

The committee to receive and welcome to San Francisco the members of the Christian Endeavor society, who are soon to go to California, will consist of 900 members, led by a staff of 35.

THE United States bimetallic commission, consisting of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, ex-Vice-President Stevenson, and Gen. Chas. Payne, of Massachusetts, arrived in Paris on the 19th.

MISS AGNES F. SLACK, secretary of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance union, states that in England the railway companies are promoting temperance organizations among their workmen.

E. C. MORROW & BRO., of Clarksville, Tenn., have closed a contract by which they agree to furnish the Italian government with 15,000 hogsheads of fine dark tobacco. The sale amounts to about \$2,000,000.

IN the Pennsylvania senate, on the 18th, the bill prohibiting the public exhibition of photographic reproductions of prize fights was passed finally. The bill then went to the house for final action by that body.

The Ruiz commission was informally organized in Havana, on the 20th, and went to Guanabacoa to commence the inquiry into the death, in the jail at that place, of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen.

THE senate, on the 17th, adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Pettigrew directing the committee on Pacific railroads to investigate whether any lands had been fraudulently is sued to the Union Pacific railroad.

W. J. McCONNELL, the noted temperance lecturer of Cleveland, O., became suddenly deranged while speaking at Whiteside, O., on the night of the 17th. No cause can be assigned except overwork and nervous prostration.

THE Greek government issued a proclamation, on the 17th, announcing that it did not desire any further volunteers, explaining that there were already many volunteers in Athens for whom it was impossible to find employment.

THE trials of Messrs. Havemeyer and Seares, president and treasurer, respectively of the American Sugar Refining Co., for refusing to answer questions of the senate Sugar trust investigating committee, have been postponed until the 25th.

A SEVERE electric and rain storm struck Kokomo, Ind., on the night of the 20th. The electric plant was badly damaged, leaving the stores and the city in darkness. The city buildings were also damaged by lightning, and the streets were flooded.

WEB McNALLY, Kansas state superintendent of insurance, has revoked the license of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York, and ordered the company to cease doing business in that state. The action grew out of the company's refusal to pay certain death claims.

EX-PREMIER SAGASTA, the Spanish liberal leader, at a meeting in Madrid, on the 19th, made a violent attack upon the government. He declared that the truce granted by the liberals was ended; that the policy of the government was dangerous, and it must be vigorously opposed.

AN expedition left Philadelphia, on the 17th, that has for its object the exploration of the country round about Mount St. Elias, Alaska, and the possible ascent of that mountain, which for a long time was considered the highest point in America. All attempts to ascend it have hitherto failed.

THE Cretan insurgents received instructions from Athens, on the 21st, to accept an autonomous form of government on condition that the Turkish troops shall be previously withdrawn from the island. The insurgents appeared to approve of this plan for the settlement of their grievances.

FIGHTING was resumed, on the 17th, between the Turkish and Grecian soldiers, the former making a determined attack in overwhelming numbers on Domokos, which, after a most stubborn resistance, was carried, with great slaughter on both sides, the Greeks falling back upon Bous.

ON the 20th, to the accompaniment of a howling northwest wind and the squeaking of many pulleys, the great objective lenses of the Yerkes observatory, at Williams Bay, Wis., were lifted into position. An hour later the eye-piece was adjusted, and the world's greatest telescope became a reality.

C. WILLIAM MOELLER, James J. Moran, C. H. Chokmiller, Thomas F. Carey and Thomas F. Dunn, judges and clerk of election at the recent school board election in St. Louis, were arrested, on the 21st, on the most convincing evidence of fraud, and stand an excellent chance of landing in the penitentiary.

A WILL, declared to be a forgery, and discovered in the urn containing the ashes of the testator's dead wife, is one of the sensational features that will be presented in the contest over the estate of the late Jacob Z. Davis, the San Francisco millionaire, philanthropist and patron of arts and science.

ALTHOUGH it was not definitely decided, on the 20th, it was thought the peace negotiations would be conducted between Turkey and Greece direct, and that afterward, following the precedent of the treaty of Stephano, the terms will be submitted to a European conference, which will probably meet in Paris.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Special Session.)

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IN the senate, on the 20th, the joint resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and declaring that strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States was passed by the decisive vote of 41 to 14.....In the house, after some bitter partisan debate, the resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of American citizens in Cuba was adopted without a dissenting vote. An effort to force consideration of the Morgan resolution for recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans was defeated. The third conference report on the opening of the Utah gilsonite lands was rejected.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SENATOR McENERY, of Louisiana, gave notice, on the 17th, of an amendment he would offer to the tariff bill, striking out the senate amendments in the sugar schedule and reinserting the house provisions in regard to sugar.

THE insurgents having cut the conduits above the town, Candia, Crete, is now without a water supply.

THE twentieth annual shooting tournament of the Missouri Game and Fish Protective Association opened at Washington park, Kansas City, on the 17th. Many well-known sportsmen were in attendance.

THE president, on the 17th, sent to the senate the nomination of Frank A. Vanderlip, of Illinois, to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

AFTER many years of service in the employ of J. V. Farwell & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Chicago, William L. Meyers has been arrested charged with having embezzled \$10,000 of the firm's money. Bail was fixed at \$10,000, which was furnished.

ON the 18th the comptroller of the currency issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Friday, May 14.

THE Turks, on the 18th, hoisted the white flag at Arta, from which it was judged that the Turkish commander had received instructions that an armistice had been agreed upon.

THE Brazilian minister of war, Gen. Bernardo Vasques, has resigned, and has been succeeded by Gen. Marcado Bittencourt.

