Norwich Bulletin

1796 1909

VOL. LI.—NO. 95. NORWICH, CONN., THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1909. PRICE TWO CENTS.

GOV. LILLEY PASSED AWAY AT 7.26 LAST EVENING

Did Not Regain Consciousness from the Coma in which He had Lain for Many Hours

TAKEN ILL FOUR WEEKS AGO MONDAY

Statement by Attending Physicians—Immediate Cause of Death was Toxi-Semia—Entire Family at the Bedside—Body to Lie in State in Rotunda of State Capitol—Fire Bells of Hartford Sound the Age of the Dead Governor—Funeral Date Not Yet Determined.

Hartford, Conn., April 21.—Governor George Leavens Lilley died at the executive mansion at 7.26 o'clock this evening after battling with disease for four weeks. The end came peacefully, as the distinguished patient did not regain consciousness from the coma in which he had lain for many hours and which was the result of acute nephritis and its attendant complications.

Pathetic Scene at Bedside.

There were at the bedside Mrs. George L. Lilley, the three sons, Frederick, John and Theodore Lilley, Mrs. John A. Lilley, Dr. Graves and Dr. Beach, who had been the attending physicians, Executive Secretary Charles A. Goodwin and the two nurses, Mr. Cook and Miss Lowe. The scene at the bedside was a pathetic one, although the family through all the long vigil and knowing that the battle was a losing one from the very beginning, bore up bravely.

Footguards on Duty at Executive Mansion.

As soon as the sad news was spread abroad the fire bells of Hartford sounded the age of the dead governor—forty-nine—and a detachment of the First company, Governor's Footguards, immediately was mustered to go on duty at the executive mansion in Farmington avenue.

Executive Secretary Notified of Death.

As soon as dissolution came Drs. Beach and Graves handed to Executive Secretary Goodwin the following statement:

"To Charles A. Goodwin, Executive Secretary, State Capitol, Hartford, Conn.:

"We hereby notify you that Governor George L. Lilley died at 7.26 o'clock in the afternoon today.

(Signed)

"CHARLES C. BEACH, M. D.,
"FREDERICK G. GRAVES, M. D.
"Hartford, Conn., April 21, 1909. 210 Farmington Avenue."

Funeral from Trinity Church.

The funeral will be held from Trinity church, Hartford, but the time is yet to be fixed. The body of the governor will be escorted to the state capitol prior to the funeral service and placed in the rotunda, where it will lie in state.

Statement by Attending Physicians.

After certifying to the death of Governor Lilley, the attending physicians gave out the following statement:

"The immediate cause of death was toxi-semia, the result of acute nephritis with valvular disease and hypertrophy."

Taken Ill Four Weeks Ago Monday.

According to Dr. Beach, the governor's illness began four weeks ago Monday, and when he arrived home his case was almost hopeless. He was as near death as any man could be and yet recover. His wonderful vitality enabled him to rally, but it was not sufficient to pull him through and the forces of disease quickly undermined his strength and constitution and the end came through the development of specific causes.

Death Looked for All Afternoon.

The death of Governor Lilley had been looked for all the afternoon. The family had been near at hand except Mr. John A. Lilley, the brother, and Madame Lilley, whose strength has been greatly taxed by the trials through which she has gone in the past few weeks. From the time of the last official bulletin at 2 o'clock until about 6 o'clock there had been little apparent change in the condition of the patient.

The family had left the sick chamber and gone to the supper room. A few minutes later Miss Lowe, the nurse, called to Dr. Graves, who immediately went upstairs. He at once called the family, as dissolution had set in at 6.25. A few minutes later Executive Secretary Goodwin telephoned for Rev. Francis C. Todd, rector of Trinity church, but he could not be reached then, and so Rev. James Goodwin, sector of Christ church and brother to the secretary, was called. Death came so quickly, however, that neither clergymen was able to reach the executive mansion in time to be at the bedside.

Funeral Arrangements Making.

Overwhelmed as the members of the family were at the great loss, they bore up remarkably well at the end. They at once sought the seclusion of their rooms while friends who were close to the family stepped in to give aid to Executive Secretary Goodwin, who immediately began arrangements for the funeral, subject to decisions of the family later.

Messages of Sympathy.

All day messages of profound sympathy were received at the mantion, together with cards of friends. For the present the members of the Governor's Footguards will do sentry duty about the house and grounds, they being quartered at the residence of Mr. Patrick Garvan in Farmington avenue, two doors away.

A PERSONAL LOSS TO THOUSANDS IN THE STATE

Governor's Last Public Appearance Was at St. Patrick's Day Banquet, Bridgeport.

