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CRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1898.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Important Measures Are Introduced in Senate and House.

MR. VEST ON COLONIES

A Resolution Bearing Upon Our New Possessions—Petition to Revoke the Grade of Admiral and Vice Admiral—The Attendance on the Floor of the House Is Large, but the Galleries Hold Very Few Spectators—Business Transacted.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The session of the senate was devoted mainly to bills and reports.

Mr. Morrill presented a petition from the legislature of Vermont, asking for the revival of the grade of admiral and vice admiral.

Mr. Vest (Mo.) offered the following joint resolution which he asked might be taken on the table as he desired to speak on it at an early day:

That under the constitution of the United States no power is given to the federal government to acquire territory to be held and governed permanently as colonies.

The colonial system of European nations cannot be established under our present constitution, but all territory acquired by the government, except such small amount as may be necessary for coaling stations, correction of boundaries, and similar governmental purposes, must be acquired and governed with the purpose of ultimately organizing such territory into states suitable for admission into the union.

Consideration of bills on the calendar was then taken up. A measure reported favorably at the last session, amending existing law relating to issuing of American consular visas to foreign built ships, was passed.

Under the present system, consular visas are issued by citizens of the United States and required to the extent of three-fourths of their value, was discussed. The bill provides that if such a wrecked ship be employed in the coastwise trade it shall be subject to forfeiture.

Mr. Vest, a member of the committee on commerce, expressed his opposition to the bill, principally because it affords protection to the coastwise trade, which needed no protection. Our general carrying trade, Mr. Vest believed, needed protection. Under the present system of navigation laws this trade had decreased from 75 per cent. to 11 per cent. and this country is now paying \$10,000,000 annually to foreign ship owners for carrying trade that ought to be carried in American bottoms.

This condition of affairs, Mr. Vest declared, was a scandal and disgrace. He said he had been amused at his message yesterday that our carrying trade be encouraged by the payment of subsidies.

"In other words," said he, "it is proposed to substitute for the present vicious system of navigation laws, a scheme of subsidies that is even more vicious than is the evil it proposes to remedy."

Under the proposed policy of the administration," continued Mr. Vest, "we are to build a great navy. We are to cease to be a nation of traders, and under the impulse of the policy of expansion become a nation of warriors. It would appear to me to be better first to build up our carrying trade. I would also let our people, through the beneficial effects of such trade, buy where they can buy cheapest."

Mr. Caffery (La.), also a member of the committee on commerce, opposed the bill. Finally a vote was made a special order for next Monday.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house held a brief session today, and adjourned out of respect to the memories of the late Representatives Northway, of Ohio, and Love, of Mississippi.

The hall of representatives looked normal when the house was called to order today. The galleries were held few spectators. As soon as the journal had been read Mr. Dingley presented from the ways and means committee a resolution for the distribution of the various topics treated in the president's message to the several committees having jurisdiction. It was adopted without opposition.

Mr. Grosvenor (O.) then announced the death of his late colleague, Mr. Northway, of Ohio, during the recess and Mr. Hoavy (Dem., Miss.) announced the demise during the recess of his colleague, Mr. Love.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted and at 12:25 p. m. the house as a further mark of respect to their memory, adjourned until tomorrow.

An Ultimatum from France.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The French minister, M. Gerard, has sent an ultimatum to the Chinese foreign office threatening that unless the French missionary now held a prisoner by the rebels in the province of Szechuan be released within ten days a force of French troops will be ordered to cross the frontier.

English Soldiers Massacred.

London, Dec. 6.—The British foreign office has received news that Lieutenant Keating and Hale and twelve active soldiers were massacred in October last, while performing with irascible men of the Niger territory between Jobba and Ha.

Celestial Shooting.

Ministry City, Pa., Dec. 6.—William Treber, aged 39, was killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun today. He was found in a wooded in a dying condition, and a report will be conveyed to his home.

INTERVIEW WITH EUGENIE

The ex-Empress of France, who was married to Napoleon III, was interviewed today with ex-Empress Eugenie, who is living incognito at the hotel where the United States peace commissioners are residing, while on one of her periodic visits to Paris.

