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THE USUAL REPORTS.

Havana, Feb. 20.—The usual reports of government victories over the rebels were published to-day. According to these, General Hernandez Velasco, Col Recio and Commander Luis Lazo, of the Asturias and Alfonso Doce forces, defeated the insurgent bands at Galalon, Luisa and Dayatiguan, all of which places are in the province of Pinar del Rio, which Captain-General Weyler has officially declared to be pacified. The reports state that ten rebels were killed in three engagements, among the dead being Captain Navarrete, an ex-barrister. The troops destroyed four percherons, a hospital and sixty huts. Their losses were only two wounded, a commander, and a sergeant.

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ROANOKE'S NEW AUDITOR.

Jas. A. McFall Elected to Succeed Noble, Resigned.

IN A MESSAGE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR ANDREWS STATED THAT IRREGULARITIES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR—MR. NOBLE'S RESIGNATION WAS PROMPTLY ACCEPTED—THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE ALL CITY OFFICES.

The City Council met last night in their council chamber in response to a call issued by the president and clerk of the Council, stating that there would be a special meeting held at 8 o'clock to receive and act upon a message from the mayor transmitting to the Council the resignation of W. A. Noble as city auditor, and to act upon such recommendations as he may make or the Council deem proper to consider and take up in respect to the management and conduct of the various city offices. Also, to take steps to fill the vacancy should the resignation be accepted.

The following message and recommendations from the mayor were read and received:

Mayor's Office,
Roanoke, Va., Feb. 20, 1897.
To the President and Members of the Common Council for the City of Roanoke.

Gentlemen: I beg to transmit herewith the resignation of W. A. Noble, city auditor, who requests that it take effect as soon as convenient; and I respectfully recommend to your honorable body that said resignation be accepted, under such safeguards as may be deemed proper by the Council, to fully protect the interests of the city.

In the line of my official duty I have discovered, and had brought to my attention certain irregularities in the conduct of the auditor's office, and in taking the matter up with Mr. Noble, he, after consideration of the question, decided to resign. Without going any further into an investigation, I determined to bring the matter to the attention of the Council at once, so that they could take such action as may be deemed necessary in the premises.

In view of the fact that certain irregularities have been discovered in the above named office, I would most respectfully recommend to the Council that they, by resolution, or otherwise, authorize and empower the committee on finance, or such other committee as may be deemed proper, to institute a plan at once for a thorough checking up of all the books of the city, which have connection with or in any way identified with receiving or disbursing the public revenue; and that said committee have power to employ such expert or experts as may be deemed necessary to make an accurate and thorough investigation and check of the books of the city.

I beg further to advise that this matter be taken in hand at once, for the reason, that after the expiration of the term of any officer or his removal from office by any means, ten days is allowed said officer that he may deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and papers in his possession or under his control. And during such time if any default or irregularity be discovered, it may be duly investigated and the proper steps taken to secure the city against loss or embarrassment, in accordance with the provisions given in the official bond.

You will therefore see the necessity of prompt and immediate action, and I hope it be the pleasure of the Council to leave no stone unturned in its investigations, for the public have the right to demand and we owe it to the people to see that the municipal affairs are conducted in a painstaking and accurate manner, and that no irregularities of any kind be allowed to exist or pass unnoticed. Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ANDREWS, Mayor.

The message was then taken up and a motion made that Mr. Noble's resignation be accepted, which, upon being put to a vote, was carried unanimously.

A resolution was then offered by Mr. Buckner, authorizing the finance committee to employ an expert to examine and check up the books of the various city officers, which was also unanimously adopted.

Nominations were then in order for the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Noble's resignation. Mr. Buckner nominated Jas. A. McFall, saying he had served the city faithfully for a number of years and risking his life to save the lives and property of the city, and that he had personally investigated as to his qualifications and considered him qualified in every particular.

Mr. Guy then nominated Mr. C. A. Arnes and the nominations closed.

The first vote taken resulted as follows: McFalls, 9; Arnes, 8. Necessary to a choice 10.

The second ballot was then taken which resulted in McFall receiving 10 and Arnes 4, four members not voting. The president then declared Mr. McFall elected, which was received with applause.

Jas. A. McFall who is elected to fill the vacancy is a young man of high standing and integrity. He is one of the organizers of the Junior Hose Company and served as first foreman for one year, one year as first assistant chief and at present is chief of the fire department. He has many friends here who are much gratified at the election and feel confident he will fill the position acceptably to all parties interested.

UNANIMOUS REPORT.

