

SUDDEN CHANGE

In Attitude of Turkey and Germany Forced by Russia.

POWERS ARE NO LONGER DEFIED

By the Sultan, and Hostilities are Ordered Ceased.

CZAR MADE A DIRECT APPEAL

To the Porte, and by Instigating the Mobilization of Troops in Bulgaria Forced Acquiescence in the Demand for an Armistice--Greek Forces in Epirus Noted to Suspend Fighting--Peace Treaty May be Made Directly Between Greece and Turkey--Barbarous Treatment of Greek Refugees by Turkish Soldiers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 18.--Peace is now in sight, and to Russia is due the credit. Shortly before noon to-day the change of Turkey's attitude, which yesterday seemed to be one of defiance, and in which she appeared to be supported by Germany, was made known. The announcement was unexpected.

Russia quietly showed her hand and thereby forced Germany and Turkey out of the game, to all intents and purposes. Last night and early this morning Turkey, supported by Germany, was practically defying Russia, France, Austria, Great Britain and Italy, insisting upon the annexation of Thessaly in addition to high war indemnity and seemingly was determined to march upon Athens. The ministers received official advices from Sofia to-day announcing that orders had been issued for the partial mobilization of the Bulgarian army, possibly at the instigation of Russia. There was a hurried consultation of the ministers. The war party was for further defiance, but in the end pacific counsels seemed to have prevailed, for, at 11:35 a. m., orders were telegraphed to Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief in Thessaly, to cease hostilities.

The peace negotiations will now be undertaken in real earnest and the Greeks will most likely be spared any further humiliation.

Later in the day it was officially announced that the Turks occupied Demokos last evening after a great battle. The Turks have hoisted the white flag at Arta, from which it is judged that the Turkish commander has received instructions that an armistice has been agreed upon.

Czar Appealed Directly. It transpires that the czar made a direct appeal to the sultan to order his troops to cease hostilities and arrange an armistice, and this coupled with the fact that most serious results would have ensued if Turkey had persisted in her defiant attitude, brought about the present state of affairs.

Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister for foreign affairs, called upon the Doyen of the diplomatic corps, Baron Von Callee this afternoon, to convey to the foreign ministers the sultan's decision to arrange an armistice. It is now believed that the terms of peace will be negotiated directly between Turkey and Greece.

Arranging for an Armistice. ATHENS, May 18.--(19 p. m.)--After hoisting the flag of truce at Arta this afternoon a delegation of Turkish officers appeared on the frontier at the bridge over the river Arta (Arachthos) to negotiate with Colonel Manos for an armistice.

TURKISH FEROCITY. Savage Treatment of Greeks in Epirus. Horrible Outrage.

MANCHESTER, England, May 18.--The Guardian to-day publishes a dispatch from its special correspondent with the Greeks, which says: "The destitution of the Greeks in Epirus is appalling. Everything they had in the world has been burned or pillaged. The scenes in their flight were dreadful. Young girls flung themselves from the rocks to escape outrage and a youth shot his two sisters to save them from outrage. A boy who was captured by the Turks had his lips, nose and ears cut off and his eyes torn out before he was killed."

Remarkable European Harmony. LONDON, May 18.--The harmony of the European press on the subject of the conditions of peace is remarkable. The semi-official papers, the Times, the Novoe Vremya, the Temps, the North German Gazette and the Fremdenblatt, are at one in the vigorous terms in which they denounce Turkey's pretensions.

Now that the last obstacle to a speedy armistice is removed by Germany, which temporarily blocked the negotiations, having instructed her ambassadors at Constantinople to join the other ambassadors in pressing upon the Porte the necessity of agreeing upon an armistice, it can be taken for granted that with the innumerable forms of coercion ready to the hands of the powers, the sultan will yield to the inevitable within a day or two, especially as the capture of the Greek positions at Demokos will go far to satisfy the Turkish war party.

There is no confirmation here of the report of disturbances at Athens, though, no doubt, there are grounds to fear a popular manifestation.

