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RIOT IN THE REICHSRATH.

MOST DISGRACEFUL SCENE YET IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT.

AFTER A PITCHED BATTLE OF FISTICUFFS AND PERSONAL ASSAULTS THE SITTING IS CLOSED AMID WILD DISORDER.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—The members of the lower house of the Reichsrath to-day excelled themselves in producing the most disgraceful scene yet witnessed in that branch of Parliament. The turbulence resulted from a motion that only one of a number of similar petitions against the ordinance making the Czech language co-ordinate with the German in Bohemia should be read and printed. This order of the Government has been the basis of the many uproarious scenes which have been described in these dispatches for a number of weeks past, although the question of renewing the compact between Austria and Hungary, provisionally, at least, has been mixed up in all the bitter feeling manifested by the German and anti-German elements.

The members of the Left Party to-day protested uproariously against the motion referred to, stigmatizing it as "oppressive and illegal." Finally, the members of the lower house became so disorderly that the President of that body, Dr. Abrahamovics, was once more compelled to suspend the sitting, and he soon afterward left the House.

The departure of President Abrahamovics was the signal for a scene of the wildest disorder. Dr. Wolff, the German Nationalist leader, clambered up into the President's tribune, seized a heavy bell and swung it to and fro, materially increasing the disorder prevailing. The bell, however, was almost immediately wrenched from Dr. Wolff's hand by Deputy Potock.

While this incident was in progress, challenges to fight duels and showers of billingsgate and insults were exchanged on all sides, until the interior of the House in every way resembled an inferno. A number of Young Czechs and Poles made a rush for the President's tribune and attempted to tear Dr. Wolff down from the position which he occupied; but they in turn were attacked by a number of the party of the Left and a disgraceful scrimmage was the result. This was only the beginning of the fighting. During the preliminary scuffling some of the Young Czecks struck Dr. Wolff, andthis caused such an uproar that a regular pitched battle with fisticuffs followed, lasting for about a quarter of an hour.

Herr Schoenerer, the leader of a section of the German Opposition, caught hold of and brandished over his head one of the Ministers' armchairs, and was evidently about to hurl it at the heads of his immediate opponents when he was seized and disarmed by Herr Hagenhofer.

By this time the disorder was of such a nature that even the public in the galleries cried "Shame!" upon the fighting, swearing Deputies. A Polish member, Herr Polacz, rushed upon another member, Herr Pferoche, and was nearly strangling him, when Pferoche, on the impulse of the moment, drew a penknife from his pocket and opened it, but he was disarmed by a colleague before any further harm was done. Herr Pferoche was by that time so exhausted by the choking he had received at the hands of Herr Polacz, and was so overcome with excitement that he fainted, still further adding to the sensation.

At this moment President Abrahamovics returned to the House, but, after repeated and vain efforts to quell the disorder prevailing, he closed the sitting of the House. In so doing the President said:

"In view of the acts of violence which have occurred in the House to-day, I consider it my duty to close this sitting. Will those members who are willing to give me the names of the violent members please come to my office?"

Several members of the House accepted the invitation of the President, and, as a result, it is believed that Herren Schoenerer, Wolff and Pferoche will be arrested upon the charge of fighting in public.

The House will meet again to-morrow.

President Abrahamovics was greeted with cries of "Polish scoundrel," "swindler," "blackguard" and other epithets. One deputy was stabbed in the hand; another had his collarbone broken; a third received a severe scalp wound.

Count Badeni, the Premier, with a sneer on his face, watched the combat throughout. Herr Wolff declared that he would bring his revolver to the next sitting.

London, Nov. 25.—The correspondent of a London paper, describing the scene in the Reichsrath to-day, says:

"Herr Wolff received the worst treatment. He was struck in the head a dozen times. Blows rained upon his face; the bell was thrown at him; his clothes were torn. As often as he got up he was knocked off his feet.

"Suddenly during the melée a fierce shriek was heard, and a knife was seen flying toward the Leftists. It fell upon Dr. Gessoann, whose hand was wounded. It was wrested from Herr Pfersche by Herr Lemisch, who threw it across the heads of the Deputies.

"Another scream rang through the House. Herr Pfersche had been siezed by the throat. Count von der Lilie emptied glasses of water over the combatants, with a view of separating them. The Police Commissioner, with fifteen men, summoned by the President, appeared just as the President was closing the sitting."

RICH GIFTS TO PHILADELPHIA.

A FREE LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY TO BE ESTABLISHED BY MR. WIDENER AT A COST OF $1,000,000.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—At a dinner given to-night by P. A. B. Widener to about twenty intimate, personal and business associates, all men of prominence in Philadelphia, the formal announcement was made by Dr. William Pepper, formerly provost of the University of Pennsylvania, of Mr. Widener's intention to present to the Free Library of Philadelphia his handsome house. The building is to be held in trust forever by the city as an integral part of the Free Library system under the name of Josephine Widener Memorial Branch, to commemorate the dead wife of the donor.