Hartford, April 21.—The illness and death of Governor Lilley brought gloom to the citizens of the state. It has brought to a close many social events in which the chief executive figured in spite of his ill health, and which will long be remembered. Of strong personality, a keen judge of men, and a man in public life who had the power of attracting others to him, Governor Lilley's death came as a personal loss to uncounted thousands in all parts of the state.

From the time his illness took on a serious aspect the great body of friends kept constantly in touch with the capitol and in the last few days the number of inquiries increased rapidly. It is expected that the funeral will draw to this city one of the largest gatherings of citizens ever seen on any occasion of this nature.

A Lover of Nature.

Governor Lilley's last public appearance was at the St. Patrick's day banquet in Bridgeport. He made an address there and then left for Summit, N. J., going thence to Lakewood and returning to Hartford on the following Monday. He had taken cold, which completed the period of breakdown, and placed him on his deathbed. At first he was in a room in the rear on the second floor, but during his period of rallying he was moved to a front room, where he could look out of the window and see the trees putting forth their buds and the vines taking on their garb of green. He was a lover of nature and delighted in the spring time.

The family had looked forward to the time when he could enjoy the spacious walks and quiet nooks in the beautiful grounds which surrounded the house, and he himself had so much wanted to be out and enjoy the spring time. Then the setback came, the governor was taken back to the room in which he was first placed and this became the death chamber.

A Trying Day for the Family.

The day was a trying ordeal for the family, realizing, as they did, that the life of the head of the family was closing. Out on the window sills of the library which was used as the sitting room perched many of the tame squirrels with which the grounds abound. They were waiting to receive nuts and other dainties and members of the family relieved the tension of their feelings from tir to time by feeding the little animals. In the grounds also is a small pond in which are gold fish and these also were fed from time to time.

Officers Stationed in Front of House.

People passing through Farmington avenue and those riding on the trolley cars eagerly scanned the residence all day for some sign of how the fight was going on within the walls. During the afternoon Mayor Hooker called and later he had two officers stationed in front of the house to remain there until after the funeral.

ACTING GOVERNOR WEEKS TAKES OATH THIS MORNING.

Talk of Having the Funeral a State Affair—Flags Ordered Half-Staff.

Hartford, April 21.—Acting Governor Frank W. Weeks will take the oath of office as governor tomorrow morning, probably as soon as the justices of the supreme court can be summoned to the state capitol. In the period since the state constitution was adopted in 1818 no governor has died in office, and there being no precendents to follow, a procedure must be established. It was not definitely decided tonight whether the oath of office should be administered before the general assembly meets, or while it is in session, following the custom which is used when a governor is inaugurated in beginning of a term. Acting Governor Weeks was at the executive mansion in the afternoon for a brief call. He had left for his home in Middletown and was on the train when word of Governor Lilley's death reached him. He returned to Hartford and was at the executive mansion at 8.26 and conferred with Secretary Goodwin.

Proclamation by Gov. Waeks Expected.

It is expected that Governor Weeks will issue a proclamation upon taking the oath of office, and following that the general assembly will arrange to attend the funeral. The plan is to have committees of both branches acting as a joint committee meet with Secretary Goodwin, who will represent the family, and decide upon the funeral arrangements. If the funeral shall be a state affair there will be many details to be arranged, including the orders to the National Guard. Orders have already been issued placing flags at half-staff throughout the state and on the state armories and public buildings.

The Funeral Services.

Besides the services to be held in Trinity Episcopal church it is expected that a church service will be held in Governor Lilley's home church in Waterbury, St. James' Episcopal, of which he is a member.

In event of a state funeral, there will be elaborate arrangements for the transportation to be completed. The matter of a military escort will be settled by Adjutant General Cole. As captain general of the state forces, a full military funeral would call for the turning out of the entire guard, and the naval battalion. All these details will be settled by the legislative committee of arrangements.

NEW BRITAIN SYMPATHY.

City Government Sends Telegram to Mrs. Lilley.

New Britain, Conn., April 21.—The news of the death of Governor George L. Lilley was received here while the board of common council was in session, and that body sent the following telegram to Mrs. Lilley:

"The city government of New Britain, as represented by its common council, now in session, deeply mourns the death of Governor Lilley and offers you their sincere sympathy.

"GEORGE M. LANDERS, Mayor."

FROM LIEUT. GOV. WEEKS.

Heartfelt Sympathy for the Family—A Foremost Citizen Gone.

Hartford, Conn., April 21.—The following telegram was received by Mrs. George L. Lilley from Lieutenant Governor Weeks tonight:

"Mrs. Weeks joins me in heartfelt sympathy for yourself and family. In Governor Lilley's death Connecticut loses one of her foremost citizens and an official whose aim it was to so administer his high office as to merit the approval of the people of our state."

FIELD DAY POSTPONED.

Action Taken by Second Company, Foot Guards.