It was learned at Constantinople, on the 18th, that orders had been issued, presumably at the instigation of Russia, for the mobilization of the Bulgarian army, and it did not take long for the Turkish ministry to come down from their high horse and agree to an armistice pending peace negotiations.

EX-SENATOR DUBOIS, Senator Cannon and Senator Pettigrew will sail July 2 for China and Japan. It is understood they go to study the financial question from an oriental standpoint.

ON an explosion of gas in a pocket encountered by workmen digging a trench at Thirty-sixth street and Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, on the 19th, Edward Harper, Michael Hanley, Edward Johnson and J. O'Brien were injured. The explosion is thought to have been caused by careless handling of electric wires.

GOV. BLACK of New York has refused to grant the requisition of the governor of Utah for the custody of Clarence Barton and Graves, who are under arrest in New York city charged with the theft of \$3,200 from the Utah Loan and Trust Co. of Ogden, City.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER CALHOUN, it is learned, will devote part of his time while in Cuba to a canvass of sentiment among the business men and non-combatants generally in Cuba upon a form of settlement of the existing troubles. He will try to find out what those having most at stake desire, and also how they would view intervention by the United States.

IT is asserted that the steamer Bermuda has landed five cargoes of arms and munitions in Cuba during the last few weeks, all of which have been safely carried into the interior.

THE Nashua (N. H.) stockholders of the defunct Sioux city National bank of Sioux city, Ia., have abandoned their fight against the assessment of 75 per cent. of the value of their stock, and decided to pay it. In all 461 shares are held in Nashua, and the holders will have to pay \$84,575 toward liquidation of the bank's debts, as required by the national banking laws.

SECRETARY SHERMAN has formally notified the British government, through Sir Julian Pauncefote, that the United States senate, having failed to ratify the treaty providing for general arbitration, that document has failed.

GOV. PINGREE of Michigan said, on the 19th, that if the members of the legislature wanted to get through and go home the last of May they must first pass a law to get at least \$1,000,000 more out of corporations. Otherwise he would call an extra session.

ON the 20th the house of representatives passed the Cuban relief resolution appropriating \$50,000 for food and supplies for destitute American citizens in Cuba.

THE statement of the condition of the treasury, issued on the 20th, showed: Available cash balance, \$229,262,013; gold reserve, \$145,729,820.

THE Pall Mall Gazette says that one of the first acts of Oscar Wilde on regaining his freedom, on the 19th, was to refuse £1,000 for a story of his prison experiences.

TWO CHILDREN of Aug. Muetze, residing 12 miles south of Redfield, Ia., were killed by lightning, on the evening of the 18th, during a heavy downpour of rain.

THE statue of Stephen Girard, the great philanthropist, and founder of the famous Girard college, was unveiled in Philadelphia, with imposing ceremonies, on the 20th. The statue stands on the west plaza of the city hall, and was erected by contributions of the college alumni.

FREDERICK SCHAEFER, of the brewery firm of F. & M. Schaefer, died, on the 20th, at his residence in New York city. He was born at Wetzler, Germany, 50 years ago. He came to America in 1888, and was practically the pioneer of the lager beer industry in the United States.

THE first of the trials arising out of the tramway disaster at Point Ellice bridge, Victoria, B. C., last May, was concluded, on the 19th, when the jury decided that the city was liable for the disaster, and the plaintiff, Mrs. Gordon, whose husband was killed, was awarded \$10,000 damages.

CHANG YEN HOON, the special Chinese ambassador to attend the Victorian jubilee celebration, was a passenger on the steamship Paris, of the American line, which sailed from New York on the 19th. He was accompanied by his secretary and 14 young Chinamen.

AN armistice between the Turkish and Greek troops in Thessaly, to extend over a period of 17 days, was finally concluded on the 20th.

THE Morgan resolution granting beligerent rights to the Cubans was passed by the senate, on the 20th, by a vote of 41 to 14.

IN the superior court at Tacoma Wash., on the 19th, Mary Seattle, said to be a niece of the old Indian chief Seattle, appeared to testify in a divorce suit she had brought against John Seattle, her spouse, who is over 90 years of age.

ON the 21st Wesley Zelebok, of Grant, Okla., in a fit of jealousy, killed Joe Hajek while he was visiting the girl for whose hand they were rival suitors. Zelebok was arrested, but died on his way to jail from the effects of a dose of strichnine taken with suicidal intent.

MONS. LEE, an aeronaut employed with the Silver Plate show, which exhibited at McKeesport, Pa., on the 20th, fell from his balloon while making an ascension, and was fatally injured.

MATTHEWS LAFLIN, one of the oldest residents of Chicago, and one of the founders of what is now the Laffin-Rand Powder Co., died, on the 21st, aged 94 years.

THE statement of the condition of the treasury, issued on the 21st, showed: Available cash balance, \$220,850,633; gold reserve, \$145,889,772.

CAMBRIDGE (England) university, by a vote of 1,713 to 642, on the 21st, rejected the proposal to confer degrees upon women.

THE secretary of the interior has authorized a contract for an additional school building at the Mount Pleasant Indian school, in Michigan, to cost \$40,000.

MICHAEL McGARRETT, and a laborer named Andrew Gartz, were scalded to death by the bursting of a still in McGarrett's distillery at Hazelton, Pa., on the 21st. Mrs. McGarrett was badly burned while trying to save her husband.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A SCHEME is on foot, according to the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, to run Kansas City's plants — manufacturers, street railways, etc.—by electricity to be generated at Leavenworth, Kas., where fuel can be obtained cheaply at the promoters' mines. In addition, it is proposed to ultimately construct an electric railroad between the two cities.

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