Dr. Pepper further said that Mr. and Mrs. Widener, before the latter's death, had carefully considered the matter of giving aid to various institutions, and it had been resolved that the greatest good to the community would be done by the development of a system to include a free art gallery, free museum of science and art and a free library. In furtherance of those ideas, Dr. Pepper announced, Mr. Widener intended to bequeath to the city his splendid art collection on condition that a suitable fireproof art gallery shall be constructed in a central location in the city, and that it shall at all times be free to the public. Dr. Pepper added that he could authoritatively state that other well-known art collections of enormous value woud also be bequeathed in a like manner.

Regarding a free museum Dr. Pepper said that four contributions of $50,000 each have been made toward the construction of a museum building by Mr. Widener, W. L. Elkins, Edwin H. Fitler and Daniel Baugh. This building would be erected on a tract of land in West Philadelphia, given by the city in trust to the University of Pennsylvania for the creation of a park and free museum of science and art. The building will be constructed under the auspices and management of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, in the hands of which institution the park and building will permanently remain. The Commercial Museum has already received a liberal appropriation from the State to aid in the construction of the building and the maintenance of a commercial exhibition.

A low estimate of the value of the house given by Mr. Widener to the Free Library, when equipped for library purposes, is $600,000, and Dr. Pepper said that the donor will expend not less than $400,000 additional in placing therein a gallery of choice specimens of purely American art.

ENGINEERS AND EMPLOYERS CONFER.

AN ALL-DAY SESSION IN LONDON—NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

London, Nov. 24.—There is widespread interest in the conference between the representatives of the employers and the delegates of the striking engineers, which began this morning behind closed doors, after many weeks of negotiation. The discussions are expected to be prolonged, and it is hoped some satisfactory understanding will be arrived at, in view of the great injury the strike has inflicted upon the engineering trades of Great Britain.

The conference lasted all day long, and no agreement had been reached when it adjourned.

The employers discussed the freedom of the management of their works without the interference of trades-unions, and submitted a resolution on the subject, embodying their views. The engineers submitted amendments to this resolution.

CUBAN TARIFF OPPOSED

COMMERCIAL BODIES IN SPAIN CONTINUE TO PROTEST.

Barcelona, Nov. 24.—At a meeting yesterday evening of the delegates representing a number of political and commercial societies, held at the Republican Club, a dispatch was sent to the Premier, Señor Sagasta, strongly protesting against granting customs autonomy to Cuba and Porto Rico, and asserting the intention of the societies represented of continuing their opposition to customs autonomy. This protest was not addressed to any particular party, though the protesters assert that the party securing peace in Cuba without injuring the interests of Spain and Cuba will receive the recognition hereafter of the political and commercial societies referred to.

The dispatch to the Premier was signed by the Marine Society, the Public Works Society, the Athenæum Society, by many Republican Societies and by other important societies.

Madrid, Nov. 24.—The Chambers of Commerce of Bilbao and Santander have telegraphed to Señor Sagasta, the Premier, and to Señor Moret, the Minister for the Colonies, demanding protection for Spanish products in Cuba.

A review of the newspaper situation here shows that ten newspapers are hostile to General Weyler, while five papers are in his favor. Of the military organs, two periodicals support the former Governor-General of Cuba, and one opposes him.

General Weyler has written a letter to a friend in Malaga, saying he is prepared to support any political leader to "carry on the glorious heritage of Canovas," adding: "If I had been allowed to remain in Cuba, the war would have been ended in May."

Señor Romero Robledo, the former Minister of Justice and warm friend of General Weyler, has convened a meeting of the Dissident Conservatives, to take place early in December. The programme which this party will be asked to adopt is as follows: Strenuous defence of the national integrity and no concessions to a foreign Government, nor weakness toward the insurgents. Protection for national labor and the maintenance of the same tariff in Cuba as in Spain.

A STATEMENT AS TO FILIBUSTERING.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The Bureau of Navigation of the Treasury Department has in preparation for the use of the Secretary of State a transcript of the orders given to commanders of revenue cutters and other officers of the Department, with a view to the suppression of filibustering. The cost to the Government is not being taken into account. The statement will cover the entire time since hostilities broke out in Cuba, and will be voluminous.

THE PROGRAMME OF PARLIAMENT.

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SAYS MR. CHAMBERLAIN, AND ARMY REFORM.

London, Nov. 24.—The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the course of an important speech at Birmingham this evening on internal politics, said he expected that the greater part of the coming session of Parliament would be given over to the Government measure granting local government to Ireland.