New Haven, Conn., April 21.—The executive officers of the Second company, Foot Guards, tonight decided to postpone the annual field day, called for next Monday, until Wednesday, May 26th, owing to the death of the captain general of the state forces.

EX-GOV. WOODRUFF'S TRIBUTE.

Governor Lilley a Most Able and Conscientious Servant.

New Haven, Conn., April 21.—Former Governor Woodruff tonight said: "It was with profound sorrow that I heard of Governor Lilley's death. While it had been expected many days, it came nevertheless as a shock and a severe blow to us all and the whole state will mourn his loss. The governor has certainly died in the harness, giving to the state the best there was in him, and history will record him as a most able and conscientious servant. His liberal and genial disposition made him hosts of friends and admirers."

MRS. LILLEY BEARING UP WELL.

Flood of Messages Coming to the Family from Every Direction.

Hartford, Conn., April 21.—Mrs. Lilley is bearing up under the blow notwithstanding the great grief that has come to her. Dr. Graves, who is in attendance, said that Mrs. Lilley has long been under great strain. She accompanied her husband throughout the campaign, attending most of the rallies, and often returning home with him in the automobile, not reaching home often times until 1 a. m. The care she bestowed on her husband and also the presence of his son enabled the governor to keep his health and strength better than most men could have done under the circumstances.

The family expressed great appreciation of the consideration of the public the past few days in directing their telephone inquiries to other places than the executive mansion. Tonight the flood of messages is coming from every direction, both by telephone and by telegraph. The messages of sympathy to Mrs. Lilley breathe of tenderness and of heartfelt sorrow.

MAYOR OF HARTFORD

Calls Special Meeting of Court of Common Council.

Hartford, Conn., April 21.—Following the lead of this city, which was first to get the official news of the governor's death, bells in the various cities of the state were tolled during the evening to tell the people of the state of the death of the governor.

Mayor Hooker has called a special meeting of the court of common council for tomorrow night to act upon the death.

The guard at the mansion is under command of Capt. Charles H. Slocum. The body of the governor was tonight placed in charge of Pratt & Johnson, the undertakers, who embalmed it and prepared it for the casket which will be decided upon tomorrow.

Cabled Paragraphs

London, April 21.—The long-promised bill for the disestablishment of the church in Wales was introduced in the house of commons today by Premier Asquith.

Honolulu, April 21.—A rumor circulated here that the ship Dirigo, bound from Baltimore to these islands, had gone ashore on the coast of Molokai, proves to be without foundation.

TORNADO SWEEPS OHIO.

Nine Persons Killed, Many Injured, $1,000,000 Worth Property Destroyed.

Cleveland, O., April 21.—Nine persons were killed, six were fatally hurt and at least fifty were injured and property valued at more than $1,000,000 was destroyed by a tornado which swept through Cleveland and northern Ohio today.

The storm rose suddenly and lasted only five minutes. At 12.30 o'clock the sun was shining brightly. At 12.33 Cleveland was shrouded in darkness. From the northeast, off the lake, came a gale blowing sixty-six miles an hour. In its wake rain and hail fell with great force.

In the blinding rain pedestrians were blown off their feet and hurled against buildings, while in many cases they were struck down by flying bricks and timbers which filled the air. Telegraph and telephone service was interrupted.

Roofs of houses were blown 300 feet away and chimneys and smokestacks blown down.

The largest single damage done was to St. Stanislaus' church. The wind almost demolished the structure. The loss is estimated at $125,000.

ROOSEVELT IN MOMBASA.

Entered Harbor Last Evening—Party in Best of Health.

Mombasa, British East Africa, April 21.—Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt arrived here this evening on board the steamer Admiral. He was in the best of health, as were all the other members of his party. The Admiral entered Kiliadini harbor flying the American flag at her fore and mainmasts. She dipped the German ensign while passing the British cruiser Pandora, whole rails and masts were manned by cheering sailors. The Pandora saluted the ex-president, who was on the bridge, interested by watching the Admiral's coming into port.

Campbell-Bull Wedding Announcement.

Chicago, April 21.—Formal announcement of the wedding April 29 next of Alan P. Campbell, son of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress, and Miss Helen Bull, a Chicago society girl, was made here today. Mr. Campbell at one time was noted as an amateur boxer and athlete. He served several years in the British navy as a lieutenant.

Mrs. Boyle is Helen McDermott

MYSTERY SURROUNDING ALLEGED WIFE OF ABDUCTOR SOLVED.

MEMBER OF A CHICAGO FAMILY

Attorney Stranahan Confirms the Identification—Prisoner Visited by Her Brother—Received Funds Regularly.