Text of the Bill for the Monetary Commission.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The House committee on coinage, weights and measures to-day ordered favorably reported, with an amendment, the Senate bill providing for the representation of United States commissioners at any international conference to be called hereafter. Action was practically unanimous.

The bill as reported reads as follows: "That whenever, after March 4, 1897, the President of the United States shall determine that the United States should be represented at any international conference called by the United States or any other country with a view to securing by international agreement a fixity of relative value between gold and silver as money by means of a common ratio between these metals, with free mintage at such ratio, he is hereby authorized to appoint five or more commissioners to such international conference; and for compensation of said commissioners and for all reasonable expenses connected therewith, to be approved by the Secretary of State, including the proportion to be paid by the United States out of the joint expenses of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much of it as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated.

"Section 2. The President is hereby authorized, in the name of the Government of the United States, to call, in his discretion, such international conference, to assemble at such point as may be agreed upon."

The following was added to the bill to-day on motion of Mr. C. W. Stone, of Pennsylvania:

"And he is further authorized, in his judgment the public purpose specified in the first section hereof can thus be better attained, to appoint one or more special commissioners or envoys to such of the nations of Europe as he may designate to seek by diplomatic negotiations an international agreement for the purpose specified in the first section thereof, and in case of such an appointment so much of the appropriation herein made shall be available for the proper expenses and compensation of such commissioners or envoys."

"Section 3. That so much of an act approved March 2, 1895, entitled 'an act making appropriation for the sundry civil expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1895, and other purposes,' as provides for the appointment of delegates to an international conference and makes appropriation for their compensation and expenses, be and the same is hereby repealed."

The only opposition to the amendments was from the part of some that it might complicate the matter and add it up in the Senate.

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A LYNCHBURG SENSATION.

Keeper of the City Cemetery Arrested for Robbing Graves.

Lynchburg, Feb. 20.—N. J. Farn er, superintendent of the city cemetery, was arrested to-day on the charge of disintering a dead body, and was released on \$500 bail to appear for a preliminary hearing next Friday.

Ella Jamieson, a woman of bad repute, who committed suicide, was buried at the city's expense on Friday morning. On account of rumors that had reached them the police determined to keep a lookout to see if the body was disturbed.

Early this morning Policeman Adams saw a wagon drive up to the railroad station with a big black barrel aboard.

On inquiring of the driver what it contained, he replied that it was the body of Ella Jamieson.

The body was sent back to the cemetery and reinterred by order of Mayor Smith and Farmer was arrested, as also were two negroes charged with being accessories.

Farmer admitted that he had shipped a number of bodies, all of paupers, to the University of Virginia, but that the State law authorized such disposal of bodies of persons buried at public expense.

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NEW TRIAL REFUSED.
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—The application for a new trial in the libel suit of Senators Magee and Flynn against the Commercial Gazette was heard to-day by Judge White, and was refused. The case will now be appealed to the supreme court.

HERBERT IS SATISFIED.
Charleston, Feb. 20.—Secretary Herbert and party left for Washington on the special car attached to train 32 of the Atlantic Coast Line at 5:20 this afternoon. Secretary Herbert, in an interview just before leaving, said, the work of Admiral Bine's squadron of evolution had been most satisfactory. The big ships leave to-morrow and it is expected the monitors will remain in Charleston harbor for some days.

MRS. RANSOM ILL.
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 20.—M. W. Ransom, United States minister to Mexico, passed through Charlotte last night on his way home in response to a telegram announcing his wife's illness. It is not expected that he will return to Mexico.

HAD A LONGER REACH.
Toronto, Feb. 20.—Jack Hanley, of Philadelphia, and Frank Gerrard, of Chicago, met in a 20-round contest at the Princess Theatre to-night. Both men weighed in at 137 pounds, the contest being for the lightweight championship of Canada. Gerrard had the advantage in reach, and succeeded in knocking his man out in the tenth round.

THE TROUBLE ABOUT OVER.

Lord Salisbury Became Alarmed at Public Indignation.

GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE GERMAN EMPEROR IN HIS PLAN TO BLOCKADE GREEK PORTS—POPULAR OPINION IN THESE COUNTRIES ENTIRELY WITH GREECE IN HER DESIRE TO CONTROL CRETE.

London, Feb. 20.—Cable copyright.—The situation in the East at length grows less obscure. There is a deadlock between the great powers regarding the policy to be pursued towards Greece. This deadlock need not disturb the friends of Greeks and Cretans. It makes for righteousness. It had its origin in the new force which entered into the situation just six days ago and which now dominates it completely. The domestic events of these few days are few and simple.

