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END OF THE WAR IS NEAR

Powers Are Preparing to Take a Hand in Settlement.

TURKEY IS TOO POWERFUL

Greece Unable to Cope with Superior Numbers.

The Exhibition of Valor on Part of Greece Will Allow the Nation to Climb Down Without Disgrace. Gloomy View of War Prospects Is Taken at Athens--Defeat Is Endured in Dignified Silence by the Citizens--The Stories of Turkish Atrocities Keep the War Spirit Alive

London, April 25.—What seems likely to be the last week of the war is entered upon today. It is difficult from the tangle of conflicting telegrams to understand the exact position of affairs.

Following the Greek defeat at Larissa, London opinion today is almost unanimous that the end is in sight, and this view is probably shared by the powers, as they are already moving to intervene.

It is believed that intervention will first take the form of a suggestion of armistice, to which the combatants would no doubt agree. Since yesterday afternoon the British foreign office has been in close communication with the other members of the European concert, Great Britain suggesting that the time has now arrived for them to act. The French, German and Italian governments have already responded, offering to agree, though the German government adds a condition that it will be necessary first to exact a pledge from Greece to obey the mandate of Europe when this mandate is again given.

The British foreign office believes that Greece will give this pledge, as the disasters which have overtaken her have demonstrated that Turkey still possesses a formidable fighting machine, a fact which must have a sobering effect upon the popular demand for war at Athens and which will permit the Greek nation to climb down without disgrace after a superb vindication of the personal courage of the Greek troops and a gratifying demonstration of Hellenic patriotism.

If the Greeks listen to reason and the arguments which will be pressed by England at Athens and by Russia at Constantinople it is not improbable that a decision will be reached by Tuesday, before which it is not supposed here that Edhem Pasha or Osman Pasha will have time to do more than to appear at Pharsala.

GLOOM AT ATHENS.

Athens, April 25.—Noon.—It is useless to deny that a very gloomy view of the war prospects is taken here by the better informed. There are, however, no signs of panic. The city exhibits an attitude of dignified endurance, while many persons still show an unabated enthusiasm for fight. The symptom is particularly noticeable among the wounded now in Athens. Their one desire seems to be to be healed in order that they may rejoin the colors. Naturally, this spirit is much fostered by the confirmation of the reports that the Turks have burned the Greek wounded in a church at Kurtziovali. The Turks lighted fires on the bodies of wounded beasts. Many of the Greek wounded implored their comrades to kill them; others committed suicide.

Although it is said that the Greeks carried off all their guns from Tyrnavo and Larissa, and also destroyed the provisions at both places, they could not transport the guns to Pharsala. It is reluctantly believed by some in Athenian circles that the retreat was somewhat disorderly and that some of the guns were abandoned with but feeble defense. It seems probable, however, that in the main the retreat was in good order.

This morning the word goes forth here that the government will persevere in the struggle with the Greek determination. The report, however, has not served to allay the growing irritation at the belief that, even if Greece could not hold her own, the non-offensive policy manifested in the orders of the crown prince not to attack was idiotic and un-Grecian. The retreat to Pharsala is considered a poor response to the fiery speeches of Crown Prince Constantine to his troops.

THE TURKS TOO STRONG.

Naturally all sorts of reasons are advanced to explain why the Greeks retreated, the more candid admitting that the Turks were too strong. It is also pointed out that the Turkish cavalry did much to turn the scale in favor of Edhem Pasha.

The Greek fleet is also the subject of many curious reports, one of which asserts that the eastern squadron has bombarded Dedeagach. It is known that the Turks yesterday ordered that all the lanterns in the light houses on the Gulf of Salonica should remain unlighted. Five ironclads and four torpedo boats are operating along the coast between Plantamona and Katerina. The British and French subjects residing at Volo have wired to their respective envoys here begging for the dispatch of warships to Volo to protect them. The envoys have wired to their governments and the admirals at Canea, but at Athens it is considered unnecessary to comply with the request, as an attack upon Volo is no part of the Turkish programme.