Mr. Chamberlain also announced that the Government would introduce a comprehensive measure of army reform, based upon a careful consideration of England's military needs, though without attempting to rival Continental armies or to alter the system of recruiting. He said he considered the army ought to be "strong enough to meet the possible, though improbable, emergency of a breakdown in the navy."

GIRAFFE DIED FROM A BROKEN NECK.

ARRIVAL OF THE CIRCUS STEAMER IN PORT—MISHAPS OF THE VOYAGE.

London, Nov. 24.—The Atlantic Transport Company's steamship Massachusetts, which left New-York on November 12 for London, carrying as a cargo the greater part of Barnum & Bailey's menagerie and show, arrived off Gravesend, at the mouth of the Thames, to-day. Except on the first three days she had a smooth passage.

A dispatch from Gravesend says that the giraffe died of a broken neck on the night of the 14th. Four horses, including Eagle, also succumbed.

A GROWL FROM THE BEAR.

URGING OTHER SEIZURES OF CHINESE TERRITORY TO COUNTERBALANCE GERMAN ACTION.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—The Russian newspapers urge that Russia, France and Great Britain should occupy points in China, to counterbalance the German occupation of Kiao-Chau Bay, Shan-Tung Peninsula.

CYCLONE RAGING AT MADRAS.

Madras, India, Nov. 25.—A terrible cyclone is raging here this morning.

The city of Madras, capital of the Presidency of the same name, on the Coromandel coast, is situated on an open, sterile and sandy shore, without a harbor or landing-place, and exposed to the swell of the Bay of Bengal, which breaks upon the beach with great violence. A large part of the city consists of what is called the Black Town, containing the native and East Indian population, with a few European families. It is closely and irregularly built with brick houses and bamboo huts, but the garden houses in the vicinity, in which most of the Europeans reside, are generally one story high and embowered among trees and bushes

COMMITMENT ORDER FOR A PEER.

THE YOUNG DUKE OF MANCHESTER'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

London, Nov. 24.—The Cambridge County Court this morning made a commitment order on the Duke of Manchester, who was sued for a livery stable debt of £49 and costs. The order, however, was suspended for three weeks, with liberty to appeal.

William Angus Montagu, the present Duke of Manchester, is the ninth Duke and son of the eighth Duke of Manchester, whose wife was formerly Miss Consuelo Yznaga, of New-York. The present Duke was born on March 3, 1877, and succeeded to the title on the death of his father, in 1892. The estates of the Dukes of Manchester include Kimbolton Castle and Brampton Park, Huntingdonshire, England, and Tangeragee Castle, County Armagh, Ireland. During the early part of the present year it was reported that the Duke of Manchester was to marry Miss Pauline Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor, a report which was subsequently denied. The young Duke has also been mentioned as an aspirant to the hand of Miss Mary Goelet, daughter of the late Ogden Goelet. This rumor went so far as to have it that the Duke was engaged to Miss Goelet, a statement which was emphatically denied by the family.

THE KAISER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW ILL.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Duke Ernest Gunther of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the Empress of Germany, was taken suddenly ill to-day. He is suffering from enteritis, an inflammation of the intestines.

SENT TO THE CLINTON PRISON FOR LIFE.

Kingston, N. Y., Nov. 24 (Special).—Joseph Decker, who murdered William Gardiner in the town of Plattekill, Ulster County, on June 19, shooting him in his cornfield from ambush, was convicted of murder in the second degree here this evening, and was immediately sentenced to the Dannemora State Prison for life by Judge Chester. He has been on trial nearly two weeks, and great interest was manifested. The main defence was insanity. The jury was out only two hours.

PLAYWRIGHT DIES WITH HIS MISTRESS.

FRANCOIS MONS, IN FINANCIAL STRAITS, INHALES CHARCOAL FUMES.

Paris, Nov. 24.—François Mons, the playwright and translator of French plays into English for production in the United States, has committed suicide, with his mistress, by inhaling charcoal fumes. Mons latterly had been in financial straits.

TWELVE KILLED IN A RAILWAY SMASH.

Paris, Nov. 24.—A dispatch from Tarbes, capital of the Department of Hautes Pyrenées, announces that a ballast train to-day overtook a passenger train, in a fog, at the Tournay Railroad station. The shock is described as having been terrific; several cars were ground into splinters, twelve persons were killed and many were injured.

CABLE TO HAWAII TO BE LAID.

SAN FRANCISCO TO BE CONNECTED WITH HONOLULU IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS—THE COMPANY WILL THEN REACH OUT TO JAPAN, CHINA AND AUSTRALASIA.

