

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL NEWS.

Extra Session of Congress Called for Oct. 18th.

By the President of the United States of America.

A resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, October 15th, to call an extra session of Congress to convene on the 18th day of October.

Warren's final adjournment of the forty-fourth Congress without making the appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, presents an extraordinary occasion, requiring the President to exercise the power vested in him by the constitution to convene the two houses of Congress in anticipation of the day fixed by law for their meeting.

Now, therefore, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, do by virtue of the power to this end in me reposed by the constitution, convene both houses of Congress to assemble at their respective chambers at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 15th day of October next, then and there to convene and determine such measures as their wisdom, their duty and the welfare of the people may seem to demand.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 31st day of May, in the year of our Lord 1877, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and first.

By the President: WILLIAM M. EVARTS, Secretary of State.

Major Hayes's Motions.

Following is the result of the court-martial at St. Paul which recently tried Major Reno on the charge of having made improper overtures to the wife of Capt. Bell, and having taken measures to cast slurs on her character: War Department, May 8.—The proceedings in this case having been forwarded under the 100th article of war to the Secretary of War, have been most carefully considered and have been submitted to the president, who approves the finding and sentence, but it is pleased to grant the latter to suspension from rank and pay for two years from the 18th of May, 1877. Major Reno's conduct toward the wife of an absent officer, and in using the whole force of his power as commanding officer of the post to gratify his resentment against her, cannot be too strongly condemned; but after long deliberation upon all the circumstances of this case as shown in the record of the trial, it is thought that his offenses, grave as they are, do not warrant a sentence of dismissal and all its consequences upon one who has for twenty years borne the reputation of a brave man and honorable officer, and who maintained that reputation upon several battlefields of the rebellion and in connection with the Indian wars. The president has therefore modified the sentence, and it is hoped Major Reno will appreciate the clemency thus shown him, as well as the very reprehensible character of the acts of which he was found guilty.

(Signed) GEORGE W. McCRAE, Secretary of War.

A Budget of Candidates, etc.

The steamship Wilson exploded her boiler at Delacoto, nine miles below New Orleans, killing Bernard Donnelly, engineer, and McCull, fireman. Two others were wounded and six are reported missing, supposed to be drowned. Mr. Henry Sawyer, United States consul at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, is dead, from injuries received at the hands of a sailor who had been arraigned for some misdemeanor at that post for twenty years. The fine cathedral at Metz has been nearly damaged by fire. The town was ruined. The conflagration was caused by an illumination in honor of Emperor William's visit. The Emperor, Crown Prince and Von Moltke, and the bodies of Metz were on the spot directing efforts to extinguish the flames. The missing John T. Daly, the millionaire proprietor of the Windsor House, New York, suicided. His body was found hanging from an old house near Woodside, L. I. Here an old man had tried to shoot himself.

Tom Forman Buried Under a Land-Slide.

A terrible landslide is reported on the bank of the river Yaloux, a tributary of the Balcan, parish of St. Genevieve, eight miles east of Montreal. At the point where the slide occurred the bank is eighty feet high. Over an acre of land moved, burying a saw and grist-mill and a house at the foot of the hill, and turning the course of the river. It is positively asserted that ten persons were buried alive. The bodies of Mrs. Mascotte, wife of the owner of the mill, her three children, aged 7, 13 and 18, and Mr. Cloutier, father of Mr. Cloutier, of Three Rivers, have been taken from the ruins, and are scarcely recognizable.

No Attack on Catholics.

In the French Chamber of Deputies, Minister Jules Simon declared the government would tolerate no attack on Catholics, which they sincerely respected, and which they enjoyed unprecedented liberty. They were determined to make all parties respect the law. The government would protect the clergy while they confined themselves to their spiritual duties, but would deal severely with them if they encroached upon the civil power. The government had hitherto pursued a conciliatory policy because they desired peace in France and Europe, but they would henceforth act with firmness.

Evidence of Postponing the Extra Session.

The Department of Justice will suffer the most inconvenience by postponement of the extra session, as there will be a deficiency of at least \$600,000 the 1st day of July to be provided for by Congress. There is no money to pay officers of the navy for the months of April, May and June; the amount is about \$900,000, for which they will have to wait until the extra session. Army officers will also be considerably embarrassed, as they cannot receive their pay after the 1st of July until the army appropriation bills have all been passed.

