

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Several Bills Were Passed in Both Houses Yesterday.

GOA THE SCENE OF RIOT AND MURDER.

Troops Committing the Wildest Excesses and Killing People Indiscriminately.

Two Cadets at Lexington, Va., Fight Sixteen Desperate Rounds, and one is Killed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The following bills, among others, were passed by the senate today: Senate bill for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians in Wisconsin; senate bill to authorize acquisition of land for coke ovens and other improvements and for the right of way for wagon roads, railroads and tramways in connection with coal mines; senate bill requiring the United States to amend the title of homesteaders under the laws of the United States in all suits where land is claimed to be mineral because of phosphate deposits.

The senate resumed consideration of the senate bill to establish United States land courts and to provide for the settlement of private land claims. With respect to disposing of the bill the senate went into executive session and soon adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

In the house today Payson submitted a report on the bill authorizing the entry of public lands by incorporated cities and towns for cemetery and park purposes. Adopted.

Morrill of Kansas submitted, and the house agreed to, a conference report on the bill granting a pension the widow of Gen. Hartnett. The amount granted is \$100 a month.

Payson presented, and the house adopted, a conference report on the bill for the relief of settlers on the Northern Pacific indemnity lands.

Enloe brought up a resolution reciting that the alleged postmaster of the house, J. L. Wheat, whose duty it was to let contracts for carrying of mails, let contracts to Samuel Culbertson for \$5,000 a year on condition that Culbertson should pay to him (Wheat) \$150 a month out of the money received from the government for his services, and that Wheat did receive that sum for five months; and directing the committee on the post office to investigate these charges and such other matters as pertain to Wheat's administration of the post office.

The committee on the post office reported that the investigation of the action of the postmaster in regard to the same matter, Enloe resumed, and that if any gentleman had evidence that there was anything wrong in the action of the late postmaster, he would have no objections. Enloe remarked that he understood this contract which the gentleman claimed was unlawful, had come down from the postmaster of last congress. He offered an amendment to investigate also the 4th and 5th congresses, and that the resolution as amended was accepted.

Payne of New York, chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate the charges against the postmaster of the bill defining the duties of the sergeant-at-arms. The accompanying report explains its provisions in substance as follows: It is the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to make a regulation directly upon the treasury for pay and mileage of the members and constitutes him in explicit terms a distributing officer, limiting his compensation to his present salary. A bond in the sum of \$50,000 is required. The bill was passed.

Buttelle of Maine, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, reported a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to enable the secretary of the navy to purchase nickel ore or nickel metal for the manufacture of nickel-steel armor and making such machinery as may be necessary for the construction of the armor. After an explanation by Buttelle the bill was passed.

On motion of Dickenson of Kentucky the bill was passed authorizing the construction of railway bridges across Kentucky river.

CADET'S FATAL FIGHT.

A Lad of Fifteen Loses His Life in a Fisticuff Encounter.

LEXINGTON, Va., Sept. 25.—A most distressing tragedy occurred here this afternoon at the Virginia State Military Institute. Cadet Warren Taliaferro, a lad of 15 years and a member of one of the foremost families of the state, reading in Norfolk, Va., who had been in the institute only a week, lost his life on account of a fisticuff encounter with Cadet Frank McConico, aged 20, of Bryan, Texas, who was also a member of the institute.

The cadets are greatly excited and it is thought an attempt will be made to rescue him.

NO AGREEMENT ON THE TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The tariff conference separated without reaching an agreement. It can be stated with almost absolute certainty that the bill will be reported tomorrow morning, but upon what basis the expected agreement will be made is still unknown.

CHICAGO WANTS A MINT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—A bill today was introduced in the house by Representative Hopkins of Illinois to locate a branch mint of the United States at Chicago for the coinage of gold and silver. The bill provides for the appointment of a superintendent, one assayer, one melder and one coiner for carrying on the business of the mint, the superintendent and assayer to each receive a salary of \$2,000 a year, and the melder and refiner \$1,500 each. The general direction of the mint shall be under the control of the director of the mint at Philadelphia and \$500,000 is appropriated by the bill to meet the expenses of carrying into effect its provisions for the current year.

NORTH DAKOTA POLITICS.

