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WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.—NEW NICKEL COIN.—HOUSE RESOLVES TO ADJOURN APRIL 6.—REED, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, REPORTED DISQUALIFIED.—GRANT RECOVERED.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—IN THE HOUSE, the bill authorizing one, three and five cent nickel, was passed.

The Tenure-of-office bill came from the Senate with the request for a conference. A motion to concur with the Senate amendment was lost by a vote of 60 to 106. Finally a conference was agreed to, consisting on the part of the House of Butler, Washburne, of Wisconsin, and Bingham.

A resolution to adjourn on the 6th of April was adopted.

The Election Committee reported Read elected from the Third South Carolina District, as incapable to take the test oath. The minority reported a bill removing Read's disabilities, which was referred to the Reconstruction Committee.

A bridge over the Ohio, at Paducah, of four hundred feet span, was authorized.

Abol extending the time for the withdrawal of whiskey from bond to the 20th April, was lost. The House then adjourned.

IN THE SENATE, there was an ineffectual attempt to pass the House bill granting the right of way to the Memphis and El Paso Railroad.

The Currency bill was discussed to the adjournment.

Grant has recovered. There was a full and long Cabinet meeting.

The only nomination to-day was C. S. Hamilton, Marshal for Wisconsin.

Th debt statement will show but a slight decrease, owing to the large pension disbursements.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

THE WRECK OF THE STEAMER HERMAN.—AN UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR THE MISSING FRENCH MAN-OF-WAR.—DESTRUCTION OF THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE BY MOHAMMEDAN REBELS PREDICTED.—ANOTHER MISSION DIFFICULT.—THE UNITED STATES TREATY OF 1868 WITH CHINA.—MARRIAGE OF THE MIKADO.—DIFFICULTY AT KIOTA.—SEVERAL STATIONS SET ON FIRE.—THE MIKADO FLEES TO OSAKA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The steamer Grand Republic arrived to-night, with Hong Kong dates to February 19th and Yokohama dates to March 4th.

The steamer Hermann was wrecked February 13th on an unknown reef outside of the harbor of Yokohama. Two hundred and seventy lives were lost. The vessel was a total loss, nothing whatever being saved. Chase, the first officer, and a white waiter, were among the lost. The Hermann was under a Japanese charter, with four hundred passengers for a port near Hokokaido.

The British gunboat Algerine had returned to Hong Kong from an unsuccessful search for the missing French man-of-war Lemoine, which left Saigon the first of November, and the loss of which is now looked upon as certain.

Catholic priests from the North report the Mohammedan rebels in strong force on the road to Peking, and predict the fall of the Celestial Empire within a year.

A further missionary difficulty had occurred at Foo Chow, and the assistance of a British gunboat was called for. Picares were posted about the city calling upon the city to rise and exterminate all foreigners.

An English fleet of three gunboats destroyed two villages near Swatow, on account of outrage by Chinese on the crew of the gunboat Cookhafer.

The Washington treaty of 1868, between China and the United States, had been received at Shanghai, and only awaited a fitting opportunity of delivery to Prince King at Peking.

A meeting of the merchants at Foo Chow, respecting the tea difficulties, resulted in the issuing of a proclamation by the Viceroy, in concert with a trade committee against the fraudulent conduct of the tea men in the false packing of cargoes.

Intelligence from Japan is meagre. Admiral Enomata was strongly fortifying his position near Yokohama Bay, intending to fight it out, unless the Mikado complies with the demands of the exiled Kevas that they shall retain the island of Yesso, and the late Tycoon be sent as their ruler.

The ram Stonewall left Yokohama, March 2d, for Yodo, to be immediately transferred to the Japanese Government.

The Mikado arrived at Kiota February 2d, and was married on the 9th.

A difficulty occurred at Kiota between the followers of Satsuma and Chioisa. It was reported that several streets were set on fire and the flames reached the palace of the Mikado, who fled to Osaka. The reported assassination of the Governor of Osaka originated in the fact that a high official was murdered there.

Admiral Enomata celebrated the event of his taking entire possession of the Island of Yesso by firing a salute of one hundred and one guns from the fleet and batteries on shore. He notified all the fleets of the formation of a provisional government and appointment of the principal departments. His forces are rapidly increasing, and it would be no easy matter for the Mikado to subdue him and retake the island.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

WRECK OF THE VIRGINIA PRIZE.—STEAMER SEIZED BY REBEL PASSENGERS.—THEY PUT THE PASSENGERS AND THE CREW ABOARD ON A DESERT ISLAND.—SPANISH MAN-OF-WAR GOES IN PURSUIT.—NEW GUNBOAT.—BATTLE CONTRADICTION.—YOUNG CUBAN REBELS BLATANT AND IMPUDENT.

HAVANA, March 26.—The schooner Virginia Prize, from Manzanillo for New York, with lumber, was wrecked Saturday on the Jardines Reales, and became a total loss. The crew were saved.