Mercer, Pa., April 21.—Mrs. Boyle, the alleged wife of James H. Boyle, abductor of Willie Whitla, is a mystery no longer. Tonight the Associated Press was given absolute information that the woman is Helen McDermott of Chicago. Stories to the effect she is a member of a prominent and wealthy family, it was said, are without any foundation whatever. Tonight Attorney T. C. Cochrane, representing the prosecution, said without qualification that Mrs. Boyle was Helen McDermott. Her family resides in Chicago.

Identification Confirmed.

Immediately after talking with Mr. Cochrane, the Associated Press visited the actorneys of the woman. Attorney J. P. Stranahan, Jr., confirmed the identification. Mr. Stranahan said tonight that Mrs. Boyle's brother visited her once. This was some time ago, when he had a lengthy talk with her and returned to Chicago to prepare means for her defense.

Funds from Home.

Since that time funds have come from Chicago regularly to Mrs. Boyle. During the latter part of the week a deposit of $1,000 was made in Mrs. Boyle's favor here, and owing to various statements the public was led to believe she was a member of a prominent family.

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE ON NEW HAVEN TRAIN.

Bridgeport Young Woman Found in Lavatory With Throat and Wrists Cut—Will Recover.

New York, April 21.—When a New Haven railroad train arrived at the Grand Central station this evening, a young woman, believed to be Bertha Beatrice Hubbell of No. 19 Congress street, Bridgeport, Conn., was found in a lavatory of one of the cars, with her throat and wrists cut by a penknife she held on her lap.

She had written a note saying she intended to take her life, and adding:

"My mother has tried to have my brother beat me and I cannot stand it any longer. I am sick of life and weak."

At Flower hospital the doctors said she would probably recover.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 21.—Miss Bertha B. Hubbell, who attempted suicide on a train en route to New York today, is 22 years old, the eldest of three daughters of Mrs. Phebe Hubbell of 190 Congress street, this city. Her brother, William, is 29 years old. The mother and brother, when told this evening of the girl's act and note, declared that they knew of no reason why she should try to kill herself. Bertha, they said, had been in a despondent mood for several weeks, but her general health was good, and she left for New York at 3 p. m., today, to look for employment in that city.

HANDSOME WIDOW LOST FORTUNE

On Race Tracks—Arrested for Stealing Bread and Milk.

New York, April 21.—Mrs. Anna Trafford, a strikingly handsome widow, whose husband, a Peruvian silver miner, left her $75,000 three years ago, was held today by a Brooklyn police magistrate for trial on a charge of stealing bread and milk from doorsteps. Hearing brought out that she lost all but $500 of her fortune on the race tracks, which she frequented daily. Half of the $500 was lost in a bank failure and the balance went quickly for living expenses. She said she had lived recently only on her pilferings of milk and bread in the early morning from doorsteps. In court she said she was unable to resist the temutation to bet on horse races, and that in one day alone she wagered and lost $1,500.

TARIFF BILL IN SENATE.

Reading of Measure by Paragraphs Begun—Eighteen Pages Disposed Of.

Washington, April 21.—Substantial progress was made by the senate in the consideration of the tariff bill. No senator being prepared to speak on the bill as a whole, the reading of the measure by paragraphs was begun. The various items in the chemicals schedule were passed over for future consideration. The reading was frequently interrupted by the discussion of amendments and only eighteen pages were disposed of. Senator Cummins presented his income tax provision and discussed it at length. The senate then went into executive session and the nomination of Thomas C. Dawson to be minister to Chile was confirmed.

BRIEF OUTING IN AUTO.

Imprisoned Banker Morse Taken from Tombs to Court.

New York, April 21.—Charles W. Morse had a brief outing today, when he was taken from the Tombs to the United States court room, in the federal building, to appear as a witness in a suit brought by the Mercanfile National bank against Charles W. Barron to recover $50,000 on a promisory note made by Barron and endorsed by Morse. The former banker made the trip to the federal building in an automobile. He was before Judge Hough as a witness for about fifteen minutes, and when he had given his testimony was immediately taken back to the Tombs.

BOY KIDNAPPED.

Leo Mulhern of Cincinnati, Twelve Years Old, Missing.

Cincinnati, April 21.—Leo Mulhern, the 12 year old son of Mrs. John Mulhern, 413 West Fifth street, is missing, following the receipt by his mother of two letters threatening to kidnap the boy. The police fear that the boy has been kidnapped.

This afternoon Mrs. Mulhern received a third letter saying that the boy had been kidnapped and that he would not be returned to his home until she deposited the money at the place designated in the former letters.

Schooner's Mate Lost Overboard.

Nantucket, Mass., April 21.—News was brought ashore here today of the death by drowning of William Dalton of New York, mate of the schooner James Douglass, from New York. Dalton fell overboard in some manner last night. His body was recovered.

Connecticut General Assembly

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES, FAVORABLE REPORT ON BILL.