A meeting of the Pacific Cable Company of New-York was held yesterday at the offices of the Central and South American Telegraph Company, in this city. The following Board of Directors was elected: J. Pierpont Morgan, Edmund L. Baylies, J. Kennedy Tod, Rear-Admiral John Irwin, United States Navy, and James A. Scrymser. James A. Scrymser was elected president, and Edmund L. Baylies vice-president and acting treasurer.

The company announces that its proposed cable will connect San Francisco with the Hawaiian Islands near Honolulu; extensions from the Hawaiian Islands will be made to Japan and Australasia; the surveys for the cable between the coast of California and the Hawaiian Islands are highly satisfactory, and arrangements are being made for the establishment of that section within eighteen months. Deep-sea surveys in the southwestern Pacific show a remarkably even bottom, much more favorable than the older charts indicated, many supposed shoals having been expunged from the admiralty charts.

It will require over nine thousand miles of cable to connect the United States with the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China and Australasia.

The Pacific Cable Company will be independent of the Mexican Telegraph Company, the Central and South American Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company in its organization, but it is stated that those companies will have close business relations with it.

KAIULANI IN BUSINESS FOR HERSELF.

EX-QUEEN "LIL'S" FOLLOWERS SUSPICIOUS OF THE PRINCESS'S INTENTIONS.

Honolulu, Nov. 17.—The presence of Princess Kaiulani is not satisfactory to the adherents of the deposed Queen, as they believe that the young woman has returned for the purpose of starting a boom for herself, at the expense of the former Queen. Kaiulani's supporters assert that, in the event of a refusal on the part of Congress to annex Hawaii, she will stand a good chance of being placed on the throne under a limited monarchy. The Princess has been giving public receptions at her home and in other ways trying to make herself popular.

J. K. Kaulia and N. Kalanokaiiani will leave the islands for Washington, to work against annexation. Both men represent the royalists of Honolulu. At a later date they will be followed by John Richardson and R. W. Wilcox, both half-whites, and A. Marques, white, who was selected by the Queen's supporters on the Island of Maui. Wilcox was originally in favor of the present Government. After a time he became dissatisfied, and finally joined the ranks of the rebels of 1895. He was sent to prison, and is now out on parole. He was sent to Italy by Kalakaua to receive military training. In 1887, shortly after his return to the islands, he started a movement to dethrone the King. He and his followers were repulsed by the whites.

STARVING IN MIDOCEAN.

PROVISIONS THROWN TO THE CREW OF THE ELITE FROM THE ROSSMORE.

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—The British steamship Rossmore, which arrived here to-day, reports having sighted the schooner Elite, Captain Hargrave, in midocean on November 18, with signals displayed that the crew were starving. Provisions were with difficulty, owing to the heavy seas, thrown on the deck of the schooner, and the Rossmore proceeded on her way. The Elite was bound from Cadiz, Spain, to St. Johns, N. F.

A BOSTON MAN ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

HE WAS MARRIED A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND HAS BEEN REGARDED AS HAVING BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Boston, Nov. 24 (Special).—William F. Spear, who, a few months ago, had the reputation of being one of the brightest of the younger business men of this city, was arrested this morning on a charge of forgery preferred by his cousin, Sanford L. Leeds, who is in the shoe business in Bedford-st. This is the second chapter in the history of a man whose downfall seems to be past accounting for. The story is almost tragic in its pathos.

Last July Spear was the bridegroom at a fashionable wedding which was celebrated at the Nottingham. This morning he was in the Municipal Court dock, while among the spectators sat his bride, anxiously awaiting the result. When he was arrested, a few days ago, she had to sacrifice some of her jewels to furnish bail for him. His partnership was dissolved in the early part of last month. He had a fine place and commanded a large salary. Mr. Spear at one time lived in Beacon-st., at the corner of Joy-st., and later moved to Winchester. He was arrested in that town about a fortnight ago, on complaint of Mr. Prior, and the second warrant was served on him while he was in court this morning, being out on bail and waiting to answer to the first complaint.

The police say that a number of complaints have come to headquarters concerning worthless checks which it is alleged he passed, the total running up into thousands of dollars.

ESCAPED INTO THE MOJAVE DESERT.

AN INSANE MAN LEAPS FROM THE SANTA FE OVERLAND TRAIN.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 24.—A. R. Roberts, a passenger on the westbound train on the Santa Fe overland bound for San Francisco, became suddenly insane on Monday, laboring under the hallucination that he was being pursued by enemies. Sympathizing passengers took charge of him, but he became worse, and yesterday morning, while the train was crossing the Mojave Desert, jumped through a car window and escaped in the darkness. The train was stopped and a search made for him without avail. A gang of railway workers has been sent in search of him. He comes from the East, but nothing is known of his antecedents. He will die of thirst unless speedily found.

BURGLARY INSURANCE COMPANY QUITS.