Athens, April 25.—4 a. m.—About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the official in charge of the telegraph office at Larissa observing a cloud of dust raised by the advancing cavalry, of the Turks, asked leave to dynamite the office. He was directed to leave it. Since 3.30 p. m., (Saturday) the Larissa officers had made no response to calls from Athens.

A despatch from Reveni says that Edhem Pasha, on learning that the Greeks had been ordered to fall back, attempted to deliver a crushing blow with a considerable force which had been resting thirty-six hours and succeeded in breaking through the Greek lines in several places.

Salonica, April 25.—Osman Pasha arrived here last evening and was received with great enthusiasm. He went forward at once to the scene of conflict.

Greek subjects here, on agreeing to place themselves under the Turkish authorities upon certain conditions, will be allowed to remain.

CAMPAIGN IN EPIRUS.

Athens, April 25.—A despatch from Arta reports that the Greeks have captured Plaka. Another despatch says that Plaka and Pentepigadia have been occupied by the Greeks after being abandoned by the Turks, who have also abandoned Kaletzra. Colonel Manos in force has advanced beyond Pentepigadia en route to Janina. It is reported at Arta that a rising has occurred in the interior of Epirus.

JOY AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Recent Turkish Victories Give Entire Satisfaction.

Constantinople, April 25.—The triumph of the Turkish arms has caused the liveliest satisfaction here. The following telegram from Edhem Pasha is posted everywhere:

"Larissa was occupied today by the cavalry of the Imperial army. The Hellenic troops fled in disorder, abandoning a large quantity of arms and ammunition."

Osman Pasha has been given secret instructions. A dispatch from smyrna says that the Redifs who were called out yesterday are intended for the towns of Smyrna, Vurla and Scalanova, in order to prevent disturbances by the Greek residents there.

The consuls at Janina telegraphed to the foreign ambassadors here last Friday that the Albanian battalions had mutined and were refusing to march, as well as threatening to attack the town. The Mussulman population, according to these advices has quitted Janina en masse, some fleeing into the country and others taking refuge in the fortress. The consuls described their own position and that of the Christian element at Janina as critical, the Vali having refused to distribute arms and ammunition to enable the inhabitants to defend Janina against the Albanians. The envoys immediately called the attention of Tewfik Pasha to the matter and demanded the adoption of effective measures to protect the inhabitants. These representations have been renewed to the porte today.

HONORS FOR EDHEM.

Constantinople, April 25.—The Sultan has conferred high decorations upon Edhem Pasha and upon the commanders of the six divisions of the army engaged in Grecian territory.

Evening.—Ahmed Hifzi, commander of the Turkish forces in Epirus, telegraphs that the Turks yesterday recaptured Pentepigadia fortress. The Greeks had 300 killed, 219 wounded. The Turks had 51 killed and 3 wounded, and they captured 62 Greeks. A large quantity of stores, ammunition and Gras rifles were abandoned by the Greeks.

Athens, April 25.—A report has reached here this evening that a Turkish force of 12,000 having pushed its way through the passes at Vlodendros, Anlaipsis, Nezeros and Rapsanifi has descended on Dereli. The Greeks have retreated to Makrychori. It would appear, however, that the position at Reveni itself and Bougazi is unaltered. The Greeks, as a result of the orders of Crown Prince Constantine, stopped just short of seizing Damasi.

BULGARIA'S REWARDS.

Will Profit by Indifference in the War for Christianity.

Constantinople, April 25.—It is said here tonight that the sultan has promised the Bulgarian diplomatic agent to grant three Berats (warrants for the appointment of Bulgarian bishops in Macedonia) as soon as the war with Greece is over.

The Servian minister has also secured imperial irades, implacing the Greek metropolitan, Ambrosius, at Usukub by a Servian and granting the privilege of opening numerous Servian schools in the Vilayeta of Monastir and Szlonica.