Greeks Retire in Good Order. ATHENS, May 18.--General Smolenski's brigade has been ordered to proceed to Neamitzli, whence it will be conveyed in transports to Styllis on the Gulf of Lania, and rejoin the remainder of the Greek army, via Lania. It is officially stated that the return of the troops of Crown Prince Constantine towards the Othry mountains was effected in good order and it is added that the entire Greek losses were 220 men, in which number are included many officers. The Turkish loss is said to be 1,500 men.

For the Sultan's Convenience. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 18.--The sultan has ordered two hospitals, of 600 and 100 beds respectively, to be erected near the Yildiz Kiosk in order to enable him to visit the Turkish soldiers who have been wounded in the campaign against the Greeks.

Greece's Last Resort. ATHENS, May 18.--The Attly says that M. Balli, the premier, has informed the ministers of the foreign powers that unless an armistice is quickly concluded the government will issue an appeal to Hellenism, calling upon all able-bodied men to take up arms in defense

of the fatherland in danger and that a royal message will summon beneath the standard the entire Landsturm and the peasants, who will also be armed. This news caused intense excitement. The feeling in official circles is very pessimistic.

Ordered to Cease Fighting. ATHENS, May 18.--10 p. m.--Orders have been sent to the Greek commander in Epirus to cease fighting, in view of the armistice.

FOREIGN NOTES. DREUX, Department of Eure-et-Loir, May 18.--The remains of the Duc d'Angoulême were interred to-day in the chapel of St. Louis, near those of his wife and children, in the presence of the members of his family.

LONDON, May 18.--The St. James Gazette says: "The Marchioness of Salisbury underwent an operation on Saturday. Her condition is causing considerable anxiety." A later semi-official contradiction was issued of the reported serious condition of the marchioness of Salisbury.

PARIS, May 18.--The Duchess d'Orleans yesterday received several royalist deputations who hailed her as the future liberator of France. The newspapers here criticize the transforming of the time of mourning into an occasion for a political manifestation.

LONDON, May 18.--Lord Henry Edward Somerset, fourth son of the Duke of Beaufort, is dead. He was born in 1853, and died in 1880 the youngest daughter of Sir Alexander Dixie, Bart. He leaves one son and his wife survives him.

Anne, dowager duchess of Atholi, widow of the sixth duke, is dead. She was a daughter of the late Henry Home Drummond, of Blair Drummond, N. B.

THE MINE DISTRICTS.

Governor Atkinson Divides the State as Provided by Law. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 18.--Following the requirements of the mine law, which takes effect this day, Governor Atkinson and the chief mine inspector, J. W. Paul, have divided the state into four mining districts, to be composed of the following named counties, respectively: First district--Barbour, Berkeley, Brooke, Doddridge, Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Harrison, Hancock, Jefferson, Lewis, Marshall, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio, Preston, Pendleton, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur and Wetzel.

Second district--Braxton, Calhoun, Cabell, Clay, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Boone, Wayne, Wirt, Wood and all that part of Kanawha county on both sides of the Kanawha river west of Coalburg, including the mines in the Cabin Creek Valley, and all other mines within one mile east of Coalburg.

Third district--Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster, and all that part of Kanawha county on both sides of the Kanawha river, east of Coalburg, but not including any mine within one mile of Coalburg.

Fourth district--Boone, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo and Wyoming.

Mr. Paul has assigned the following appointed mine inspectors to preside over the various districts as follows: S. A. Lewis, first district; Jerry Mead, second district; John I. Absalom, third district; W. J. Preese, fourth district.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Resumes Its Work--Only a Formal Meeting Yesterday. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 18.--The constitution committee, which adjourned April 29 to meet May 18, convened this morning in the state house. In the absence of Chairman East, Clerk Hood called the committee to order, and Senator Dotson was elected pro tem for chairman. The last journal was read and approved and recess taken till 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the committee was again called to order and on motion adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, there not being enough members present to transact business.