The senator's wife left her card as a formality. The ex-empress promptly sent an attendant to request Mrs. Davis to call in person. The latter complied and was received, she said, afterward, by a stately, white-haired, smooth-faced woman, having little the appearance of an invalid, which the press supposes her to be.

The ex-empress seemed to be pleased at being addressed as "your majesty," and said she had the deepest regard for the American people, because for her escape from Paris at a perilous time I was chiefly indebted to an American, reference being, of course, to the late Dr. Evans.

Although Mrs. Davis studiously avoided mentioning the American-Hispanic war, remembering that the ex-empress is a Spaniard, the latter broached the topic, saying: "After the destruction of the Maine, war was inevitable, although I do not believe any Spaniard was responsible for that sad calamity. I am sure any nation would have done in the circumstances as the United States did."

When Mrs. Davis, on retiring, kissed her hand, the ex-empress seemed deeply touched and exclaimed: "I am most grateful."

EXPLODING MINE KILLS FOUR MEN

Appalling Accident Near Boston. Bodies of Victims Are Blown to Atoms.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Four men were killed and several seriously injured at Fort Independence, on Castle Island, in Boston harbor, this afternoon, by the explosion of a mine which had been removed from the channel by a diver.

The dead are: SERGEANT MORRIS McGRATH, GREGORY McGRATH, a diver, PRIVATE BRANNAN (a diver), and RYAN (a citizen).

The men were engaged in cutting the mine from the shore to the interior of the island to place it with other implements of the same nature which had been taken there since the war ended.

The three men, Vaughn, Brennan and Ryan, had placed the mine on the team and started to take it to the place where the other ammunition was stored. The road along which they passed was unusually smooth, having been covered with a layer of ice. The necessity of care in transporting explosive material. Suddenly and without warning the mine burst. The horse and cart and the three men were blown to fragments. Sergeant McGrath was standing twenty feet away, he was instantly killed by the concussion. His body did not bear a mark of any sort.

As soon as possible after the explosion a careful search was begun by Lieutenant Raymond, who had charge of removing the mines, but not a fragment of the mine or anything could be found. Lieutenant Raymond stated that he cannot explain how the explosion occurred. He says that since the order was issued from Washington hundreds of mines have been handled in this manner, and as this was the only one transported over the same road.

Ryan was a civilian assisting in the work. Vaughn was a member of the engineer corps. He had only two weeks more to serve, when he expected to be transferred to a naval college to take a course in naval construction.

Sergeant McGrath was the keeper of the island.

SEVEN MEN MISSING.

The Crew of the Bertram N. White Cannot Be Found.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The British steamer Gallina, Captain Frankland, which arrived here today from Tenerife, brought news of the total loss at sea of the well-known Jonesport schooner, Bertram N. White, whose crew of seven men is missing. The wreck was passed in latitude 29 1/2, longitude 65 1/2, on the morning of last Saturday. Part of her cargo of lumber was still on deck, also the small boat, which was stove in. The main and mizzen masts were broken off near the deck. There was no sign of life on board or in the vicinity.

The Bertram N. White, in command of Captain Kelly, left Jacksonville with about 400,000 lbs. of lumber for this port on Nov. 29. She was 384 tons register, 145 feet long, 35 feet beam and 12 feet deep. E. J. White, of Jonesport, was her captain.

The Gallina felt the fury of the storm for six days, during which her engines were damaged and her men had almost abandoned hope of reaching port.

Three Men Disappear.

Tropique, Ont., Dec. 6.—Three young men named Reuben Caswell, Isaac Farers and Mason Treats left here in a small boat Sunday to visit friends in Waddington, N. Y. They were seen to start from the wharf on their return about 3 o'clock at night, but nothing has since been heard of them. They are believed to have been drowned.

William Opens the Reichstag.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Emperor William opened the reichstag in the white hall of the royal castle here today, in the presence of the members of the bundesrath, the generals and other military officers, who were grouped around the throne, in front of which the reichstag deputies assembled.

Monument at Havana.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Hale today introduced a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to erect a monument in Havana, Cuba, to the memory of the sailors and marines who lost their lives by the explosion of the Maine. The bill is recommended by the navy department.