NO PENSION FOR TEACHERS

Bill Making Appropriations for Hospitals Passed—$1,683,100 for Public Schools—Renewals Liquor Licenses.

Hartford, April 21.—The senate was called to order at 11.15 by President Pro Tem. Brooks. Prayer by Chaplain Sexton.

Senator Alsop, in explaining the unfavorable report of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges on the bill requiring all vehicles to display a light at night, said that the farmers were opposed to the bill and there was no likelihood that it would pass the house it favorably reported, even though the senate might pass it. The report was accepted and the bill rejected.

No Pensions for Teachers.

Senator Luther explained the senate bill No. 31, providing pensions for school teachers of thirty years' standing. He said the committee on education was deeply impressed with the arguments made by educators at the hearing. There was a sentiment with the superannuated teachers who found themselves in old age without incomes. The committee felt that the prospect of a pension after thirty years' service did not appeal to young men and women taking up the profession of teaching. It may be desirable that the old age pension system should be adopted, and, personally, he thought they were coming to that.

The report was accepted and the bill rejected.

Reports of Committees.

Judiciary—That house bill No. 209, concerning the vote on license, be referred to the committee on excise; so referred.

Education—Unfavorable on bill concerning schools of less than twelve scholars; bill rejected.

Teachers' Certificates.

The committee on education reported favorably on the following bill, which was tabled for calendar and printing:

Section 1. The state board of education may, upon public examination in such branches, and upon such terms as it may prescribe, grant a certificate of qualification to teach in any public school in this state, and may revoke the same, provided that such certificates shall be issued without examination to the graduates of normal schools of this state, the Connecticut Agricultural college, Wesleyan university, Trinity college and Yale university. Said board of education may investigate the scholarship and professional qualifications of graduates of other colleges, universities and normal schools, and may accept the diplomas of such institutions in place of the whole or any part of the examinations required under the provisions of this act. Upon application, teachers who have taught successfully in the public schools of the state for not less than three years preceding Sept. 1, 1908, shall receive such certificates without examination; provided such application be filed with the state board of education on or before Sept. 1, 1910.

Sec. 2. On and after Sept. 1, 1910, all persons teaching in the public schools of this state shall hold certificates under provisions of section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. So much of secs. 2245, 2446 and 2247 of the general statutes as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

$1,683,100 for Public Schools.

Senator Blakeslee explained the bill making an appropriation of $1,683,100 for the state board of education. An amendment offered by the senator striking out an item of $1,000 for fire escapes at the normal schools at Willimantic and New Britain, as it was included in a special bill already passed, was adopted.

The report was accepted and the bill passed.

For Hospitals.

Senator Blakeslee explained the bill containing the following appropriations for hospitals and it was passed: Bridgeport hospital, $15,000; Danbury, $10,000; Day-Kimball, $6,000; General Hospital of Connecticut, $20,000; Grace hospital, $10,000; Hartford, $20,000; Litchfield county, $6,000; Meriden, $6,000; Middlesex, $6,000; New Britain, $10,000; St. Vincent's, Bridgeport, $15,000; St. Francis, $10,000; Norwalk, $10,000; St. Joseph, Willimantic, $5,000; Waterbury, $10,000.

Reports of Committees.

Engrossed bills—Favorable on verbal amendments to house bill No. 711 concerning driving on bridges and substitute for house joint resolution, concerning the printing of amendments to bills and resolutions printed for the files and bills or resolutions unfavorably reported. Passed.

Incorporations—Favorable on resolution incorporating the Morris Cove association. Calendar.

About Liquor Licenses.

The committee on excise reported an amendment to chapter 265 of the public acts of 1907, so that the section shall read as follows: "All applications for renewal of licenses shall be in writing and signed by the applicant, and in all applications other than for a renewal, the applicant shall, in addition to signing such application, procure the indorsement of five electors and taxpayers of the town within the limits of which the business under such license is to be transacted, who shall certify that the applicant is a suitable person to be licensed. All applications for renewals shall be filed with the county commissioners, and all applications other than for a renewal shall be submitted to the town clerk of the town in which the business so licensed is to be carried on, who shall certify the same as is now provided by law; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent a corporation organized under the laws of this state from holding in its corporate name one license to sell spirituous and intoxicating liquors at its place of business in any one town. Not more than five licenses shall be issued to any one person, and the county commissioners may, in their discretion, refuse to issue more than one license to any one person." Tabled for calendar and printing.

Fire Escapes on Hotels.