London, April 25.—The situation is curious and perplexing. Each day there have been actions carried on with every circumstance of war by one organized army against the other, yet so far as is known here there has been no declaration of war. The old military adage that war often declares itself, evidently applies in this instance. The Turks have invariably been the aggressors, and when the Greeks at various points have gallantly repelled the enemy and followed up their successes, orders have been invariably received compelling them to stop just short of the complete occupation of the conquered position. These orders in many cases have involved the abandonment of the fruits of much fighting with heavy loss and the spectacle is repeatedly witnessed of a victorious force retiring to its old position. This state of things creates the utmost astonishment and gives rise to very free adverse comment. The Greek troops can only suppose that political instead of military reasons govern the situation. For three days in succession were the Greeks drawn up in battle array in front of the Tyrnavo and opposite the mouth of Milouna Pass, with intervals of brief artillery duels, sometimes with the sputtering fire of sharpshooters, with a constant marching and countermarching all over the field, itself a most wearisome exercise and this kind of thing may speedily become demoralizing as it assuredly is most confusing.

The Duchess Has a Daughter.

London, April 25.—The Duchess of York was safely delivered of a daughter at York Cottage, Sandringham, at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. Mother and child are both well.

CONFERENCE OF THE DEMOCRACY

Representatives from Several States Meet at New York.

THE GOLD BUGS ARE INCLUDED

Object of the Meeting to Ascertain the State of the Organization Throughout the Country and What Means Are Being Taken to Preserve It--Simon B. Buckner Advises National Democrats to Maintain the Organization.

New York, April 25.—An informal conference of the representatives of the National Democracy from several states including a number of gold Democracy men from this city and Brooklyn was held this afternoon in the Reform club. Most of those who took part in the conference are in this city on account of the Reform club dinner last night and intend to remain until after the Grant ceremonies. The object of the meeting was to ascertain the state of the organization throughout the country and the means that are being taken to preserve it intact. No business was transacted and the only thing that came out of the conference was the information given by the visitors about the organization in their respective states. Plans for a future course of action were not discussed, and the relation of the party to city politics was not talked about. No call for a future conference was decided upon, that being left to the national committee.

General Charles Tracey, of Albany, presided, and among those present were Randolph Stahlnecker, of West Virginia; T. P. Lynn, of Ohio; General George P. Harrison, of Alabama; Simon B. Buckner, of Kentucky; Josiah Patterson, of Tennessee; J. E. Dodge, of Wisconsin; Senator Caffrey, of Louisiana; L. R. Wolfley, of St. Louis; Ellis B. Usher, of Wisconsin; J. C. Holt, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle, Charleston T. Lewis, of New Jersey; N. C. Bacheller, of Wisconsin; A. B. Farquhar, of Pennsylvania, and H. E. Fries, of North Carolina.

H. DeForest Baldwin, who acted as secretary of the meeting, said that J. C. Holt, of Grand Rapids, had given an account of the action of the national Democracy in the recent election in Michigan and commented upon the significance of the increase of the vote of the organization. Reports of an encouraging character were also received from the other states and an address was made by Simon B. Buckner, on the duty of the national Democrats to maintain the organization.

CONGRESS FORECAST.

The House Will Transact No Business During the Week---No Quorum in the Senate.

Washington, April 25.—There will not be a quorum in the senate during the present week, owing to the absence of a large number of senators in New York in attendance upon the ceremonies over General Grant's tomb. Consequently no business of importance will be transacted. Probably a majority of the senators desire to adjourn from Monday until Thursday and from Thursday again until Monday without transacting any business of general moment and this programme is likely to be followed. If the wish of the Republican members of the finance committee is acceded to the tariff bill will be reported Thursday but it is most probable that it will be postponed until next week. The work of preparing for the reorganization of the senate committees will proceed informally.

