

WHITNEY BID WITHDRAWN

METROPOLITAN MEN WON'T BUILD RAPID TRANSIT TUNNEL.

Metropolitan men won't build rapid transit tunnel. ... After a conference at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday between the Rapid Transit Commissioners and representatives of the capitalists interested in the Metropolitan Street railway, who offered to build a rapid transit underground road on certain terms stated by them, including a lease in perpetuity, the capitalists have withdrawn their offer.

"GENTLEMEN: Since attending the meeting to which you invited us, with our clients, this afternoon, we have considered the situation as it presents itself, and have determined upon the action then indicated to you orally.

"You will remember that at the time of making our proposition of March 27 to build an underground rapid transit railroad, we advised you that our clients considered the difficulties and risks of such a project so great that they were unwilling to assume them without the assured approval of public opinion; and the correspondence was made public in advance of any action upon it with the understanding that, if it did not prove to be really acceptable to the people of this city, we were to be at liberty to withdraw the offer at any time.

"We made the proposal as advantageous for the city as we consistently could with a reasonable prospect of profitable investment, and so favorable to the city that from the figures made by our experts as to cost and carrying capacity the profit seemed to be outside the ordinary desire to make the investment, even under the most favorable circumstances, was but slight.

"While the proposition seemed at first to be received with general approval and in many quarters was treated in the same spirit in which it was made, we have since, however, discovered that criticisms, often originating in adverse interests, and attacking the only details of the plan which gave any prospect of profit, have made a lodgment in the public mind and created an impression that we are trying to drive a hard bargain and to get possession of public property for the benefit of ourselves and our clients.

"As you are aware, that proposition had its origin in the fact that the Metropolitan Street railway, but in a natural inclination to continue and perfect the system of passenger transportation in this city, we have been endeavoring to do since the last fourteen years, with results not only profitable to them, but beneficial to the public and to the city.

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BRYAN IN SCHENECTADY.

Gold Democrats and Silverites Receive Him and Attend His Lecture.

Schenectady, April 17.—William Jennings Bryan delivered a lecture on "Pending Problems" before an audience of 2,000 men and women in the old Skating Rink in this city this evening. The lecture was given entirely under the auspices of the local branch of the Chicago Platform Democratic League and was managed entirely by them, although many gold Democrats were present.

Mr. Bryan arrived here from Albany at 3:30 P. M. and was met by a committee consisting of State Commissioner Edward Cutler, Daniel Naylor, Chairman of the County Committee, and Mayor Durjoy, reputed gold Democrat; Alderman Condon and Dormady, and several prominent silverites, who escorted him to the hotel adjoining the station, where a reception was held.

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VOTE TO STAND BY QUAY.

HIS SUPPORTERS REJECT THE SUGGESTION OF A COMPROMISE.

A letter from Quay urging this course—Only One Vote in the Negative—Senator Magee Says He Cannot Be Elected—Report on the Bribery Investigation.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 17.—There was a conference of members of the Pennsylvania Legislature here this evening, April 17, to-night, and the result was the adoption of a series of resolutions pledging support to Quay to the end, Senator Scott of Luzerne was the only person who voted in the negative.

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DR. CONNELL NOT TO COME HERE.

Regent Squares Pastor Will Decline the Call to Fill Dr. Hall's Place.

London, April 17.—The Rev. Alexander Connell, pastor of the Regent Square Church, will refuse to accept the call from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, in New York, as the successor of the late Dr. John Hall. Dr. Connell arrived in London yesterday from China. He learned the news of the death of his father and immediately started for his home in Scotland to see his mother.

A representative of the Sun saw Dr. Bell, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, to-day. Dr. Bell said that Dr. Connell had several reasons for refusing the call to New York. The chief one was the fact that he had just been appointed convener of foreign missions and had been sent to China to qualify for the position.

"Consistently, in honor," said Dr. Bell, "he cannot now accept the New York call. Dr. Connell is essentially a man of honor. Besides, he recently wrote London saying he was satisfied with the Regent Square Church."

German Delegates to the Peace Conference Not Acceptable to Russia.

London, April 18.—A despatch to the Daily News from Odessa says that the Government is not pleased with some of the delegates appointed to take part in the approaching disarmament conference at the Hague.