The following bill as amended on the motion of Senator Luther was passed:

Section 2,832 of the general statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: Every owner, lessee, proprietor, or manager of a hotel, unless in the opinion of the state factory inspector filed in the office of the secretary of state, such hotel be of approximately fireproof construction and sufficiently supplied with a safe and proper means of egress, shall cause to be placed a knotted rope, or other better appliance for use as a fire escape in every room of said hotel used as a lodging room, except rooms on the ground floor; which knotted rope or other better appliance shall be securely fastened to a suitable iron hook or eye to be securely screwed into one of the joists or timbers next adjoining the frame of one of the windows of said room at least five feet from the floor, which rope shall be at all times kept coiled and exposed to the plain view of any occupant in said room; the coil to be fastened in such manner as to be easily and quickly loosened and uncoiled; such rope shall contain knots not more than 18 inches apart and a loop on the end of the rope at least three inches in length, and shall not be less than one-half inch in diameter, and of sufficient length to reach from the window to the ground. Such rope, iron hook or eye, and fastenings shall be of sufficient strength to sustain a weight of 400 pounds, and there shall be plain printed directions how to use such rope or other better appliance posted within six inches of the hook or eye to which the rope is fastened.

Calendar.

Authorizing the city of Norwich to issue bonds to the amount of $70,000; authorizing the quatrermaster general to erect headstones at graves of deceased soldiers same as is provided in section 2,882 of the general statutes.

Foot of Calendar—Concerning the raising of a commission to construct bridge between Old Lyme and Old Saybrook; concerning dogs; concerning unclaimed deposits in banks.

Town Management of Schools.

The committee on education reported favorably on senate bill No. 68, concerning the town management of schools. The bill provides that: "Every town in the state shall, from and after July 15, 1909, assume and maintain the control of all the public schools within its limits, and for this purpose every town shall be a school district, and shall have all the powers and duties of school districts, except in so far as these are inconsistent with the provisions of this act. All business concerning the public schools including all heretofore necessary or proper to be transacted in district meetings shall be transacted in town meetings. The annual town meeting shall be the annual school district meeting."

Tabled for calendar and printin

Adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

Speaker Banks called the house to order at 11.15.

Chaplain Countryman made reference to the condition of Governor Lilley and asked for the divine support for the members of the family.

Calendar.

Concerning weight of packages containing foodstuffs tabled for the foot of the calendar on the motion of Mr. Savage of Mansfield.

Amending an act concerning the taking of mink and otter; agriculture; accepted and adopted.

Changing the name of the dairy commissioner and increasin~ the salary; agriculture; referred to the committee on appropriations.

Concerning the sale of eggs; agriculture; passed over; retaining place.

Concerning the form of oath for interpreters in criminal cases; judiciary; accepted and passed.

Tabled for the Calendar.

Reports were tabled for calendar and printing as follows:

Roads rivers and bridges—Report of commission on Connecticut river bridge appointed under senate joint resolution, No. 284, January session, 1907.

Incorporations—Amending the charter of the Southern New England Telephone company.

Adjourned.

Condensed Telegrams

Enough Votes were Counted in the senate to put a tax on incomes.

The Ice Jam at Niagara Falls threatens great damage to proerty.

Chilians Believe a Great European power to be back of Peru's present aggressive policy.

The Tobacco Factory of J. M. Vaughan at Owensboro, Ky., burned Tuesday. The loss was $200,000.

A Bill Prohibiting Prize Fights in California on Memorial day was signed by Governor Gillette Tuesday.

Senator Aldrich's Plan for a customs court was approved by other members of the finance committee.

F. A. Delano, President of the Wabash railroad, has resigned as president of the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and has been succeeded by Edwin Gould.

It Was Authoritatively Announced in Houston, Texas, Tuesday, that the Houston Oil company will soon take over the property of the Waters-Pierce company.

The Tannery of A. C. Fisher & Co. of Bethel, Vt., one of the largest leather factories in New England, was burned Tuesday. The loss is $150,000; insurance, $125,000.

The Associated Press Asked the United States senate to concur in the action of the house in removing the tariff on wood pulp and reducing the tax on paper from $6 to $2 a ton.

Monsignor Touchet, bishop of Orleans, has announced to the French bishops and priests that he has the papal authorization to give to the faithful of France the apostolic benediction with full indulgence.

The Bill Providing for Acquisition by the state of the natural mineral springs at Saratoga Springs passed the assembly at Albany, N. Y., Tuesday, and now goes to the governor. The sum of $600,000 is appropriated to acquire the spring.

The Display of a Judicial Impartial spirit in the regulation of the railroads by both state and nation was besought in an address delivered at Watertown, N. Y., Tuesday night by President William C. Brown of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company.

James H. Cassidy, Republican, was Tuesday elected representative in congress from the Twenty-first Ohio district to succeed Theodore E. Burton, recently chosen United States senator. Cassidy's majority over Matthew B. Excell, democrat, is in excess of 4,000.

Because Cardinal Kopp will not permit an Episcopal service following the Catholic ceremony, Ambassador Henry White at Paris will not attend the Catholic wedding of his daughter Mugier, a Protestant, to Count Scherr-Thess, but will attend the civil ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Samuel June Barrows Dead.