Under the arrangement made on Friday the house will transact no business this week. The house will meet formally tomorrow and adjourn until Thursday when an adjournment will be taken until Monday.

NEGROES QUIT A TOWN.

Masked Whites at Davis, I. T., Drive Out the Colored Population.

Ardmore, I. T., April 25.—As a result of the warning given to all the negroes in the town of Davis, last week, by a mob of masked white men, not a colored man remains in the place. The federal grand jury which was called together by Judge Kilgore, to investigate the outrages examined a small army of witnesses, but reported that it has been impossible to identify any of the raiders.

When it became known that no indictments had been returned, the colored people hastily quit the town. The murder of a white man by a negro was the preliminary cause of the trouble at Davy.

EDITOR'S SKULL FRACTURED.

Fatal Assault on M. N. Hinton, of the Albia, Iowa, Progress Defender.

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 25.—M. N. Hinton, editor of the Progress-Defender, the Populist organ of Albia, was probably fatally wounded this morning. Some time ago Hinton published an article which displeased a coal miner named John Jamison, and he called at the office. Hinton drove the miner out of the office with a poker.

Jamison met Hinton on the street this morning and struck him over the head with a scantling. His skull is fractured.

AGED MAN'S SUICIDE.

Prof. Dennison Cuts His Throat with a Razor.

New York, April 25.—Prof. J. F. Dennison, aged 73 years, attempted to commit suicide on Saturday at his home in Haledon, N J. He had grown helpless and sought to relieve his wife of the burden of his support.

For eighteen years Prof. Dennison was principal of the Haledon school, holding the position until four years ago, when it was decided to place a younger man in charge of the institution. Prof. Dennison never recovered from the blow of his dismissal. He has been ill lately and on Saturday he sent his wife out of the house, ostensibly to get medicine for him. When she returned she found him lying on the floor half conscious, his head resting on a hassock that was covered with blood. He had severed an artery in his wrist with a razor, and then cut his throat. He cannot recover.

TOLD HIS SWEETHEART ALL.

Miss Ralston Testifies Against Kennedy, the Alleged Train Robber.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—In the trial of John Kennedy, the reputed leader in the Blue Cut train robbery, Miss Maggie Ralston was called. She comes from the Creckerneck district, and is a sister-in-law of Frank James. Miss Ralston was a favorite of the accused robber. She testified that a few days after the last robbery Kennedy told her he had $32,000. This last robbery was committed on Christmas eve. The day after Christmas Miss Ralston said she met Kennedy in Independence, Mo., and he said: "We got 'em again," and described the robbery minutely.

During this testimony Kennedy's attitude was defiant, and he frequently declared that the witness falsified.

KILLED BY TROLLEY.

Traction Roads Are Responsible for Three Deaths That Occurred in Pittsburg Yesterday.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 25.—The traction roads are responsible for three deaths in this city today.

Early this morning John R. McKelvy, aged 27, son of John H. McKelvy, late president of the White Lead Trust, was killed by a Consolidated traction car on Forbes street near Pride. It is supposed McKelvy in crossing the street miscalculated the distance, or the speed of the car and was run down. He was dragged 200 feet and horribly mangled. There being no jackscrew on the car it was nearly thirty minutes before the victim could be released. Mr. McKelvy was manager of the Armstrong and McKelvy Lead and Oil company and was prominent in business circles.

This afternoon while Christian Wachter was driving out Second avenue with his wife and two children, his horse became frightened and jumped in front of a traction car at Greenfield avenue. The car struck the vehicle with terrific force. Mrs. Wachter and her two-year-old babe were killed almost instantly.

DOLLAR WHEAT IN ST. LOUIS.

May Option Breaks a Six Years' Record--Small Trading.

St. Louis, April 25.—May wheat broke a record of six years' standing yesterday by reaching the dollar mark. Trading in the May option is very light, but the price has been around 99 for several days. Today there was but one transaction, the sale of 5,000 bushels at $1 to Chris Martin by P. P. Williams.