Boston, Nov. 24.—The New-England Burglary Insurance Company to-day announced that it had decided to go out of business. At a meeting held here yesterday, it was voted to accept no new business, and it has reinsured all outstanding risks with the Fidelity and Casualty Company, of New-York. All present policies will be carried to their expiration, the company being obliged under Massachusetts laws to maintain its organization until all policies have terminated. The manager of the company stated to-day that the company has unsettled losses of less than $200, and has funds of more than $100,000, against which there is practically no liability whatever. He added that the primary reason for the change in plans was that the expenses incurred in the development of the business had been much heavier than was at first expected, while the returns have been slow. In view of these facts, President Brewster, who was heavily interested, secured control of the business and brought about the change.

MILWAUKEE BONDS AT A HIGH PREMIUM.

Milwaukee, Nov. 24.—The city of Milwaukee has sold $200,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds at record-breaking premiums for this city. The bonds were sold in two separate blocks, $140,000 of which were city school bonds, and $120,000 garbage disposal plant bonds. The Wisconsin National Bank purchased the school bonds, paying a premium therefor of 13.90 per cent, which reduces their interest-paying power to 3.35 per cent. R. L. Day & Co., of New-York City, bought the garbage bonds at a premium of 12.51 per cent, thus reducing their interest-paying capacity to 3.39 per cent. The premiums paid for these bonds are the highest ever paid for Milwaukee municipal securities, the high-water mark until to-day being 12.87 per cent.

The validity of the garbage bonds being called into question, the bonds have been deposited in the First National Bank of Milwaukee in escrow pending a decision of the State Supreme Court, which is expected in two weeks.

FALL OF A TWO-TON GIRDER.

A large iron girder, thirty-six feet long and weighing over two tons, fell from the twelfth floor of the Washington Life Insurance Building, which is now in course of construction at Broadway and Liberty-st., at 4.05 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A rope broke on the derrick, and the girder, with the derrick, came tumbling down, carrying along part of the brick wall on the third floor of the building at No. 87 Liberty-st. and making a dent of several inches in the flagging. A number of people who were passing at the time had narrow escapes. The foreman of the derrick was arrested. Tenants of No. 87 Liberty-st. claim that that building was shaken, and that the walls have been cracked in several places. The police sent for a building inspector.

FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The Empress of Germany to-day opened a bazaar for the benefit of the Silesian flood sufferers.

Dispatches just received here from Saxon Thuringia show that earthquakes in the mountainous districts have occurred, and have damaged the famous railroad viaduct of the Goeltzsch Valley, rendering it of no use for traffic for some time to come.

REPUBLICANS TO CONFER.

IMPORTANT MEETING CALLED FOR MONDAY.

A NEW ORGANIZATION LOOKED UPON AS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY IN VIEW OF THE EXPRESS STATEMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH SHOW THAT THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION IS DEAD.

Representatives of eight Assembly districts which have always been considered Republican strongholds will meet on Monday evening next to arrange a plan of action for the future guidance of the party in the city and county. The argument used as to the necessity of this conference is best stated in the words of one of the active delegates to the meeting.

"The recent election," he said, "was a general election in every sense of the words, and if it is not to be considered as such then Alton B. Parker was not duly elected as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, as I am sure that a local election in New-York City could not determine who would be Chief Justice. If he was legally elected, and there seems to be no doubt as to that, then it was a general election, and thus Section No. 38 of the constitution of the Republican County Committee is in full force, which provides 'that if the Republican vote of any election district at a general election shall be less than the number of members borne upon the rolls of the association of that district, such an association shall be disqualified from representation in any convention, . . . and the association shall be dissolved.' This is the case in all the districts of the city.

NO ORGANIZATION, THEREFORE.

"We, therefore, have no organization of the party, and one of two things must be done. Either the old organization must be revived and a new, pure life put into it, or an entirely new organization must be formed."

With this idea in mind delegates from the Vth, XIXth, XXIst, XXIIId, XXVth, XXVIIth, XXIXth and XXXIst Assembly districts will meet on Monday evening to formulate plans for the future of the Republican party in New-York City.

Each of these districts will have five delegates at the conference and they will fully decide on one of two plans: Either to continue to work inside of the present county organization, if it is purified and the rolls are thoroughly purged, or else to form an organization independent of the county organization of Mr. Quigg. While the plans for either reform or a new organization will be the main point to be discussed, each district represented will be expected to formulate some plan of its own for the future guidance of the party, and to this end the various committees will meet in their own districts between now and Monday night and prepare their suggestions for the conference.

The consensus of opinion among the delegates to the conference is that it will be absolutely necessary to form a new organization, as they all say that to all intents and purposes the present organization is legally dead, and that the only hope for the party for future success is not to attempt to resurrect the old one, but to build up an entirely new organization, which will have the elements of personal power and fictitious registration of Republican voters eliminated.