New York, April 21.—The Rev. Dr. Samuel June Barrows of Boston, formerly editor of the Christian Register, died in the Presbyterian hospital here tonight after a short illness from pneumonia. He was 64 years old and leaves his wife, who is at present in Russia.

SULTAN MAY WIN OUT AFTER ALL

London Hears of a Definite Agreement with Party of Union and Progress.

RADICALS FROWN UPON ANY COMPROMISE

Insist that the Sultan Must Be Deposed—Conservatives Uncertain the Constitutional Troops Would Uphold Act of Deposition with Their Bayonets—Advance Guard of Macedonians Practically at Gates of City

London, April 21.—A despatch received here from Constantinople says that a definite agreement between the government and the committee of union and progress has been concluded.

According to this Abdul Hamid is to remain as sultan of Turkey, but the present cabinet will resign immediately.

Army at Gates of City.

Constantinople, April 21.—The lines of the constitutional army are drawing closer and closer around the Turkish capital today, and the advance guard of the Macedonians is practically at the gates of the city. The actual advance into the city, however, has not yet begun.

Negotiations for a peaceful settlement are proceeding with hopes of success, and there are increasing evidences that there will be no encounter between the armies of investment and the First Army corps within Constantinople. Fears of possible rioting, however, became manifest today, and many people are leaving the capital by every possible means.

On Verge of Civil War.

Constantinople, April 21.—The conflict between Mussulman piety and the political ideas of the west has brought the Turkish people to the verge of civil war. Zeal for the faith has been unloosed and the adjustment of the sultan's relations to the committee of union and progress probably will only postpone the armed struggle between the believers of the ancient teachings of the prophet and those who urge the teachings from western Europe.

Cabinet Debate Situation.

The cabinet debated the situation for four hours today, giving special attention to the negotiations, which the ministers have taken in hand on behalf of the sultan with the military members of the committee, among whom are Husni Pasha, the commander of the Third army corps, his division commanders, and Izzet Pasha, chief of the general staff.

The Sultan's Primary Demand.

The sultan's primary demand is to remain the constitutional sovereign with all the spiritual powers of the califate, with liberal allowances for his household, while he also asks for a variety of minor guarantees which it would not be difficult to grant.

Radicals Insist There Shall Be No Compromise.

The demand of the committee of union and progress is that the sultan shall offer no resistance whatever and submit unconditionally.

The Salonica committee, which is the backbone of the whole progressive movement, is largely military, and its most important civilian members are with the army.

The radical faction insists that there shall be no compromise; that the sultan must be deposed and a reasonable prince, for instance Yussof Izzedine, should be named as his successor; that the whole administration be cleansed; that no promise of Abdul Hamid's can be trusted and that to re-establish the system of ten days ago would be to settle nothing.

Claim That Troops Cannot Be Depended Upon.

The conservatives urge that the deposition of the sultan would only be possible after severe fighting; that it is uncertain whether the troops under the control of the committee would uphold such an act with their bayonets; that the wavering soldiers of the First army corps, to the number of 25,000 or 30,000, now garrisoning the city, would be inflamed and break out into open revolt, and that to demand too much means the failure of all.

The sultan has got them quarrelling among themselves, said one of the ambassadors today, and he will have his own way yet.

D. A. R. CONGRESS ELECTION OF OFFICERS TODAY.

Both Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Story Are Confident of Victory.

Washington, April 21.—On the eve of the battle of the election of officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the chief contestants are concentrating their forces and each claiming a victory. Both Mrs. Scott of Illinois and Mrs. Story of New York are confident of the outcome. Each was accorded today demonstrations by their followers during the sessions of the congress. It was the first time that Mrs. Scott had appeared before the delegates in anw other capacity than an observer, but today she entered the limelight when she announced from the platform a personal contribution for Continental hall.

A dramatic feature of today's meeting was the frank statement of Miss Janet Richards, the official reader, that she and she alone was responsible for the "blunder" of last night which placed Mrs. Story, Mrs. McLean and the congress in an awkward position, resulting in the refusal of the president general to recognize Mrs. Story to submit her report as regent of New York. The explanation, which was accompanied by an open apology, was greeted with applause, and what promised to turn into a most disagreeable situation turned out to be a genuine love feast for both Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Story in graceful little speeches expressed themselves as entirely satisfied.

A good deal of business was transacted during the day. Many reports from committees were read and ordered printed and the annual contributions for Continental hall fairly swamped the president general's desk. The actual sums handed in, together with the pledges announced, aggregated about $30,000.

The day's events were brought to a close by a reception in honor of the Daughters by the Sons of the American Revolution.

NIAGARA RIVER ICE JAM.