The price was not considered high in view of the fact that cash wheat was sold at $1.03. Still the effect on the other options was noticeable. Shortly after the sale July wheat took an upward shoot. From the opening at 81¼ the price went up as high as 87⅞. The boom did not last long, and the reaction which followed sent the quotation down to 82⅝@82¾, the closing price.

YOUNG PEOPLE DIE TOGETHER.

Wakeman Haynes and Lizzie Hudson Found Poisoned in a Field.

Quincy, Ill., April 25.—Wakeman Haynes and Lizzie Hudson, aged 23 and 16 years respectively, who eloped together from Loraine village last Sunday, were found dead locked in each other's embrace in a pasture lot two miles from Loraine this morning. They had taken strychnine and died together.

They were of well known families and were popular young people of the community.

FREEDOM THROUGH FIRE.

Burning of a Jail Allows Five Prisoners to Escape.

Welch, W. Va., April 25.—The county ail of Wyoming county at Oceana, burned last night. Five prisoners escaped in the excitement, and have not been captured. James Allen, the condemned murderer, was confined in the jail up to a few days ago, when he was brought to Welch, just in time to prevent his escape from jail a second time.

It is stated that a new building much better than the late one will be built on the same site.

Hypnotized and Exhumed.

Simcoe, Ont., April 25.—The man hypnotized and buried in the ground for three days, has been disinterred. As the man was being brought back to a normal condition he smashed the box he was in to pieces. It required five men to control him until he was fully restored to consciousness.

Clemenceau and De Chimay Fight.

Paris, April 25.—The outcome of an article by M. Clemenceau, in the Echo De Paris, was a duel with swords this morning between Clemenceau and Prince Caraman De Chimay. Both were wounded simultaneously. Clemenceau received a gash in the right arm and the prince a slight scratch on the shoulder.

Pleads Guilty of Murder.

Somersworth, N. H., April 25.—Joseph E. Kelly, charged with the murder of Cashier Joseph A. Stickney, of the Great Falls National bank, of this city, pleaded guilty in the municipal court before Judge Knapp yesterday.

Only One Graduate.

Toronto, O., April 25.—The second annual commencement of the Empire high school, three miles north of here, was held Friday night. There was but one graduate, Chester E. Minesinger, his theme being "Our National Peril."

Detective Fatally Wounded.

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—Charles Mahoney, a government detective from Indsor, Ont., was shot and fatally wounded today while attempting to capture a pair of negro robbers at Belle River, Ont.

FIGHTING IN THE HOUSES OF GOD

Row Over a Priest's Salary in St. Joseph's Polish Church.

TWO MEN PLACED UNDER ARREST

In the Synagogue of the Benjamin, Abraham and Jacob Association, on Penn Avenue, There Was a Lively Tussel Over the Possession of the Church Books--An Alleged Assault Was Committed--Two Arrests Were Made.

Police officers were summoned to two houses of worship in this city yesterday to quell disturbances.

In St. Joseph's Polish church in the North End a row was caused over the salary of a priest who was recently assigned to look after the spiritual wants of the congregation. A committee was appointed to agree upon a salary to be paid and this committee met yesterday afternoon in the church. Among those who attended the meeting was John Buchanna who was dissatisfied with the manner in which the committee was transacting its business and became so boisterous that Special Officer John Shwocts was asked to eject him from the building.

Buchanna resisted desperately the efforts of the officer to put him out and was assisted by George Smith. Others also took sides and a general fight seemed probable when Patrolman John Johler arrived on the scene and put a stop to the warfare. Buchanna and Shwocts were placed under arrest and later in the day were given a hearing before Alderman Roberts. They were asked to furnish $800 and $500 bail respectively for their appearance at a further hearing to be held this afternoon when it is probable that other warrants will be issued in connection with yesterday's disturbance.