The death of Senator Hyde, who sat at the recent session of the committee necessitates the appointment of a new member, to be named by the President. Mr. Paul has provided by the resolution creating the committee. Senator Callett being the only Democratic senator not in the committee, is expected to be appointed.

WARRING FACTIONS

In the Kentucky Legislature--Big Fight Over the Fusion Bill. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 18.--The silver Democratic minority with possession of the senate, Goebel in the chair, and Bronston on the floor, held the floor through an eight-hour session to-day and promises to continue it until the end of the present session on Friday. The Gold Democratic-Republican majority of each house is still determined that the fusion bill shall pass the senate at least, and that it shall go through both houses this summer if there is any way to persuade or force the governor to recall the session. Senator Holloway, a gold Democrat, tried to strike Senator Bronston, the silver Democrat, who is holding the floor, and while he was being held away from him, Bronston said: "Damn you and your demands," and then "Turn him loose. I dare you to lay your hand on me, you cowardly whelp."

Adjournment came at 7 o'clock. It is plain now that the bill cannot become a law this session.

FARROW'S TRIAL

Ended, and the Arguments of Counsel Now Being Made. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 18.--The trial of Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow on the charge of conspiring with C. Linford Woods to defraud the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, was continued to-day before Judge S. A. McClung. The taking of testimony was concluded and the addresses of the defense to the jury made. All that is to follow are the addresses of the prosecution, the charge of the court and the verdict. Farrow was the principal witness of the day. He said his only connection with Woods was to further the interest of the insurance company. The bank firm of C. Linford Woods & Co., was the scheme of Woods. Farrow had no interest in it and was not to receive any profits. The checks the silver Democrat, who is holding the floor, and while he was being held away from him, Bronston said: "Damn you and your demands," and then "Turn him loose. I dare you to lay your hand on me, you cowardly whelp."

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Mr. Stewart of Nevada, gave notice of an amendment which he would offer to the tariff bill. It provides that there shall be, at all times, a reserve fund in the treasury of \$50,000,000; that whenever the available balance in the treasury shall exceed \$50,000,000, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to invest the surplus over the sum in United States bonds; and that when less than fifty million dollars is in the treasury he shall issue legal tender non-interest; that such notes shall be redeemable out of the first surplus over fifty million; that in case insufficient coin to meet the coin obligations of the United States shall come into the treasury through the ordinary sources of revenue the secretary shall exchange the silver certificates for the coin which the treasury for their redemption; that the conversion of the silver certificates shall discharge the coin obligations of the United States; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to coin sufficient of the silver bullion purchased under the law of July

CUBA'S CAUSE

Again Occupies the Attention of the Senate.

MASON IN HIS MAIDEN SPEECH

Calls on the Senators to Pass the Morgan Resolution.

SENATOR HOAR MAKES REPLY

And Criticizes "Buncombe Appeals to Constituents"--Senator Stewart, the Free Silver Leader, on Dock with a Financial Amendment to the Tariff Bill--His Provisions--Wants a Treasury Reserve Fund Maintained--Surplus to be Devoted to Payment of Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--Cuba again occupied the foreground in the senate to-day. It drew large crowds to the galleries, and brought two notable speeches, the one by Mr. Mason, of Illinois, in favor of the Morgan resolution, and the other by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, in opposition.

The Illinois senator pictured in fervid terms the distress in Cuba, dwelling particularly on the starving condition of eight hundred United States citizens, as reported by the President, and called upon the senate to throw off its lethargy and pass the Morgan resolution.

Mr. Mason had several sharp tilts with Mr. Wellington, of Maryland, the latter protesting that he was being misrepresented. It led to considerable confusion in the galleries, during which Mr. Wellington declared that he could not be choked off by the rudeness of the galleries.

Mr. Mason read President McKinley's message of yesterday to prove that a state of war exists in Cuba. "If there is not war," he said, "then there ought to be with the United States the American in Cuba needed to be defended with bayonets as well as with bread. Doesn't Care for War.