GRAND FORKS, Sept. 25.—The joint convention of Alliance men and Prohibitionists endorsed the republican nominee for congress, lieutenant-governor, commissioner of insurance and railroad commissioner, Andrew Blotzen; endorsed the democratic nominee for secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction and railroad commissioner, R. B. Stevens. They nominated for governor, Walter Muir; auditor, H. R. Dickinson; treasurer, K. J. Noland; attorney general, N. O. Young, and railroad commissioner, Earl Turner. A vigorous campaign will be made.

FIGHTING FOR A COUNTY SEAT.

Citizens of two Colorado Towns Have a High Old Time.

LAMAR, Colo., Sept. 25.—Word has been received of a serious trouble between the towns of Boston and Springfield in Baca county. Since Baca county was made from Los Animas county by the last general assembly, there has been a strife between these two towns as to which should have the county seat. The act organizing the county provided that Springfield should be the county seat and at an election held last week it was decided and by manipulation of ballots it was made the permanent county seat. People of the town of Boston claimed that Springfield had not \$50,000 worth of county property necessary to prevent the county seat from being moved by a minority vote this fall. The only available building for a court-house was a hotel building in Boston. A few weeks ago this was sold at sheriff's sale and was bought by Springfield people. Saturday night a party left Springfield for Boston with machinery worth \$1,000, intending to move the building to the former location and use it for a court-house, thus preventing the county seat issue being raised this fall by reason of prominent improvements being made. Rollers were put under the building, which is the finest in the county, and it was hoisted high, and 20 teams were hitched to it. Inside the house were stationed 13 men with Winchester rifles. The building was moved about five miles towards Springfield, which is about twenty-five miles from Boston, when the people of the latter place discovered the trick and immediately organized. All the available horses and rifles were brought into the town and the party there made. Upon overtaking the party they commanded a halt which was answered with a volley of shots from the men in the building. The Boston crowd then fired and a fierce battle waged which ended in the Springfield party being driven from the building. Coal oil was then procured and the floors of the building saturated with it and set fire to and entirely consumed. Great excitement prevails, but owing to the isolation of the town, Springfield being over fifty miles from Lamar, which is the nearest railroad station, news is hard to obtain. Several parties arrived here from Springfield last night and departed hurriedly, after buying all the cartridges they could find in the town. It is reported that two killed during the fight, but the news is not authentic.

IRISH PATRIOTS ON TRIAL.

Outrageous Proceedings of the Police Who Club the People.

JOHN MORLEY A WITNESS OF THE AFFAIR.

The Tariff Thinkers Will Positively Reach an Agreement Today.

A Remarkable County Seat War in Colorado—The Operators on Mackey Lanes on Strike.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—The trial of O'Brien, Dillon and other Irish leaders began at Tipperary today. The immense crowd was clubbed by the police and a couple of prisoners were beaten by officers.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—The excitement of a week ago, when the arrests of Dillon and O'Brien were so suddenly made, had its counterpart in national circles today. Dispatches from Tipperary describing the clubbing of the crowd before the court house by the police created a profound sensation at the national league headquarters. The action of the police was denounced as a gross outrage. The fact that John Morley is present at the trial is considered a subject for much congratulation. It is thought the trial will afford him more insight into the true inwardness of the Irish problem, which he came to Ireland to study for himself, than weeks of ordinary travel and investigation.

He will be able to tell British liberals with more force than ever what the Irish people have to put up with at the hands of the police after his experience in Tipperary. Nationalists are confident that whatever the outcome of the trial may be, the brutal police episode and evident reluctance of the court to open the doors to the public will not increase the popularity of Balfour's rule.

PORTLAND'S EXPOSITION.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25.—The North Pacific Industrial Exposition opened in this city tonight and will continue one month. Agricultural, horticultural and mineral products of the entire northwest, including Idaho and Montana, are on exhibition. The display of grains and fruits is especially attractive.

OURRATORS ON A STRIKE.