JEWISH TROUBLE.

Two factions of the Benjamin, Joseph and Jacob Religious association, the members of which worship in a synagogue on Penn avenue, near Mulberry street, had a hand-to-hand struggle for the possession of church records in the synagogue. The trouble is the result of a contest since last February over the retention or release of the Rabbi pastor, Rev. Nathan Druch. The records are now in the hands of the police.

Two men, Simon Hinerfeld and L. Ackerson, were arrested on information of J. M. Frank, president of the association, and before Alderman Millar yesterday each entered bail in the sum of $300. The charge is assault and battery and larceny of the church books. Mr. Frank is the leader of the majority side.

Hinerfeld and Ackerson, leaders of the minority, are charged with having assaulted several persons, among whom is Louis Taren, one of the church trustees. The trouble has been brewing for months, and is directly caused by a difference of opinion over the retention or release of the church pastor, Rev. Nathan Druch.

The term of the minister, Rev. Nathan Druch, expires next May, and as the church is heavily in debt a part of the congregation came to the conclusion that his services might be dispensed with for a year or two until the mortgages should be lifted. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon to decide the question, and the vote stood 22 to 18 in favor of continuing the minister.

Those opposed to the project brought forth the argument that the by-laws specify that a minister must be elected by a two-thirds vote. President Frank ruled otherwise, and announced that Rev. Mr. Druch was duly elected minister for five years.

Warning was given that an effort would be made yesterday by the minority side to obtain possession of the church books. To prevent this President Frank had arranged to have a police officer nearby and Patrolman Marker was ordered to watch for any disturbance. Patrolman Marker was stationed at the corner of Penn avenue and Mulberry street.

TOLD HIM HE COULD GO.

About 4 o'clock a man approached Patrolman Marker telling him that there was no trouble and that he could go. At the very time this information was given L. Ackerson and others were, according to President Frank, preparing for a struggle for the books. Ackerson went to the church janitor and asked for the key to the room. He stated that they wanted it down at the church. The janitor surrendered the key and with it Ackerson re-entered the church and locked the door on the inside. Thus, without the knowledge of the thirty or forty men in the room all means of exit except by way of the cellar door had been cut off.

The meeting at which nothing of importance was accomplished closed promptly at 4 o'clock and President Frank prepared to leave. He anticipated trouble so he handed the books to the church secretary, N. Bloch.

The meeting was scarcely adjourned when eight or ten men of the minority side, who had been seated in the rear of the church, rushed forward with a cry to "take the books." Bloch, the secretary, called his friends about him, and handing the precious books to the strongest man in the party, they made a determined effort to resist the Ackerson crowd.

In the struggle the books were badly torn. Finally the disturbance subsided of its own accord, the majority party retaining the records. Meanwhile some of the persons in the church had tried the front door and had found it locked. Here the excitement was at fever height.

WANTED TO GET OUT.

While the strong men of the congregation were fighting it out near the church pulpit the weaker-hearted were pounding the door and clamoring for the open air. It was at the door that Ackerson is said to have committed the assault. Faren, the trustee, was one of those who was making a Spartan effort to retreat and Ackerson jumped upon him and beat him.

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HOUSE STOLEN IN A NIGHT.

When Morning Came There Was Nothing Left but the Cellar.

New Haven, Conn., April 25.—The theft of an entire dwelling house was reported to the police to-day. When John and Ann Cassion returned last night the house was standing in Putnam street, near Water street. This morning there was nothing left except the cellar. The property was recently condemned in order to carry out an extension of Union avenue. The city allowed $2,600 for the house, but the Cassions have not received the money, as it is involved in a lawsuit.

It seems that the residents of the neighborhood, however, got the idea that the house belonged to the city. It was only worth a few hundred dollars, and, as they needed it for kindling wood, they made a combined attack upon it last night and carried every board, shingle and rafter away. The city officials say that they will prosecute every person who took part in the theft of the house.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

The Louisiana Levees Are Severely Taxed---River Breaks Over the Embankment at Ottumwa.