He read from reports made to the senate by the committee on foreign relations in support of his statement that a Cuban government exists. "Mr. Wellington (who opposes the resolution) will direct me on the platform of independence for Cuba," he said. "So was I so was Mr. McKinley. And I am here to stand by it so long as I continue on the pay roll."

The newspaper reports of the Cuban war, Mr. Mason defended as in the main correct. He proposed to vote on the resolution, even if it took all independence for Cuba. He said the American in Cuba needed to be defended with bayonets as well as with bread. Doesn't Care for War.

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A Lively Tilt. Mr. Hoar referred to the speech that had preceded as "exuberant oratory," and said sarcastically that notwithstanding it, the power of international law would prevail. The only effect of recognition would be to give Spain the right to search our ships at sea and to take away from American citizens in that quest. Mr. Hoar's criticisms, all strength, and all vigor, were clearly aimed at Mr. Mason.

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14, 1890, to supply all deficiencies in the supply of coin (under these provisions) to meet and discharge all coin obligations presented.

WEST VIRGINIA GOSSIP. At the Capital--Mr. Gaines' Appointment to be Made Soon. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--William J. Crutcher, of Logan, W. Va., has been granted a patent for a combined stove scraper and brush, and Joseph M. Marsh patent on a design for a hame iron.

Mr. Dayton has recommended the appointment of A. J. McDaniel as postmaster at Worthington, Marion county. Senator Elkins and several of the West Virginia congressional delegates, in company with ex-Representative "Fud" McGinnis, of Raleigh C. H., and Dr. Miller, of Upshur, Mr. McGinnis called to pay his respects to the President with whom he has been acquainted since the war. Dr. Miller desires to be appointed chief of the bureau of engraving and printing and Senator Elkins introduced him as a West Virginia candidate. Editor A. B. White, has also had an interview with the President.

Hon. J. H. Gaines, of Charleston, and ex-Deputy Marshal Willy, of Summers county, are in the city. There was unexpected delay in sending in Mr. Gaines' nomination as district attorney, but it was stated to Senator Elkins to-day at the white house that the appointment will be among the first made.

CHARTERS GRANTED. Among Them is One in a Wheeling Oil Company. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 18.--Secretary of State Dawson has issued a certificate of incorporation to the Cotton Town Oil and Gas Company, with principal office at Wheeling, authorized capital \$100,000, subscribed \$600, and paid in \$60. The incorporators are Solomon Kraus, Fred H. Hanke, Henry Sonneborn and Jacob Dahinden, of Wheeling, and George Maxon, Cleveland, Ohio, and John Hamilton, Lorain, Ohio.

The Boone and Kanawha Telephone Company was also granted a charter. Capital stock, \$5,000; subscribed, \$500, and paid up \$50. The incorporators are J. F. Atkins, S. F. Kraft and J. E. Stollings, of Madison, and nine others. Principal office, Madison, Boone county. James Kelley, William B. McClelland, William B. Masfield, William P. Rapp, and William H. Jones, all of Kenova, are named as the incorporators of the William H. Jones Company, to which a charter was granted. Right is given to do a wholesale and retail merchandise and commission business and to operate electric plants, lighting, etc. Principal office, Kenova, Wayne county; authorized capital, \$50,000; subscribed, \$1,500, and paid in, \$150.

EDITORS TO BE HONORED. Weston in Gala Attire--The Town to be Brilliantly Illuminated. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. Va., May 18.--Dr. George I. Keefer, of the Natural Gas Company, has manifested great interest in the decorations erected to-day in honor of the meeting of the editorial association, which convenes here this week. A large frame that encloses the word "Welcome" was erected on Main street, by the gas company. The gas from the letters burns out brightly, making them letters of fire. It is very pretty. In addition to this the gas people have two large gas torches that will light the whole town.