The first acts of war by Greece against Turkey called forth the unanimous protests of six powers. King George replied in a message of virtual defiance. The German emperor was so angered by this answer that he cut off diplomatic relations with Athens and invited the powers to unite in a blockade of Greek ports.

Great Britain, France and Italy, however, refuse to support the kaiser and all for the same reason. Public opinion in each country is almost unanimously on the side of the Greeks and Cretans.

This is the new force which controls the situation and which Lord Salisbury, M. Hanoteaux and the Marquis du Radin dare not disregard. One, and perhaps two, of these men are terribly annoyed and embarrassed by this new element in the problem. M. Hanoteaux especially, if he dared, would advocate drastic measures against Greece to compel her to retire from Crete. If he has the temerity to do so in the chamber of deputies on Monday he will become a private citizen on Tuesday.

Public opinion in three nations of Europe where public opinion reigns has suddenly declared a virtue superior to that of its rulers. It has defeated and demoralized diplomacy. I was about to add that it had destroyed that hideous moral iniquity known as "the concert of Europe." It is more correct to say it has compelled diplomacy to recognize the common principles of humanity.

It is impossible to overlook the fact, now clearly revealed, that even Lord Salisbury took warning only just in time. There is no longer any doubt that the British naval officers acted strictly according to their instructions in threatening to use force against the Greek warships if they attacked Turkish vessels bringing reinforcements. The outbreak of popular indignation came so quickly in this country that the government in alarm tried to evade the responsibility in parliament. There was also an instant change of policy. Lord Salisbury, recognizing the power's two days later that England would not consent to any plan which contemplated the return of Crete to any forms of Turkish control.

Italy to-day even goes further and officially authorized the statement that the powers will never constitute themselves guardians of Turkey. The German emperor stands almost alone in an enviable prominence as the advocate of a policy which is revolting to every natural impulse. He even went so far yesterday as to notify the powers that he would not consent to any settlement of the Cretan question which did not first compel the evacuation of the island of Greece.

Kaiser William has done many stupid, blundering things in diplomatic affairs during the past two years, but never anything which aroused such disgust as this among his own subjects and throughout Europe. It is difficult, if not impossible, to harmonize his position. Hence the deadlock.

Russia's attitude continues to be a mystery and Austria's is not clear. Russia, however, realizes fully that it is impossible for her ally, France, or for England to defy public opinion when it has made its decree so absolute as that recorded this week. There is no doubt, therefore, that it will be the German emperor who will back down if harmony is not observed.

The position of Greece now seems impregnable morally. It would be the highest political folly for the powers to try to coerce her, even if every sentimental impulse did not condemn it. She could and probably would under circumstances set the Balkans in a blaze. The issue of peace or war for Europe would be in her hands.

It is supposed to be the supreme object of each government to preserve peace. They would hardly be so stupid, then, as to leave the decision to the little kingdom which has so much to gain and so little to lose by war.

The reports grow more and more emphatic to the effect that a revolution in Macedonia is inevitable and that it is close at hand. There is every incentive, therefore, to settle the Cretan question

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as quickly as possible to be ready to deal with the new emergency.

The impression grows stronger that the sultan would consent under pressure to complete the autonomy of Crete. The question really is whether the Greeks will agree to this if it were coupled with an assurance of the eventual annexation of the island to their country. There is a growing opinion to-day that the matter will be settled on this basis.

The chief necessity of the moment is that somebody suppress the blumptious German emperor.

It seems to have escaped the notice of the European press that the present prime minister of Greece is that same Delyannos who represented the daring little kingdom at the European congress which met at Berlin at the conclusion of the Russo-Turkish war nearly twenty years ago.

SIMMERING DOWN.
Canea, Feb. 20.—A small force of British, Italian and French marines are occupying the town of Sitia, on the eastern extremity of the island, where a few days ago two thousand Moslems were massacred by Christians. Quiet has been restored in the town and the presence of the foreign marines is regarded as an assurance that no further disorder need be feared.

Hostages have been and are still being exchanged by the Christians and Moslems and both sides show a readiness to accept European arbitration.

In the town of Retimo, however, disorder still prevails and the Moslems continue to pillage the houses of the Christians. The various consuls at Retimo have asked that more warships be sent there to restore and preserve order.

The insurgents who are occupying the hills back of Canea sent a warning in of their intention to attack the town from Akrotiri. To this notice Admiral Canevaro, commanding the combined fleets, sent a reply giving the insurgent leaders to understand that the foreign warships would intervene at the first signs of attack of the insurgents.

All provinces of Crete have voted for union with Greece. This fact has been communicated to the various consuls by the Greek representatives.