Memphis, Tenn., April 25.—This has been a rainy and threatening Sabbath in the lower delta country and the Louisiana levees are being taxed to the utmost. At Natchez the river gauge shows a rise during the last twenty-four hours of one-tenth of a foot. Showers have prevailed in this section all day and tonight a steady downpour is reported. The levees are soft and mushy and with a continued precipitation it is feared that the embankment will give way. A telegram from Clayton, La., received tonight, states that the Tensas river has risen over one foot since last night and the swift stream is full of heavy drifts. The back water from the Biggs Crevasse is showing itself near Vidali and it will inundate many acres of rich land in that section.

At Greenville the river fell two-tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours. Light showers prevailed all day and the weather tonight is warm and unsettled. At Memphis a fall of one-tenth of a foot is reported. The river at Cairo is falling at an increased rate. The big steam has dropped nine-tenths of a foot since last night and the guage now reads 42.7, or 2.7 feet above the danger line.

Rain is falling at Cairo tonight and the weather is somewhat cooler.

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 25.—The river broke over the levees last night and flooded the bottoms, carrying several houses down stream. Today in some places the water is above the first story. One Burlington main line track is impassable and hundreds of men are at work attempting to prevent damage to the other line. The situation is critical but it is not believed that the Burlington will keep the main line open. The Wabash and Milwaukee tracks are gone here for a distance of 200 feet and both roads are tied up. The Rock Island has miles of track under water. No attempt is being made to run trains. The river was rising slowly tonight.

VESTIBULE DERAILED.

Engineer and Firemen Are Injured, No Passengers Hurt.

Charlotte, N. C., April 25.—Southern vestibule train No. 38, northbound, was derailed two and one-half miles north of Blacksburg, S. C., at 7.15 o'clock tonight. The engine, postal, baggage and express cars, the combination passenger coach and the front trucks of the first sleeper were thrown from the track.

Engineer Pettus and Fireman Sigman were injured but neither was fatally hurt. No passengers were injured.

Collecting Evidence.

Somersworth, N. H., April 25.—The room in Berwick of Joseph Kelley, the confessed murderer of Cashier Stickney, of the Great Falls National bank, was searched tonight, and in it were found the keys of the Great Falls National bank, which were taken from Cashier Stickney's pocket by Kelley at the time of the murder. The keys were on a common wire ring, together with a brass tag, on each side of which was engraved the name of J. A. Stickney. In the corner of the room the officers discovered a white shirt, on the sleeve of which were small blood spots.

All Quiet at Alexandria.

Alexandria, Va., April 25.—The excitement of last night growing out of the sensational reports that the negroes would attack the city as a revenge for the lynching of McCoy Friday night, had entirely subsided today. In a few places the people gathered in small crowds to discuss the doings of last night, but there was no excitement.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, April 26.—In the Middle States today partly cloudy weather will prevail, preceded on the coasts by local rain, with brisk and fresh variable winds, becoming mostly northerly and westerly, followed by clearing in the afternoon. On Tuesday, clear weather will prevail, with rising temperature and fresh to light westerly winds.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Rain; Cooler.

1 General Powers Will End the War in the East.
Fighting in Churches.
Conference of the National Democracy.
Mr. Dingley on the Tariff.
2 State—Keator Ballot Bill to Be Pushed by the House of Representatives.
Insurance Agent Under Arrest.
3 Sport—Scranton Base Ball Gossip.
U. of P. Runners Victorious.
4 Editorial.
Washington Gossip.
5 Story—"The Blue Laboratory."
6 Local—Rev. Dr. Dixon's Sermon to the Guard.
Sentence Day in Court.
7 Local—Thirteenth Regiment Leaves for New York This Morning.
Piled Ties on the Track.
Safe Crackers at Work.
8 Local—West Side and City Suburban.
9 Lackawanna County News.
10 Neighboring County Happenings.
Financial and Commercial.