The Speeches.

Ex-speaker Randall, being asked his views as to the effect of the postponement of the extra session upon his chances, said: "It will make no difference in the world. It will only make me more certain that no combination can be formed against the regular Democratic candidate, and it will probably diminish the number of Democratic candidates." Randall evidently thinks that the postponement will improve his own prospects, as he thinks it will help to consolidate the Democratic party, and enable the Republican opposition to become thoroughly organized, if it is to be organized. He said it would destroy all possibilities of electing a Republican Speaker, and he thought there were no other chances.

Crop Prospects in Great Britain.

The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British corn trade, says: The weather was cold throughout the greater part of the past week, and little rain has fallen. Spring sowing, except in a few backward districts, is now finished. The cold wind has raised the surface of the soil in many localities, and the grass and vegetation generally have made very little progress. The wheat plants have somewhat improved, but unless spring weather shortly sets in the chances of ultimate mischief to the crops will consider-

ably increase. In Scotland the hopes of farmers for an early grass crop have been sorely disappointed.

The Movement Alternated.

A Salt Lake dispatch states the feeling around throughout the United States by the testimony at John D. Lee's trial relative to Mountain Meadow massacre, has led the Latter Day Saints to apprehend the arrest of Brigham Young and other heads of the church accused of sanctioning the commission of that horrible crime. The saints have determined to resist any movement against Brigham Young by the federal authorities, and to this end they are secretly arming and drilling. Orders have been privately issued by the military commanders of the famous Nauvoo Legion, requiring that organization to be in readiness for active service the 31st of the present month.

Sworn in With Apologies.

In the South Carolina Senate D. T. Walker, Republican Senator from Chester, under indictment for larceny and breach of trust in his resignation. This leaves the Senate sixteen Democrats, sixteen Republicans and one Independent. In the House twenty-one outcasts members, who refused to recognize the constitutional House, were admitted to seats and sworn in, after first being brought to the bar and made to apologize for contempt. There are still about thirty Republicans in contempt.

Regulating the Pension Agency.

The Secretary of the Interior will issue a circular letter to pension agents whose agencies are to be discontinued, that their accounts must be settled by the end of the quarter. There is no authority for the department to reduce the rates of fees now allowed to be collected from pensioners by the pension agents, but in view of the large emoluments which will attach to each of the consolidated agencies from the source, a recommendation will be made to Congress for their reduction.

Bad Weather in the Black Hills.

A letter dated Deadwood, April 29, says that for the last two weeks snow has fallen daily—one day and night seventeen inches. The nights are cold and days very warm. The gulches are overflowed. Water plating is largely compelled to suspend. Quartz mills running day and night with large results. The Father DeSmet mill cleaned up the 37th, a large yield. The prevalence of cold weather has retarded prospecting much.

The Extra Session Postponed.

After nearly three hours' session, the Cabinet resolved to postpone the extra session of Congress to 15th of October next. Among other matters which induced this action, it was considered that as Congress meets in October it may be necessary to suspend and finish its business before next summer, so as to avoid the inconvenience of the hot season next year, as well. The proclamation calling the extra session October 15th is to be issued without delay.

That Canadian Episode.

A survivor of the inundation near Batiscan says only seven were swept away. The slide occurred half a mile above the mill. The hill-side sloped into and down the river, carrying the water below it like a wall 20 feet high. The bed of the river was filled with trees twisted in all shapes, huge blocks of clay and mud. At the inquest on the bodies recovered a verdict of accidental death was given. The body of a child is still missing.

Foreign Agencies Consolidated.

It has been decided to reduce the fifty-eight pension agencies in this country to eighteen, and abolish forty. It is claimed this will save \$150,000 per annum. The agencies at St. Paul, Minn., and Madison and La Crosse, Wis., will be consolidated with Milwaukee, and the business will be done at that latter point. In Illinois the Springfield office will be the only one retained, the offices at Chicago, Quincy and Salem being abolished.

An Overdue Vessel.