Athens, Feb. 20.—The Greek ironclad warship Suezia, accompanied by a torpedo flotilla, is about to start for Turkish waters. The Spezia has been lying in the Piræus awaiting orders for several days.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The Matin says it has good authority for asserting that the powers will accept Lord Salisbury's proposals to grant autonomy to Crete, though Germany alone may oppose such a course.

Spring Hats at Walter S. Langdon's
READY TO PLAY BALL.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 20.—The directors of the Southeastern League held a meeting here to-day and elected J. G. Bloodworth, of Atlanta, president, to succeed R. C. Baise. The necessary money has been raised and the season will open on April 12. Savannah's representative failed to reach the city in time to attend the meeting. Augusta was represented, as was Milledgeville, Columbus and Atlanta. The proposition to consolidate the Southern and Southeastern Leagues was rejected. The schedules for next season games will not be adopted until March 1. The meeting adjourned subject to call.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Richmond, Feb. 20.—Wm. B. Scherer, an electrician from Philadelphia, about twenty-five years of age, attempted to commit suicide in the Capitol square here at 1 o'clock to-day. He shot himself in the head with a 44-calibre pistol, but the ball passed around the skull, inflicting a slight wound only. Scherer is a son-in-law of Andrew Berry, of this city, and is said to have had a tiff with his wife before he made his attempt at self-destruction.

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STER IN NASHVILLE SOCIETY.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A sensation was created here to-day in Nashville's select society by Mrs. Sallie T. Sawrie filing a bill of legal separation from her husband. The defendant is a leading wholesale grocer in this city and is now at his orange grove near Orlando, Fla. The wife charges that he drove her from the magnificent home in East Nashville more than two weeks ago and then left the city. The deserted wife charges that the step-children were the cause of the estrangement.

NO NAVAL INCREASE.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The naval appropriation bill will come to the House without any provisions for an increase of the navy. This agreement was reached to-day when the matter of one battleship and one composite sailing vessel for the Naval Academy, recommended by the subcommittee, was reconsidered. After a general discussion a motion to strike out the increase provision was carried.

FLANAGAN IS SANE.

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—The jury which has been hearing the Flanagan case the past week returned a verdict to-night that he is sane. The issue was whether he was sane enough to be tried for murder. His counsel will next demand an inquiry into Flanagan's sanity at the time the murders were committed, December 31.

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THE CRETANS RECOGNIZED.

The Resolution Unanimously Passed by the Senate.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS EXTENDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE IN ITS EFFORT TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF CRETE FROM THE TYRANNY OF FOREIGN OPPRESSORS—SECTARIAN SCHOOLS CAUSE A SHARP DEBATE.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Cretan uprising against the Turks was recognized and encouraged by the Senate of the United States to-day in the unanimous adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Cameron, extending sympathy to the government of Greece in its intervention to free the people of Crete "from the tyranny of foreign oppressors and restore peace, with the blessing of Christian civilization, to that distressed island."

A bill which was presented by the House last session, and which has been on the Senate calendar for some time, authorizing the appointment of a labor commission, was taken up to-day on motion of Mr. Quay, and was likely to lead to a long and animated debate, when Mr. Allison, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on appropriations, interposed with a motion to take up the Indian appropriation bill, which was agreed to by a majority of six, thus relegating the labor committee bill back to the calendar.

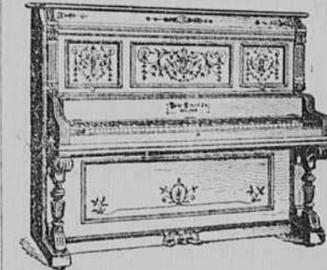
The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and during its discussion the decision of the supreme court in the income tax case was brought in question. Mr. Allen said Justice Shiras owes to the country to say why he so suddenly changed front on that subject. The change was so radical that the man will go into history under a cloud unless he explains what motives influenced him to change his position on the income tax cases.

The question of Indian schools came up on the item appropriating \$1,300,000 for that purpose, to which item the committee on Indian affairs had reported an amendment as follows: "Of which amount the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, use \$50,000 for the education of Indians in Alaska; provided, that the Secretary of the Interior make contracts with contract schools, apportioning as near as may be the amount so contracted for among schools of various denominations for the education of Indian pupils during the fiscal year 1898; but shall only make such contracts at places where non-sectarian schools cannot be provided for such Indian children, and to an amount not exceeding 40 per centum of the amount so used for the fiscal year 1895; provided, further, that the foregoing shall not apply to public schools herein or hereafter specifically provided for."

Mr. Lodge opposed the amendment as something which would entirely undo the work of last session in relation to sectarian Indian schools. The policy of

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