J. S. Mitchell, of the electric light company, has placed long strings of numerous colored electric lights crossing the streets at the corners in all directions. Both these illuminations have cost the company a quite a sum. The private citizens are doing everything to beautify their residences as well as business houses in honor of the occasion.

Democratic Editors. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., May 18.--The Democratic editorial association held their annual meeting here to-day. The newspaper men of all parties and their wives and sweethearts from all parts of the state have been turning here to-day, to be in readiness for the journey to Weston in the morning, to attend the state editorial convention.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION. Twelve Firemen are Fearfully Burned at Chicago. CHICAGO, May 18.--Twelve firemen were frightfully burned to-night by the explosion of a tank containing eighty gallons of gasoline in the grocery of W. H. Manley, in Forty-third street. The explosion was heard for several blocks, and many windows in the vicinity were shattered. The severely injured are: Joseph C. Hazen, third assistant chief, burned about face and body, condition eleven; John Fitzgerald, marshal, condition serious; John Champagne, hands, face and body frightfully burned, may die.

The others whose injuries are not considered dangerous are: Michael Doyle, Henry Wingle, Capt. Thomas Kinney, Lieut. James McGraw, James Hickey, Morris Maloney, Lieut. James Burke, Capt. O. L. White and J. J. Croack.

THE ELKINS BILL. Receiving Cordial Endorsement From Business Men. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--Senator Elkins is in daily receipt of letters from all parts of the country, written by business men of prominence, in commendation of his April speech in the senate, in advocacy of a discriminating duty on foreign shipping brought into this country, in foreign vessels. The senator's exposition of the question has awakened unusual interest and sentiment everywhere seems to be rapidly shaping in support of the measure, many busy men take the time to write autograph letters in which they assure him of their cordial endorsement.

President's Appointments. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--The President to-day sent the following nominations to the senate: Justice--William W. Morrow, of California, to be United States circuit judge for the Ninth judicial circuit; George Morgan, of Kentucky, to be solicitor of internal revenue.

Navy--Passed assistant engineer Frank H. Eldridge, to be chief engineer in the navy. Interior--Samuel G. Morse, of Washington, to be agent for the Indians of the Neah Bay agency in Washington.

Anti-Scale Bill a Law. ALBANY, N. Y., May 18.--Governor Black to-day signed the so-called anti-scalping bill. It absolutely prohibits the selling of railroad and steamboat tickets in this state except by agents authorized to make such sales, and then they shall sell tickets only in the towns where the railroad authority gives them permission to make sales.

NARROW ESCAPE

Of Ex-U. S. Senator McPherson From Would-be Murderers.

IS ASSAULTED IN HIS OFFICE

By Two Men who are Interested in a Law Suit--His Life Saved by the Presence of Mind of His Secretary--One of the Assaultants Almost Blind, and His Detective Eye-Sight Prevents Him from Carrying Out His Murderous Design.

YORK, May 18.--An attempt was made to-day to kill ex-United States Senator J. R. McPherson, in his office in Aldrich building, this city. William B. Van Aken, who made the attempt, is partly blind and is said to be interested in a suit in which the senator is also involved. Van Aken had an accomplice in the matter whose name is unknown and who escaped. Van Aken was arrested.

Senator McPherson, who represented New Jersey in the senate of the United States for about eighteen years, is now president of the Western Stock Yards Company, with offices in the Aldridge building. The ex-senator occupies an inner office, while the outer office is for his secretary, Edward F. Low.

Both men were in their usual places about 11 o'clock this morning, when two men entered. One was Van Aken, a well built man about five feet ten inches in height. The other man was somewhat smaller. Both men walked through the secretary's office, past Mr. Low and into the inner office, where Senator McPherson sat. Senator McPherson was looking over some papers at his desk and sat with his back to the door. Both men walked up to him and spoke to him.

Just what they said is not known, as the senator has not quite recovered from the shock and cannot tell what really happened. He is so weak that a nurse always accompanies him to his office. Mr. Low, the secretary, says that he heard Van Aken say something to the senator about wanting him to settle a suit. Mr. Low says that both men seemed to have an interest in a suit over the Belle Meade stock farm, on the Lehigh railroad, in New Jersey.