Those on Mackey's Lane in Indiana Form a Federation and Ask an Increase of Wage.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 25.—Some time ago a federation was formed of a number of operators and clerks employed on the Mackey lanes with the view of demanding an increase of pay. Last Sunday the organization was completed at Evansville with the following officers: H. M. Hopkins of Fort Branch, president; W. D. Sears of Fort Branch, secretary and treasurer; and O. P. Williams, Princeton, corresponding secretary. Hopkins is the company's agent at Fort Branch. It was given out as the intention to make a demand for increased pay and give the company five days to consider it, but yesterday, learning that W. D. Sears had been discharged, the men decided to strike at once. A demand was made on the company for his reinstatement and for an increase of pay of about 15 percent. The company's officials replied that the matter would have to be taken under advisement and last night the men struck. The company claims Sears was not discharged because of his membership with the federation but for other good reasons and the men assert the contrary. A conference will be held and in the meantime the men resumed work. There was some little delay to freight trains during the morning but none to passengers.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—A Lincoln avenue street car went into the river at Clark street bridge at midnight tonight, carrying the horses with it. The car was filled with passengers, but almost miraculously they managed to escape. The last passenger jumped from the rear platform as the vehicle tottered and fell with a tremendous splash in the dark waters. The bridge had been turned to allow the passage of a vessel, and while the car was under down grade, the brakes unaccountably refused to work.

ANOTHER ARREST.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—Patrick O'Brien, M. P., has been arrested.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The damage by floods in the department of Ardèche, France, alone amounts to fifty million francs.

Today's winners at Gravesend were Nellie Bly, Raceland, Sivalva, Reliance, St. Paris and Langford.

Rev. A. M. Belmont of Hortonville, Wis., arrived at Milwaukee yesterday for raising bank bills. Mutilated ten and twenty dollar bills were found on him.

The Birmingham, Ala., Age, Herald and Weekly Atlanta Constitution have been ordered for publishing lottery advertisements.

Colorado democrats nominated Judge Caldwell Yeaman for governor.

Lewis J. Levick has brought suit against the Pennsylvania railway for \$25,000 at Philadelphia, alleging that the road charged him higher rates than it did a rival oil shipper.

New South Wales and Queensland shepherds have struck.

Pieces of resolution for an extension of time of payment on pre-emption or homestead claims when crops fail, passed the senate.

The Chicago stock-yard switchmen withdrew the objection to working with the C. B. & Q. engineers with one exception.

Eddy Ross lost \$40,000 by a lumber fire at Bay City, Wednesday night.

Jack Dempsey says he is ready to meet Fitzsimmons at any time and anywhere.

Harvey's class number 400, the largest class in the history of the college.

Yale starts this year with 400 freshmen.

The prohibitionists and Farmers alliance held conventions at Grand Forks yesterday. The former joined with the latter and they made one convention of it. Prohibition was endorsed. The resolutions demanded among other things the free coinage of silver and tariff for revenue only.

Orman and Wheat Flour, Corn Meal and Buckwheat Flour always on hand at Straun Bros., family grocers.

Arbuckle, McLaughlin's Lion, Moca and Java coffees ground daily on our premises. Straun Bros.

If you want to see the finest line of Corsets, the finest fitting Corsets, the biggest wonder in Corsets and the greatest variety in Corsets, that makes any lady properly call at the New York Cash Bazaar and see those new lines.

TARIFF BILL NEARLY READY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The republican conference on the tariff bill took a respite from their labors tonight for the first time in several days. The situation is now such that no good, it is thought, can come of talking the matter over any further. The conferees have had turned upon them all the light that can be diffused upon the only items in the bill now unsettled, six sugar and binding twine, and when they adjourned at 6 o'clock this afternoon it was deemed best to leave each man alone to think the situation over in the hope that by tomorrow morning one side or the other will show a disposition to yield. Those in favor of a duty on binding twine have gone a good way, they say, in consenting to very much lower duty than the present rate of 2 1/2 cents and they now think it is time for free binding twine men to show something at least of their demands.

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THE METHODIST SOCIETY.

A large number of the friends of the Methodist church met at Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King's cozy little home on Eighth ave. south and sixth street last night. Although the house is not large their warm welcome, abounding hospitality and tact as entertainers made all perfectly at home. During the evening, which passed quickly, Miss Wetman charmed the company with several instrumental selections and Miss Fouts sang pleasantly. In the contest for the prizes Miss Wetman gained first prize and J. W. Stanton was honored with the trophy. An excellent supper was served by the ladies. The evening was a most successful one. A peculiar charm was given the evening by the music from the fine new piano which came to Mrs. King this week as a present from Mr. King.

THE SENTIMENT WAS TRANSMITTED.

Such sociables add much to the pleasure of