NEW FACTS COMING TO LIGHT.

As to the registration, new facts are coming to light each day that make more apparent the methods used at the June enrolment. In addition to his discovery of the enrolment of the dog Jack that was looked upon as intelligent enough to vote a "straight" machine ticket, James Yereance, of the XXIXth Assembly District, has discovered some marked irregularities in the First Election District of the XXIXth Assembly District. This was brought about by the discovery that a man was enrolled from that district who had never been naturalized. The latter's son, in speaking of it said: "The chairman of the district said that he wanted all the names he could get on the rolls, because every twenty names meant an additional delegate to the convention. He therefore had father's name put on the list, and he told us that it made no difference. All he wanted was a large list."

After this discovery was made a cursory examination of the rolls of the district was made, and it disclosed on the list eighteen names of men who either were not entitled to a vote or had never lived in the district.

It is thought that a closer investigation of the polls of this district will bring to light still further irregularities. These facts, as well as the careful investigation of the registration of other districts, will be brought up at the conference on Monday night.

"We are determined to make the party what it should be in this city," said one of the delegates to the conference from the XXVth Assembly District. "Personally I would prefer that we continue the present party organization under new management, but that seems a hopeless undertaking, as Mr. Quigg, by the authority delegated to him by Mr. Platt, seems inclined to rule or ruin; and although he says he is willing to make a personal sacrifice if it is needed, yet he so conducts himself as to lead us to believe that he means only a personal sacrifice to his master, and not to the party. If he were in earnest he would not attempt to seek a re-election to the chairmanship of the County Committee, but would give way and let the party become thoroughly purified and free from the suspicion now cast upon it."

HIS CONFERENCE WITH MR. QUIGG.

Hoffman Miller, who is a delegate from the XXVIIth Assembly District to the coming conference, gave some new light on Mr. Quigg's promises to purge the rolls, when seen yesterday afternoon by a Tribune reporter. Mr. Miller visited Mr. Quigg just prior to election and called his attention to the manifestly fraudulent enrolment in the Fifth Election District of the XXVIIth Assembly District. Mr. Quigg admitted, Mr. Miller said, that there was no question as to the fraudulent enrolment. Then assistance was offered him to have it corrected, but Mr. Quigg refused on the plea that he did not have time to attend to it until after election. Mr. Miller said in speaking of the incident: "I called on Mr. Quigg shortly before the election and called his attention to the apparent fraudulent character of the rolls in some of the election districts, particularly in the Fifth Election District of the XXVIIth Assembly District. He admitted that from figures of that district it seemed as if the rolls were padded. He declined then to take any action in the matter, but stated that it was the intention of the County Committee to take the matter up after election and to revise so far as it might be necessary the rolls of that district and others in the city."

MR. BARCUS SEES SENATOR PLATT.

THE CALL FOR A MEETING OF REPUBLICANS IN THE XXIST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NOT AFFECTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

Republicans of the regular organization in the XXIst Assembly District were apparently trying to come to some agreement yesterday afternoon, and representatives of the two factions of the organization were in conference with each other and with Senator Platt. Lemuel E. Quigg, the president of the Republican County Committee, was drawn into the conference late in the afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Abraham Gruber and Silas C. Croft were there in conversation with State Senator Ford and James S. Barcus. Mr. Gruber and Mr. Croft first saw Mr. Platt, and later Mr. Ford took Mr. Barcus and other Republicans who want reform in the organization up to see Mr. Platt. Mr. Quigg came in while the conferences were in progress.

Nobody would tell what had happened at the conferences, but it was supposed that Mr. Barcus and his friends had been allowed to explain their grievances, and it was supposed also that an effort had been made to bring about a reconciliation and a feeling of brotherly love in the district organization. Mr. Barcus has called a meeting of the Republicans of the XXIst District and the upper West Side to discuss reform methods at Lion Park on next Monday evening, and there was no announcement last evening that the meeting had been postponed. The call for the meeting indicated that one of the objects was to voice a sentiment of opposition to the re-election of Mr. Quigg as president of the County Committee.

TO RECOMMEND A CURRENCY PLAN

THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GAGE IN PERFECT ACCORD.

Washington, Nov. 24.—"The Evening Star" to-day says: "It can be stated on the highest authority that the President is going to recommend a plan for currency reform in his Message, and, further, that that part of the Message was written with the co-operation of Secretary Gage. It is authoritatively stated that 'Secretary Gage is perfectly satisfied with the President's Message in regard to financial legislation, and that it meets his entire views and support.'