Mrs. McKinley in New York.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Mrs. McKinley went to New York today for a brief stay. She will be the guest of Mrs. Abner McKinley at the Windsor hotel.

GENERAL MILES' ARMY MEASURE

RECOMMENDATIONS IN BILL SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY.

It Provides for the Creation of Three New Officers, a General and Two Lieutenant Generals, in Accordance with Modern Military Names, and One Hundred Thousand Men—Important Localities That Are Defenceless.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The measure which will serve as a basis for the legislation of congress this session, looking to the increase and remodeling of the regular United States army, has been completed by the commanding general of the army and today was handed by him to Secretary Alger, who will transmit it to congress, probably through the chairman of the house committee on military affairs, Representative Hull, after he has had an opportunity to make any change he may deem desirable.

The explanation of the broad general principles of the bill (one feature of which provides for the creation of three new officers, a general and two lieutenant generals of the army, in accordance with the practice of modern military nations) is disclosed in the following letter:

Headquarters of the Army, Washington, Dec. 6, 1898. The Hon. Secretary of War, Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith draft of a bill for the reorganization of the United States army based on a strength of one soldier to 1,000 of the population of the United States and one soldier to 1,000 population in the dependent colonies—approximately 200,000 men.

My recommendations are for what I believe to be the best interests of the government, not only at present but as far as we are able to see, for the future. The recommendations have been made regardless of any property of any military officers or soldiers now connected with the military service.

The proportion of artillery, cavalry and infantry is in accordance with the immediate necessities of the United States. We have 400 miles of coast with 27 principal harbors where are located millions of people and property of almost incalculable value. That they should properly be defended is demanded by every consideration of prudence and good administration. In addition to this we have the important harbors in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines to defend, requiring a large force of artillery.

The organization recommended is such as to give rank in proportion to the important duties and great responsibilities required of the different officers in our service and is similar to the organization which has been found most efficient in the armies of all other civilized nations and also to that which was found to be most effective in the Confederate army between the years 1861-65. A similar organization has been recommended by General Sherman and Lieutenant General Schofield.

I earnestly recommend favorable consideration of the organization as presented. Very respectfully, Nelson A. Miles, Major General Commanding.

REVIEW OF THE SEVENTH.

Sixteen Thousand Troops Pass Before General Lee at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 6.—The farwell review of the Seventh army corps before its departure for Cuba, took place in Forsyth park today. Sixteen thousand troops passed in review before General Lee. Besides the Seventh corps, the Third Georgia regiment, Second United States artillery and two light batteries from the Third one from the Fourth and one from the Fifth and the First Maine artillery took part in the review. Troop A, of the First Georgia cavalry—the famous Jeff Davis legion of the Civil war—formed General Lee's escort. Thirty thousand people witnessed the review. Among those who witnessed the review were the commanding general and Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and daughters. The movement of the Seventh corps to Cuba will begin at once. The First North Carolina regiment will go on board the transport Columbus tomorrow. The Fourth Virginia, Second Illinois and One Hundred and Sixty-first A. A., constituting the First brigade of the Second division of the corps under command of General Williston, will follow on the Michigan and Mobile. General Lee and his staff expect to leave on the Panama Friday. Within the next ten days the entire Seventh corps will be in Cuba.

UNHEALTHY HAVANA.

The Cuban Capital in a Filthy and Unsanitary Condition.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Advice received in official quarters here from United States officials in Havana depict the state of the Cuban capital as filthy and unsanitary in an almost inconceivable degree. This is true especially of the poorer quarters of the city, and it is apparent that the task of cleaning up the whole city is going to be of the greatest magnitude. Unfortunately the reports express the belief that frost will not come this season to relieve the situation.

All illustration of the conditions there is afforded by the fact quoted that the death rate per day in the suburb of Guanabacoa now equals the entire annual death rate.

The Botkin Jurors.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The examination of witnesses for the purpose of securing a jury to try Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, accused of the murder of her husband, J. P. Dunne, and her sister, Mrs. Joshua J. Deane, of Duver, Del., occupied the attention of Judge Cook's court today. Eight jurors have been selected.