Nothing has yet been heard from the City of Brussels, 17 days out and having on board a band of Canadian pilgrims for Rome, with accommodations for 1,500 souls. The ship was last seen off the coast of New York, and was bound for Genoa. The agents of the vessel are confident that nothing more serious has happened than a breakdown of machinery, compelling the vessel to proceed under sail.

Another Indian Surrender.

The surrender of Crazy Horse's band took place at Camp Robinson, Neb., on the 5th. The band numbers nearly 1,500 souls under Crazy Horse, Little Hawk, Ho Dog and Little Big Man. Crazy Horse said he was making this peace to last. The ponies surrendered are estimated to number nearly 2,500, in very good condition.

In Jail for Debt.

The Boston Herald says one of the most respectable and honored physicians of that city, once worth \$100,000, and who has devoted his life and money to deeds of charity, now occupies a cell in Charles street jail, having been imprisoned for a debt of \$100.

Dead Lock in South Carolina.

There is a dead lock in the South Carolina Legislature owing to the refusal of the Senate which is Republican, to go into an election for Chief Justice until the House has admitted all the members of the late Mackay House.

Latest Markets.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 \$1.10; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 80c; Corn, No. 2, 55c; Oats, No. 2, 44c; Rye, No. 1, 95c; Barley, No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 80c. CHICAGO.

FLOUR—Western spring extra \$7.00 @ 9.00; Minnesota, do. \$8.50 @ 10.00; do. patent process \$9.25 @ 10.50; white winter extras \$8.50 @ 10.00.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 Chicago spring \$1.75; No. 1, 1.80; No. 3 Chicago spring \$1.65; Corn, 55c; Oats, No. 2, 44c; Rye, 44c; Barley, No. 2, 90c; Barley, No. 3, 80c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, \$15.35; Lard, \$9.25; Butter, \$15.50; Eggs, \$10.00; Cattle, \$4.50; Hogs, \$6.00.

How to Avoid a Beating.

A woman who had suffered barbarous beatings from her husband, went to a noted wise man of the village to know how she might cure these proxymony of violence. The seafarer heard her complaint; and, after pronouncing some hard words and using various gesticulations while he filled a vial with a mysterious mixture, gesturing her, whenever her husband was in a liquor, to take a mouthful of the liquor, and keep it in her mouth for five minutes. The woman quite overjoyed at so simple a remedy, strictly followed the counsel which was given her, and escaped the usual chastisement. The contents of the bottle being at last expended, she returned to the wise man and anxiously begged to have a fresh supply of the life-giving liquid. "Foolish woman," said the seafarer, "there was nothing in the bottle but brown sugar

and water. When your husband is in a passion, hold your tongue, and my life for if he will not lay a finger upon you, he will not touch your tongue.

RUSSIA'S WAR WITH TURKEY.

A message from Vienna gives the following account of the battle of Kara: The center of the Russian army, 60,000 strong, under Melnikoff, attacked Mukhtar Pasha's 100,000 men on April 29th. The Turks fought bravely, but the Russian army, supported by powerful artillery, successively drove them from their positions. Mukhtar called out all his reserves and attempted on the 30th, to recapture the lost ground. He was again defeated and driven back under the guns of Kara. The Russian losses are considerable. The Turkish losses are estimated at 15,000 men. The Parisian press publishes the text of a speech made by the Egyptian notables. The Khedive says: "Notwithstanding the Porte's declaration of peace, Russia has declared war. It is important that Egypt should send troops to Turkey. The notables have been convoked so that the Egyptian army might be ready to meet the Russian army. The full number required, and it is necessary to resort to exceptional measures, and the Turkish commander on the Danube has been empowered by the Porte to close the river to all navigation, to requisition neutral vessels, subject to indemnification, or to detain them in order to leave certain ports under penalty of total confiscation, or to adopt any measures rendered necessary by the exigencies of the war. Cable dispatches say that the Russian army crossed the Caucasian frontier at three different points. The corps under General Okolobok, under the command of General Soudan, a Georgian by birth, encountered a body of Turkish troops and took possession of their strongly fortified camp. Russian loss 25 killed, and the Turkish loss 100. The Turkish troops on the Asiatic front were mostly surrendered without a blow. The Russian army has taken possession of the Turkish population in Asia everywhere very friendly.