"Further than this, it can be stated, on the same high authority, that the Secretary of the Treasury will submit to Congress in his annual report the plan for currency reform which he submitted to Congress at its meeting on Friday, October 29. The Secretary intends to submit his report to Congress almost identically as it was submitted to the Cabinet, but with the exception that he will make some further recommendations, but these will not materially change the plan already announced."

RESIGNS FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

DR. QUINN'S DEPARTURE SAID TO BE THE RESULT OF THE SCHROEDER CONTROVERSY.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Dr. Daniel Quinn, the head of the Greek department of the Catholic University, has tendered his resignation. The resignation is dated November 15, is addressed to Monsignor Conaty, the rector of the University, and is to take effect at the end of the present scholastic year. Dr. Quinn says, however, that he will withdraw immediately if desired by the authorities of the University.

No reason is assigned for this action, and both Dr. Quinn and Monsignor Conaty refuse to make any statement regarding it, but it is said that the recent controversy over the Schroeder case hastened Dr. Quinn's determination to resign. The matter has been referred to a committee of the trustees, consisting of Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Monsignor Conaty.

A VETERAN'S LONG TRAMP.

FROM ESSEX COUNTY, THIS STATE, TO SAN FRANCISCO TO GET PENSION PAPERS INDORSED.

San Francisco, Nov. 24 (Special).—After a tramp from Westport, Essex County, N. Y., to San Francisco, Daniel McConnell, aged sixty-five years, ill and infirm, but hopeful, lies at the city prison as the city's ward, while waiting for tardy recognition of his claims by the United States Government. At the first call for volunteers at the opening of the Civil War McConnell volunteered as a private in Company A, 96th New-York Volunteers, under command of Captain George Hines. Captain Hines is now a resident of San Francisco. After his discharge from the Army McConnell returned to his farm in Essex County and lived there, acquiring a competency, which he enjoyed until, through reverses, he was compelled to apply for a pension, basing his claims upon injuries received during his term of service. His application was rejected because of informalities. Then it was suggested that if he got his captain's indorsement all would be well, but Hines objected to giving affidavits unless he could see the man. So McConnell, who had no money, started to walk across the continent. It took him over six months to make the journey, but he arrived all right and secured the papers he desired. Then his strength collapsed and he had to go to a hospital.

COLORED PRESBYTERIANS TO ORGANIZE.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE FORMATION OF A SEPARATE CHURCH.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 24 (Special).—The colored Presbyterians of the South, at present affiliated with the Southern General Assembly (white), intend to take immediate steps to organize an independent colored Presbyterian Church in the United States. Leading Southern colored ministers and elders will meet for this purpose in the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham next Friday and hold a three day's session, with this object in view. Since the war the Southern General Assembly has endeavored to keep its colored ministers and churches under its jurisdiction, but they have shown a growing disposition to act for themselves, and many of them have gone into the Northern Assembly. Under the circumstances, the Southern Assembly's Committee on Colored Evangelization has fostered the idea of an independent colored church, and the movement has become a general one. The proposed Church is to be National in jurisdiction, with no sectional lines. The convention on Friday will be attended by leading colored ministers from all over the United States and committees from the two white assemblies, and the result is expected to be a plan for the organization of the Colored Presbyterian Church of America.

"BILLY" RYAN ARRESTED IN UTICA.

THE POLICE TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT A SPARRING EXHIBITION BETWEEN HIM AND WILLIS JOHNS.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 24 (Special).—The police authorities to-day took active steps to prevent a fifteen-round sparring exhibition to-morrow between "Billy" Ryan, of Syracuse, and Willis Johns, of Buffalo, before the Columbia Athletic Club, an incorporated concern, which professes to be acting under the Horton law. Ryan and Johns last week fought eight rounds in New-Hartford. Ryan, his trainer, Samuel Rickerby; George L. Barber and Edward Cleghorn were arrested today for training for the fight in this city. They were arraigned in the police court and held for trial. Johns, who is in Syracuse, will be arrested if he comes to Utica. The club officials say that an exhibition will be given, notwithstanding the arrests.

BARRIOS IN POWER FOR SIX YEARS.

THE REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA A SMALL AFFAIR, EASILY SUPPRESSED.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 24.—The United States steamer Alert came in port to-day, eleven days from Acapulco. The Alert left San Francisco on her way south on September 18, her first point of destination being Ozcos, in Guatemala. When the Alert reached there the insurgents had looted the custom-house, taking about $25,000, and had gone to the interior. The Government forces were in possession of the town, and the Alert passed on to San José, where she remained during the insurrection. Captain Richards says that at most the uprising was a small affair, the leaders being supported by Indians and people taken out of the coffee plantations.

Before the Alert left San José, on November 6, General Barrios had completely suppressed the uprising, and had established himself in office for another six years. He had the support of the military and the foreign element, with whom he appeared to be in good standing.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A CABLE-CAR.