MR. DINGLEY'S TARIFF TALK

Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Is Interviewed.

BUSINESS IS IMPROVING

But Will Be Injured by Flood of Free Importations.

Enormous Quantities of Foreign Goods That Are Pouring Into the Country at the Present Time Cannot Fail to Effect the Markets--The Tariff Will Probably Unsettle Business for a Time, but Will Assist in the Revival When Put Into Effect. Return to Prosperity Always Slow.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, April 25.—Members of congress and others are receiving letters from various parts of the country indicating some impatience on the part of certain people, because the prosperity which was promised as a result of the election of a Republican congress and president has not already made itself apparent.

"I do not think it possible," said Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, talking upon this subject, "that any considerable number of people of the United States have any such thought. Of course the enemy is doing what it can to foster that idea but it is so entirely unreasonable that I cannot believe that anybody who gives the matter a moment's thought, can suppose it justifiable."

"What has been done?" continued Mr. Dingley. "To be sure they deposited their ballots in favor of the Republican party and its protective theory in November, the president whom they elected has been inaugurated, and one branch of congress has passed the tariff bill. But that cannot possibly have any effect in the way of improving the situation, so far as relates to the manufacturing industries of the country or the other industries which would be affected by their improvement."

"Rather the reverse, would it not, Mr. Dingley?"

"Momentarily, yes. The fact that a new tariff measure is pending and that it proposes to increase the rates of duty on many articles has the effect of temporarily unsettling the business operations of the manufacturers. Prices are based, of course, to a certain extent upon those named by foreign manufacturers who invade the market, and our own manufacturers are uncertain as to what they will themselves have to pay for such raw material as they will import for use in least, the tendency of a new tariff law goes into effect. In that particular at least, the pendency of a new tariff law unsettles the business operations of the manufacturers in the county and makes it impossible for them to make contracts or push their business. The greatest injury to the business, however, lies in the fact that such enormous quantities of foreign goods are being imported and forced upon the market."

BUSINESS HAS IMPROVED.

"Of course, I do not mean," continued Mr. Dingley, "that the moral effect of the election which insured the stability of our currency and assured the people that they are to have the protection which once gave them prosperity, failed to have an immediate effect in some degree. I think it is generally conceded that business did improve and has improved since this assurance was given, but it is not reasonable to expect that the improvement resulting from increased manufactures and the consequently increased business for those affected by their activity, can be felt before the bill becomes a law, or even immediately afterward. Improvement in business always comes slowly. A business depression may occur in a day but improvement never comes suddenly. Certainly it cannot be expected that it will be so in this case, when it is remembered that practically a year's stock of goods will have been brought into the country from abroad before the tariff bill becomes a law."

"A year's stock, Mr. Dingley?"

"In many cases at least, yes. That may seem like a broad assertion, but very few people realize, I think, the enormous quantity of goods being now brought in, and which have come in in the past few months. The customs receipts upon dutiable goods alone have doubled, and if you will examine the reports of the importations of nondutiable goods you will find that they have increased enormously. I observe by a paragraph in a recent number of a Boston paper that fourteen vessels laden with wool arrived in that city in one day last week. When you remember that the bill has yet to be considered by the full senate committee, by the senate where there is unlimited debate, and by a conference committee, it is apparent that weeks and probably months must yet elapse before it gets upon the statute books and into operation. I hope, however, to see it a law by July 1st. During all this mean time I suppose the flood of foreign importations will continue to a greater or less extent, as many of the importers had ordered goods prior to April 1st, and will continue to bring them in. This is especially true with reference to wool, which is imported in great quantities at this season of the year."

"These facts," continued Mr. Dingley, in conclusion, "ought to show people who stop to consider them the impossibility of business improvement so

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