The battle of Kara seems to have been an insignificant engagement with field artillery in which the Russian loss was one killed and the Turkish loss 100. The Russians also captured 100 Turkish prisoners. The news of the Russian army's march has caused extraordinary preparations. The Sultan has ordered his army to be ready to move on the 15th of May. The Turkish troops are making extraordinary preparations. The Sultan has ordered his army to be ready to move on the 15th of May. The Turkish troops are making extraordinary preparations.

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3 "No, no, thank you! Never mind me! I can find my way well enough to the Nobles' club on foot, and I'll wait for you there, if you like, Ladislav, after you have seen the ladies safely home."

Butter than his head. As the glare of the torches fell upon me I could only guess the cause of the mistake, for in the hurry of leaving the theatre I had put on the count's loose overcoat of rich sable instead of my own, while in height and figure we were much alike. I had the presence of mind to repress the indignant protest as to my nationality which was on my lips.

"I will give my parole, since you ask it," I said, concealing my face as if to hide my emotion, and the chain which fettered my hands was at once removed. "It will no longer, doubt, be necessary that an officer should accompany you," said Lieut. Inokoff, civilly. "Will you drink some brandy before starting? The night is cold, and the stage a long one."

I took my hat, and made no artifice late reply, glad as I should have been of the proposal of drink of coarse corn brandy, and chilled as I was by the unusual exposure to the keen night wind. But I should be careful to show my face, lest the mistake should be found out upon my friend's safety. The driver clutched the reins, while a grim Cossack corporal took his seat beside me, in the place lately occupied by the Warsaw police agent. The other two were in their saddles. Forwards, there! Push on, men!" cried the lieutenant in Russian, and off we set, amidst howling wind and whirling snow-drifts.

It was not until Stanislaw was left behind, and I and my wild guides were far on the road, and I began to reflect that, in providing for the security of Count Ladislav, I had perhaps seriously compromised my own. My strategy had succeeded. My first captors were convinced that it was the rich young Polish landowner whom they had dispatched on the dismal journey to Siberia; and in all likelihood the marriage next morning would take place without interruption, and the newly wedded pair start for Italy, unsuspecting of the danger which threatened their happiness with shipwreck at the very outset of life's voyage. Could I but keep up the deception for another twenty-four hours, Ladislav and his bride would be safe across the frontier.

What would become of me, or how would the Russian authorities regard the author of their discomfiture? True, I had been arrested in sheer ignorance of the blunder which promised to be so profitable to my friend; but I had a fair chance of declaring who I was and had chosen unwillingly, it might be said, to mislead the imperial police. I had heard—most unfortunately in Russia have heard—of stories as to what can be done in Moscow, when it is no longer needful to hide the hand of the thief with the glove of velvet. Yet I resolved to play out my part so long as I deemed it indispensable to the safety of Count Ladislav, and manfully addressed myself to confront the hardships of the long and arduous journey that lay before me.

That terrible night, and the dark and stormy day that followed it—I think of them yet as some hideous dream; of the snow, the cutting blasts, the toll to force a way through the drifts, the black pine woods, the mounted escort, exchanged at every second stage for fresh Cossacks and the intensity of the cold, which so benumbed my limbs that, when Minak reached I could not stand, and had to be carried into the presence of the Governor, the frozen protest of a man. Feebly I made my protest. I was Hugh Forster, a British subject. I had broken my laws, infringed no rule. I claimed my liberty, and asked for my cross-examination and a detention of three days. I obtained it, but only in a qualified form, being sent back to Warsaw, and thence, after a rigorous course of questioning, conducted to the frontier.

"Lucky for you, Mr. Forster," said the superior of police, who had kept me in his charge as I stepped into the railway carriage, with my through ticket to London between my fingers, "that you are a British subject."

I thought, so, too, but argued well for the safety of Count Poniatowski from the very fact of the irritation which the authorities displayed; and, indeed, a year afterward I had the pleasure of receiving the hearty thanks of my friend and his beautiful wife on the occasion of their visit to England. There had been, I understood, much dismay and no small apprehensions when I had been missing at the marriage ceremony, but fortunately bride and bridegroom were out of Russia before the mistake was discovered, and it was not difficult for the count, who henceforth abjured politics, to make his peace with the czar. I have never been in Russia since.