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED AT A SWITCHING STATION BEFORE HIS UNCLE'S EYES.

Five-year-old Charles Clark, whose parents live at No. 45 Manhattan-st., was crushed to death yesterday afternoon by a cable-car in front of No. 52 Manhattan-st. Just after 4 o'clock the boy, with John Daly, whose parents live close by, started for a candy store. It was necessary for them to cross the street, and the Daly boy was afraid.

"Come on," cried the little Clark child, "don't be afraid! My uncle is over there."

The uncle is Patrick McAvoy, a cable-car repairer, and at the time he was standing across the street. The Clark boy ran forward, but had not taken three steps before a car, moving rapidly, struck him and passed over his body. The boy was dead before his body could be taken from beneath the wheels by his uncle, who had witnessed the accident but had been helpless to save the child.

The accident occurred at the point where the two branches of the One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. car line meet. The cars which keep to Tenth-ave. are released from one cable, switch forward and catch the other cable to go up Tenth-ave. The child was run over in the slight space between the two. The car was in charge of Frank Donohue, of No. 31 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., and by his side was a green gripman, Herman Schning, of No. 246 West One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st., whom Donohue was instructing. Both men were arrested, but both insisted that the accident could not have been avoided.

The Clark family is particularly unfortunate. A year ago another child, a boy, six years old, was run over and killed by a wagon, at One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st. and Amsterdam-ave.

FEMALE BLACKMAILER SENTENCED.

London, Nov. 24.—At the Central Criminal Court to-day Florence Stansfield, who was charged at the Westminster Police Court on November 12 with attempting to blackmail Earl Carrington, the Joint Hereditary Lord High Chamberlain, was sentenced to eighteen months' penal servitude.

RUMOR ABOUT MR. QUIGG.

A TAMMANY MAN SAYS HE IS TO BE A POLICE COMMISSIONER.

HE HIMSELF SAYS THAT HE "GUESSES" HE DOESN'T "WANT THAT OFFICE," BUT DOES NOT DENY THAT IT HAS BEEN OFFERED TO HIM.

There was a report yesterday that Lemuel E. Quigg, president of the Republican County Committee, will be one of the Police Commissioners after January 1, 1898. The law in regard to a Bipartisan Board was not changed under the new charter, and as a result Justice Van Wyck will be compelled to appoint two Republican and two Democratic members on the Board of Police Commissioners, when he enters upon his term as Mayor.

The authority for the statement that Mr. Quigg would be selected as one of the Republican members of the Board is a Democrat who is prominent in the inner circles of Tammany.

The news of this plan has caused considerable discussion among the politicians. The followers of Messrs. Platt and Quigg hail the suggestion with joy, as they see luring possibilities in it. Anti-machine Republicans point to this arrangement as a further proof of the compact between Tammany and the Republican campaign managers prior to the recent election. This appointment, they say, would be the most appropriate gift to make to the Republican machine managers for their faithful services.

If this appointment should be made it would be necessary for Mr. Quigg to resign his seat in Congress, as his term will not end until after the Commissioners are appointed.

When he was seen at his home, No. 210 West Seventieth-st., last night by a Tribune reporter and asked in regard to the report, Mr. Quigg said, after hesitating for some time:

"No, I do not want it. I would not take it if it was offered to me. It is not in accordance with my plans for the future. No, I guess I do not want that office."

The interview then ended without Mr. Quigg's stating definitely whether it was true or not that the appointment had been offered to him under the new Democratic administration.

A BIG TRACTION DEAL CLOSED.

STOCK OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF PITTSBURG, AMOUNTING TO $20,000,000, PURCHASED BY A SYNDICATE.

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—Alexander Brown & Sons, representing a syndicate of Baltimore, London, New-York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg capitalists, have purchased all the stock of the United Traction Company of Pittsburg, amounting to $20,000,000, of which $3,000,000 is preferred and $17,000,000 common. This will give them control of the largest street railway system in Pittsburg and Allegheny, owning and operating over one hundred and seventeen miles of electric lines. The United Traction Company is a consolidation, effected about July 1, of all the lines formerly owned and operated by the Second Avenue Traction Company, running through some of the principal streets of Pittsburg and connecting that city with various suburbs. It controls the only access by street railway to Pittsburg on both sides of the river from the valley of the Monongahela. The consolidation also included all the lines formerly owned and operated by the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company and the Federal Street and Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company, comprising practically all the lines in the city of Allegheny.

The earnings of the United Traction Company for the four months it has been in operation—July, August, September and October—amounted to $501,295 78. The operating expenses, including taxes and insurance, were $248,538 29, leaving net earnings of $252,757 49. The fixed charges for