Residents and Property Owners Along the Banks are Terror Stricken.

Lewiston, N. Y., April 21.—Mute, menacing, with true glacial deliberation, the great ice jam still seals the waters of the lower Niagara river. In twenty-four hours the ponderous mass has not moved forward at all, its only motion being a slight rise and fall over the middle of the river as the pent-up forces of Niagara's flood tear their way through new openings in the huge mound of ice.

Residents and property owners all along the banks from Queenstown to Lake Ontario are terror stricken, fearing not so much further rise in the river as the sudden breaking of the jam. Two carloads of dynamite will be sent to Youngstown tomorrow morning to blow up the ice gorge, which engineers think can be done with safety.

THE ANTHRACITE PROBLEM.

Effort to Arrange Another Conference Between Miners and Operators.

Philadelphia, April 21.—President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and the chiefs of three anthracite districts of that organization conferred for four hours today with a committee of operators in an effort to devise some plan whereby another conference between the operators and miners could be arranged to settle the anthracite problem for the next three years.

At the conclusion of the meeting no statement was given out.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow.

Former U. S. Senator Turpie Dead.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 21.—Former United States Senator David Turpie, born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1829, died today in this city. He had been in ill health for ten years. Mr. Turpie defeated his republican opponent, Benjamin Harrison, for the senatorship from Indiana in 1887. He was re-elected in 1893. The legislature in 1899 being republican, Mr. Turpie was retired and Albert J. Beveridge succeeded him.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Genoa, April 21: Verona, from New York via Philadelphia; Duca Degli Abruzzi, from New York.

DROPPED FOUR FLOORS TO THE SIDEWALK.

Mother and Daughter to Escape Flames Rushed to Window.

New York, April 21.—When Mrs. Rachel Matthewson and her daughter Rose, 13 years old, discovered that fire on the floor below their fourth story flat in an East Side tenement had cut off their escape by the stairs late today they rushed to the front window. Mrs. Mathewson climbed out on the sill and lowered herself until she hung by her fingers. Rose followed her out of the window and clung with her arms about her mother's neck.

Mother and daughter hung thus for several minutes, while crowds in the street looked on. Gradually the weight caused the mother's finger tips to slip from the window sill and just as a hook and ladder truck arrived they dropped the four floors to the sidewalk. Mrs. Mathewson struck a first floor sign and as she fell to the sidewalk her daughter fell on top of her. Rose was not badly hurt, but the mother sustained injuries from which the Gouverneur hospital doctors said she would probably die.

FIRED ON AMERICAN SCHOONER.

Dominion Cruiser Captures Alleged Poacher Near Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—The Dominion government cruiser Kestrel arrived in port today, having in charge the American halibut fishing schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, which she captured after firing four rounds from her machine guns and threatening to sink the alleged poaching vessel unless she surrendered.

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—Five bullets tore through the air in the direction of the Woodbury each time the machine gun was fired, as the vessels headed at full speed from the west coast of Vancouver island and pointed towards the middle of the Pacific.

Three of the rounds were merely intended to call attention to the command to heave to which had been issued to the American schooner. But the last series of shots meant business. The gun was pointed at the fish boat which was then at a distance of about 200 yards and still making for the open sea as rapidly as possible. The bullets, which were aimed high, ripped the mainsail of the schooner and one or two knocked splinters off the mainmast. Captain Sinclair feared that he would be sunk right there if he did not stop. At the same moment the second gun of the Kestrel was swung across her lock to get into range of the fishing boat. The Woodbury's engines were then stopped, and her sails, pashed by the British bullets, hauled down. A few minutes later, an officer and three men from the Kestrel boarded the Woodbury and took charge. Captain Newcombe of the Kestrel declares that if he ever had a clear case against an American vessel this is the one. Early Sunday afternoon he declares the Kestrel was steaming in from Quatsine sound on the west coast when he spied an American vessel fishing between East and West Haycock islands. These islands lie about ten miles off Cape Scott, the northernmost point of Vancouver island. The islands are themselves five miles apart, so that from Captain Newcombe's figuring it is impossible that the American boat could be more than two and a half miles from either shore.

Actress Stabbed Hotel Clerk With Hatpin.

Cincinnati, April 21.—Armed with a hatpin, Bonita, leading woman of the Wine, Woman and Song musical comedy company, which disbanded here yesterday, was arrested here today after she had painfully wounded Night Clerk William Heilich, Jr., and Watchman Adam Matz of the Sinton hotel and had caused such a commotion in the hallway of the hotel that several patrolmen were summoned to take her to police headquarters.

Towed Into New London Leaking Badly.

New London, April 21.—The schooner S. M. Baird, in command of Captain Norwood, bound from Philadelphia for Calais, was towed into this port today, leaking badly. She was beached with nine feet of water in her hold.