Mr. Low remembers hearing Senator McPherson tell Van Aken that he could say nothing about the suit and must refer him to his lawyer. After that Mr. Low took no further notice until a minute or so later the private office door was suddenly pushed open. With a cry of alarm the aged ex-senator came quickly out into the front office. Groping his way, in a fury of blind haste, Van Aken followed. His companion endeavoring to guide him through the doorway, but Van Aken hurried ahead, putting his hands out in front of him to feel his way.

Before a policeman arrived Van Aken seized from struggling. He was taken over to the Centre street police office. He is a well dressed man and gave his address at a Tenth avenue hotel, this city. After Senator McPherson had somewhat recovered from the effects of the shock he said that he had never before seen Van Aken or his companion.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW. Heretofore that will be Urged Upon the President. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.--Great pressure has been brought to bear on the President for a reform in certain branches of the civil service, especially since the meetings of the senate committee investigating the workings of the civil service. The main propositions in the reforms demanded are briefly as follows:

1.--The abolition of the rule allowing reinstatement of government employes without examination only within one year from the time of their removal from the service.

2.--The exception from examination of all chiefs of divisions, superintendents and foremen, and all officials whose duties are of an executive character.

3.--The issuance of a general order rescinding all extensions of the classified service made since President Harrison's administration. The President has given no intimation as to what course he will pursue.

THE PRINCELY GIFT. Of \$100,000 to the Hungry of London. To be Given by W. W. Astor. NEW YORK, May 18.--A special to the Journal from London says: It is reported that the anonymous philanthropist, who contributed \$25,000 pounds to the fund proposed by the Princess of Wales to feed the starving on the occasion of the queen's jubilee is William Waldorf Astor.

That report cannot be absolutely confirmed. The probability of its truth is based upon Mr. Astor's enormous wealth and upon the fact that his generosity has been unbounded in all directions where royalty has shown the charitable way.

Stephen Hornett Dead. PITTSBURGH, May 18.--Stephen Hornett, the well known sporting newspaper writer, died at his home this morning, of consumption. "Steve" was one of the best posted sporting men in the United States, and his opinion was sought by people not only in this city, but throughout the country. He was a brilliant writer and had hosts of friends.

Desperate Jail Breaker. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 18.--Tonight Jailor Richardson was assaulted by Arthur Steptoe, a desperate colored man, who had just been sentenced to five years in the pen. The jailor was blinded by a blow for a moment, during which time, the man escaped, but not until Richardson had fired two shots at him.

Ohio State Democrats. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 18.--The Democratic State Central Committee decided this afternoon to hold the state convention in Columbus, June 29 and 30. Judge Ulrich Sloan, of Hillsboro, will be temporary chairman and Colonel W. A. Taylor, temporary secretary.

THE BAPTIST WOMEN.

Second Day of the Missionary Anniversary--Symposium for Women of Ohio. PITTSBURGH, May 18.--The second day's session of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society opened at 9:15 a. m., in the Fourth Avenue Baptist church. There were very few present at the opening, many of the delegates being engaged in committee work. The first half hour was devoted to a conference of workers.

The committee on nominations made the following nominations: General officers--Presidents, Mrs. J. N. Crouse, Chicago; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. Ramsey, Brooklyn; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Barber, and a long list of vice presidents.

On motion, the secretary cast the ballot for the officers named, who are the same as last year. This was done and the president, Mrs. J. N. Crouse responded for the newly elected officers. An open parliament, presided over by Miss Frances M. Schuyler, of Williamsport, Pa., on "Our Young Women and Girls," closed the morning session.

