesday. After leaving North Carolina he expects to visit several other of the Southern States.

The Gate City Still Fast. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Feb. 10.—The steamship Gate City, of the Ocean Steamship

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