The Favorite Flower of the German Emperor. Translated from "Gartenlaube" by C. E. Sherman. Emperor William the First is, as everyone knows, very fond of flowers, and his birthday-table is always ornamented with the most magnificent bouquets; and among these more brilliant-scented, a very modest wild flower, the Corn-Flower, or Blue Bottle (Centauria Cyanus), never fails to appear. All the sons and daughters of the immortal Queen-Louisa cherish in memory of the dear departed, a decided preference for this flower, and this preference dates back to an apparently very insignificant circumstance. The Queen-Louisa spent the two years from 1806 to 1808 in Königsberg, and lived during the summer-months on a country estate. The solitude of the place, broken only by the rustling of the trees, the singing of the birds, and the hum of insects, soothed the Queen's mind, and she felt a great interest in the children, giving motherly words of counsel, which would cultivate the mind and heart, and steel the character.

One morning, as the Queen was about to take her customary walk in the park, a peasant-girl stood at the garden-gate, and offered her a basket of Corn-Flowers. The Queen graciously accepted the present, and thanked the girl, took with her the flowers, over whose beautiful blue color the Princess Charlotte, then 10 years old, expressed fond admiration, and went into the park. When they came to a resting place, the Princess attempted, under the mother's direction, to wear a garland of the Corn-Flowers; and so great was the mother's love over the child's attempt that the usually pale cheeks of the Princess flushed to bright red. And, when she pressed the completed wreath on her beautiful hair, it was so becoming to the fine, nobly-cut features that the admiring brothers and sisters—among them the present Emperor—gave loud expressions of joy. How delighted the Queen must have been as she saw the eyes of her children glisten over a trifle, whose material value was scarcely worth an account.

The force of arms had brought misfortune on misfortune to the dear Fatherland. Who could have imagined that the Princess then adorned with a garland of wild flowers, would ever wear the diadem of an Empress? Who would have dreamed that the apparently annihilated Prussia would extend its protecting arm from

cliff to sea, and would exalt Louisiana son to mighty power and honor as Emperor of United Germany?

But the Queen saw an Eden to arise in the glad hearts of her children through innocent joy, out of which springs of purest delight must flow. With deep emotion she pressed her dear ones to her heart, and the Corn-Flower which had given her so much pleasure, became her favorite flower, as also that of her daughter Charlotte.

When Charlotte, twenty years later, as Empress of Russia, gladdened her home with a visit, the people of Königsberg thought to awaken in the memory of the mighty Empress an exceedingly pleasant recollection when young maidens, ornamented with Corn-Flowers, appeared before her, scattering the way with flowers. And they were not disappointed. The Empress expressed her thanks and joy that they chose the Corn-Flower with which to honor her.

The San Francisco newspapers tell of a case of what they call spontaneous combustion of a human being. The story is that a toper, presumably saturated thoroughly with alcohol by long drunkenness, lighted his pipe at a gas jet. Instantly his mouth was ablaze, and he was burned inwardly so that he died. The coroner began an investigation.

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Don't Want St. Domingo
In his lecture on "8 to 7" in Boston last week, Bob Ingersoll declared his opposition to the annexation of any islands to the United States, and said:
"I recollect when they were talking about San Domingo, I said, 'We don't want it.' They said, 'Why, say, we don't want it.' Well," said I, "it doesn't raise good folks. You take five thousand preachers from New England, and five thousand professors from our colleges, and all the ruling elders with their families, and put them in San Domingo, and the next generation you will see them burrowing back on a mile, the hair sticking out of the backs of their heads, with a rooster under each arm, going to a cock fight on Sunday."

Mr. Edward Everett used to tell a story about himself. He was once traveling in Essex county, Massachusetts, before the days of railroads. He was traveling in a crowded stage, which seemed too full for the traditional "one more," when a school girl came out of a house and wished to get in. They made room for her, Mr. Everett offering his knee for her to sit upon. She had sat some time upon that primitive seat, when Mr. Everett at last thought she might like to know upon whose distinguished knee she had had the honor of sitting. He said, "Perhaps you would like to know upon whose knee you are sitting." She said she should. He said, "My name is Edward Everett." "Du tell," she replied; "be you a sailor man?" He said that was the last time he undertook to get a reputation.

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