The Russian press has become somewhat less sanguine of the success of the conference, and now frankly admits that if Russia is not prepared to set the example of reducing her own armament she cannot expect others to do so.

Government Victory in Spain.

Madrid, April 17.—It is a foregone conclusion that the Government has secured a majority in the next Cortes, elections for members of which were held yesterday.

The Sagastias have elected 80 deputies; the Gamacetas, 20; the Republicans, 20; the Tenuatists, 12; the Carlists, 4, and the Independents, 12. The rest are Silverites.

Underlong Station Scene.

Visitor Who Wanted to Leave a Woman with the Matron Locked Up for the Night.

William Hartley, who describes himself as a publisher, living in a boarding house at 30 West 27th street, entered the West 27th street police station last night dragging a well-dressed woman with him and tried to take her past the Sergeant's desk.

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ANOTHER DESERTS GOMEZ.

GEN. NODARSE JOINS THE REVOLT AGAINST THE CUBAN LEADER.

Suppression of Brigandage a Problem Demanding Immediate Attention—Organization of a Rural Guard Urged—Suspects in the Black Murder Case Released.

Havana, April 17.—Gen. Nodarse, of the Cuban Army, who has heretofore been very friendly toward Gen. Gomez, resigned to-day as commander of the Cuban troops in the province of Havana. He announces that he sides with Gen. Moya Rodriguez against Gomez. His action has caused a great deal of surprise.

The chiefs of the Fifth Army Corps, which Gen. Rodriguez commanded, met to-day at the Quinta de los Molinos and informed Gen. Gomez that they were resigning from his service. The Cuban Army has been divided into two camps.

Gen. Gomez will have another interview with Gen. Nodarse tomorrow. The former says that the utmost energy must be shown in suppressing brigandage. The appearance of the bandits is causing much harm to business, and has even affected the price of stocks.

Gen. Ludlow declines to withdraw his order for the burning of the Chinese quarter in Zaniza street. The Chinese colony is the most filthy part of the town, and the buildings must be destroyed as a sanitary precaution.

The Sixth Department Consolidated into Four—Gen. Wilson and Lee Remain.

Washington, April 17.—The first important result of Secretary Alger's visit to Cuba was an order issued by the War Department to-day, by direction of the President, consolidating the Sixth Department of the Division of Cuba into four departments.

Major Dunne B. Harrison Has a Hand-to-Hand Encounter with His Gang.

Washington, April 17.—An interesting story reached the War Department from Santiago to-day about a hand-to-hand encounter between Major Dunne B. Harrison of the Ninth Infantry and Prudenio Breal, a notorious guerrilla chief, commonly known as Trocon.

Deaths of Soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Washington, April 17.—Gen. Brooke cabled from Havana to the War Department to-day announcing the death of the 14th of Private Harry H. Nink, an inmate at the New York Military Prison, who died of typhoid fever.

Haven's Funeral Picnic.

Dancing and Feasting Two Years After His Death Recalled to His Widow.

Discontent Does Not Raise Its Head at Tammany Society Meeting.

INSURGENTS MOVE NORTH.

New Capital of the Rebel Government—Our Forces at Calumpit Reinforced.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. Manila, April 17.—4:55 P. M.—The insurgent Government, it is reported, has been removed to Tarlac, forty-seven miles north. The American troops at Calumpit have been reinforced, and Gen. Lawton's expedition has been disbanded.

Belief That the Object of His Expedition Was Fully Accomplished.

Washington, April 17.—Adj. Gen. Corbin said to-day that while he had no official news about the return of Gen. Lawton's column to Manila, he did not doubt it as Lawton had taken only ten days' rations with him and the remainder was in the hands of the rebels.

Two Waiters Swear That They Were Hired in the Tenderloin to Railroad Butler to Sing-Crocker is in Contempt Now.

Richard Crocker and Simon Buttner shared the distinction of chief witness before the Mazet Committee yesterday. Buttner, who used to keep the Broadway Garden, was giving testimony solely for the purpose of revenge, and made no concealment of it.

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AT CROKER VET.

A Nugget Dug Out Now and Then.

Sold Out His Gas Just Before the Astoria Bill Was Killed.

Buttner accuses the police. Says Capt. Price Bled Him and Cried Halves on Thefts.

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