The following programme was carried out during the afternoon: Opening service; children's hour, conducted by Mrs. Mabel Hall; O. G. children (1) in mission fields; (2) in our homes and Sunday schools; an exercise in costume; music; the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society among the nations (ten minute talks by missionaries); welcoming strangers from Europe, Miss Mary Belby; proclaiming the Messiah to the Jews, Miss Jeanette Geallus; and the Afro-American, Miss Fannie Elliott; revealing the Great Spirit to the Indian, pie pictures, by Miss Isabel A. H. Crawford; standing for truth among the Mormons, Miss Emma F. Parsons; opening the eyes of the Chinese, disease and remedy, Misses Ames, Ford, Rose and Yoss; Mexico's millions, Miss M. G. Bursdick; praise and report of committee on enrollment.

In the evening the president read her address reviewing the society's history for the past twenty years. The following resolution of sympathy for the Cuban women was passed and has been forwarded to Senator Morgan: "Resolved, That in view of the terrible sufferings of our sisters in Cuba reported to us through Alberto G. Diaz, who has known their prosperity and now mourns their adversity, this Women's Baptist Home Mission Society in its annual meeting, representing a constituency of fifty or sixty thousand women, express our sympathy for them and urge our Christian women to pray that our government may soon act as the part of the good Samaritan and adopt measures to relieve their distress."

The president announced a special conference for workers to-morrow morning, preceding the opening of the anniversary.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

The Conference Against Theatres, Balls and Card Parties. TOLEDO, Iowa, May 18.--At the United Brethren conference to-day devotional exercises were led by C. C. Bell, of Oregon. There were nine woman delegates elected, but only six are present. Last evening there were a number of college meetings held for consultation and acquaintance. A gavel made in Germany from wood secured in Africa, representing the union of mission interest, was presented by Bishop Castle.

A resolution was adopted providing for a committee to arrange for a centennial celebration in 1908. The fourth Sabbath in November at was adopted as a temperance day. The committee on moral reform reported advising all members to abstain from theatre-going, balls, card playing and other similar amusements. It was formally re-committed for re-arranging the paragraphs. The committee on boundaries reported and the rules were suspended so that the reports could be considered.

Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

WARSAW, Ind., May 18.--The annual conference of the board of foreign missions with the chairman of the synodical and presbyterial committees and representatives of the women's boards, which is held in connection with the 109th general assembly, began its session on the Wilsons assembly grounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Frank F. Ellenwood, D. D., L. D., presiding. Rev. Cleveland H. McAfee, Ph. D., of Park College, Mo., Rev. Duncan Brown, D. D., of Jackson, and Rev. Hunter Corbath, D. D., of Chefoo, China, are on the programme for this afternoon and evening.

MR. CALHOUN'S MISSION.

He Diplomatically Acknowledges Spain's Hospitality in Cuba. HAVANA, May 18.--W. W. Calhoun, the special commissioner of the United States, who is investigating the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen, visited the Spanish casino last night, which was decorated and illuminated in honor of the eleventh birthday of King Alfonso. Mr. Calhoun was accompanied by the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, Dr. Jose Congosto, the mayor of Havana, Senor Michael Diaz and Dr. Jover, who acted as interpreters.

Mr. Calhoun admired the building and expressed appreciation of the courtesy with which he was received. After the guests and their hosts had partaken of refreshments, the secretary of the casino toasted "Peace for Cuba and sincere and unadulterated friendship between the United States and Spain."

Dr. Jover then toasted "President McKinley" in English, which was responded to by Mr. Calhoun. The first words which the latter uttered on gaining his feet showed him to be an accomplished orator as well as a discreet diplomat.

After some preliminary remarks of a complimentary nature, Mr. Calhoun said that when he received his appointment to come to Cuba he formed the idea that he was going to a foreign country, but the hospitality he had met with in Spanish territory had made his residence here so pleasant that he began to believe himself among his own people, and yet was almost forgetting his own country, while longing for the approach of peace and progress for Cuba.

Mr. Calhoun left the casino shortly before 11 o'clock.

Boy Murderer Captured.

MONCLOVA, Mexico, May 18.--Macedonio Fransto, the seventeen-year-old boy who murdered four