The steamer Comandante, the regular packet between Havana and Cardenas, left this port on Tuesday evening last for her regular trip to Cardenas, carrying about forty passengers. Nothing was heard of the steamer afterwards until to-day, and news were entertained for her safety. The news received to-night, however, announces that several of the passengers of this steamer who had lately been prisoners in Port Cabanos, threatened the crew, took possession of the steamer, and disembarked the passengers, a portion of the crew and the captain at Roques Key, near Cardenas. The Comandante then proceeded, it is supposed, to Nassau, N. P. The disembarked crew and passengers were subsequently taken up at Roques Key and carried to Cardenas. She carried on day's supply of coal. Vessels which arrived to-day report seeing the Comandante off Strup Keys under sail. Others report seeing her anchored off Bahamas Banks, one hundred miles from Nassau. A Spanish man-of-war has gone in pursuit of her.

THE TWO CIVILIZATIONS.

Don Platt Contrasts New England and the South—Platt Talks from an Independent Western Man.

Don Platt, the witty and plain spoken Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, recently alluded, in one of his letters, to the strong love of home that prevails at the South, as forming the basis of much that he regards as admirable in the Southern character. For this he was bitterly attacked by the Cincinnati Gazette. From the spirited rejoinder of Don Platt we make some extracts:

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A kind friend sent me the compliment of a column clipped from some issue of the Gazette, in which the least of the old and the old organ takes to pieces a part of my Arlington letter. I wish he had not done it. Like the famous omen, I would have come down had he given me a chance. I was ready to admit that I was under the influence of "composition," and gave forth "the froth of a dull imagination," after coddling "to bring forth a sentiment." There is so much delicate poetic fancy in the columns of this venerable organ, that I thought I had better be content with a "sentiment" in the form of a letter, rather than to attempt to outdo it in the form of a letter.

I would have been glad to have been given a chance to read my poor stuff, I would have cut it out and given him some solid figures, on which to fasten his statistical avarice.

Nav, I would have gone further, and confessed that the Yankee love of locality surpassed in strength all other love known to humanity. I would have said to the world, "I would have been a Yankee, once my favorite, that had Adam and Eve been Yankees, they would not have waited for the Lord to expel them from the Garden of Eden, but would have emigrated long before, and gone to settling in wild lands."

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The late James Guthrie, of Kentucky, left an estate of \$1,000,000.

James Gordon Bennett, Jr., advertises his famous yacht, the Henrietta, for sale.

The new Collector of Customs at New York received 13,191 applications for office on Thursday.

Alfred Tennyson is said to have recently, for the second time, refused the offer of a peerage.

Bismarck has a new organ printed in English, which is sent to all English admirers of Prussia.

Delmonico pays Moses H. Grinnell \$37,500 a year rent for his Fifth avenue mansion in New York.

General Sickles, at his own request, has been ordered before the Retiring Board for examination.

A newspaper in Berlin employs an "editor," whose duty it is to serve the terms of imprisonment decreed in libel suits.

The North German Consul in New York reports a salary of 3000 thalers in gold, and for expenses 10,500 thalers in gold.

Ex-President Johnson will have the pleasure of reading an obituary notice of himself, of a column in length, in the Chicago Tribune.

A New Orleans paper, says that Colonel Casey, the new appointee to the New Orleans Collectorship, "is not unconnected with the President."

Governor Bullock, of Georgia, is now in Washington. It is said that he was a commissioner in the Herald office at Utica, New York, a few years ago.

A bishop Ames, of the Methodist Church, declared, in a conference held at Alexandria, Va., that tobacco was doing more harm to the church than whiskey.

James M. Mason, of Mason and Slidell fame, will leave Canada in a day or two, and expects to be at his old home in Winchester, Va., by the middle of March.

The New York Post says Prince Louis of Bourbon, recently married there, is the direct heir to the Brazilian throne in case the present Emperor dies without heirs.

The tenants of the Marquis of Bute, who loaded him so amazingly on his coming of age, have shot him in effigy on receiving the news of his conversion to Catholicism.

Mr. Samuel Miller, of Lynchburg, Va., reported to be the wealthiest man in Virginia, died last week. He was worth three millions of dollars, which he acquired mainly by speculations in tobacco.

The great attraction at the Paris Hippodrome is at the present time a beautiful Irish girl, who is generally pronounced the most graceful equestrienne that has appeared in Paris for many years past.

W. W. Corcoran is about to erect a mammoth hotel, to bear his name, on Vermont avenue, near Senator Sumner's residence, in Washington. It will be ready before the December term of Congress.

Oliver Logan responded to the toast, "The Gentlemen," at the press and Sorosis banquet in New York, Saturday evening. Oliver said he didn't know anything about them, which is lucky, coming from a divorced lady.

Statistics of the recent English elections about seven dollars apiece for each vote he received. John Bright got in cheaply, paying only about twenty-five cents for each of his votes.

Mr. Jennings, formerly Mlle. Henriques, an actress, has sided her husband for divorce, on the ground of abuse. Jennings is an English editor, and married his wife while in this country corresponding for the London Times.

Hickbecker, the ex-Queen of the English gipsies, has arrived in this country, intending to end