Smith Defeats Walcott.

New York, Dec. 6.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith met Joe Walcott, the colored fighter, at the Lenox Athletic club tonight and after fighting twenty hard rounds, defeated Walcott by a knockout in the eighth round. The winner, Smith, weighed 135 pounds, Smith never fought harder in his life.

Body in Hotel Ruins.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Another body thought to be that of Judge Carter, the western racing judge, was found in the ruins of the Hotel Baldwin today.

MR. QUAY IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Senator Meets Governor-elect Stone and Others.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—United States Senator Quay arrived in this city today from Washington, and later in the day Governor-elect William A. Stone reached here. Both the distinguished visitors registered at the Hotel Walton. During the day they were together and conversed with each other. Neither had anything to say concerning the situation in state politics. Colonel Stone has not yet entirely arranged his plans for the inauguration, and says he has not decided upon his cabinet appointments. Lieutenant Governor Lyon and ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Reader were in town and each paid a visit to Senator Quay and the governor-elect. In addition, many local Republican leaders called upon them. During the day Senator Quay was in contact with his lawyers in relation to his coming trial.

Richard R. Quay and Andrew Gregg Curtin Quay accompanied their father to the city and will remain with him until his departure.

MARGARET CODY'S TRIAL.

Defendant Makes Denial of the Principal Charges.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Margaret Cody's cross-examination was concluded today, in the trial of the indictment against her charging an attempt to blackmail the heirs of the late Jay Gould. She denied with a most emphatic denial the charge that she had written three letters to Anna J. Parker, of this city, having reference to the alleged marriage of Gould to Sarah Brown, afterwards Angell. The first letter, in which the writer said she could "manage Mary Ann Shields," was written to her in 1881. She would not explain what was meant by the phrase quoted above. She denied that she was the woman in black, who, according to Mrs. Pierce, daughter of Mrs. Angell, had stealthily given her (Mrs. Pierce) a marriage certificate of Jay Gould and Sarah Brown in 1881.

Mrs. Cody admitted that she had made inquiries among old residents of Delaware county as to the early life of Jay Gould and in this matter she was complying with the request of Mrs. Angell.

This afternoon Mr. Carvelho, an expert in cryptography, was placed on the stand. He had made an investigation of the book containing the baptismal record of the child, which was reported to be the child of Jay Gould and Mrs. Angell, whose maiden name was Brown. He testified that the original entry of the birth of this child had been tampered with.

"What did your investigation amount to?" asked Mr. Nicol.

"I found that the names of Mary S. Lyon and Jay Gould were forged to the entry."

Witness said that there had been an erasure of names and others were written over them. An "F" had been erased from in front of the word "legitimate," so as to make it read "legitimate."

After the day of the trial, the papers had become thin from the erasure when it became necessary for the operator to use gum so as to prevent the ink from spreading.

Mr. Nicol then asked Mr. Carvelho if he had taken photographs of the entry on the day of the trial, to which the witness said yes, and Mr. Nicol furnished to each juror a photograph. It was an excellent photograph, showing plainly the alleged changes.

On cross-examination by Mr. Dugan, witness said he had first seen the record on Friday of the week before last. The operator had used iron ink. The iron composed in that ink had not yet come back to its metallic state. Therefore he judged that the forgery had been committed within the past five years, as it generally took about that period for the paper to return to its metallic state.

MARIA TERESA AFFAIR.

The Court of Inquiry Freed All from Blame.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The findings of the court of inquiry concerning the abandonment of the Infanta Maria Teresa during the storm of Oct. 29, is summed up in the statement that the court finds the abandonment was not due to any fault or negligence on the part of any officer of the navy and that the court does not think any further proceedings should be instituted. The decision of Captain Belknap, in the case of the Infanta Maria Teresa, was pronounced to be in full condition for the voyage to the United States in reasonably fair weather, but could not be called seaworthy in a gale.

It was stated that Commander Harris did not take charge of the Teresa until after the decision of Captain Belknap, to abandon her. This settled the contention advanced before the meeting of the court that Commander Harris exceeded his authority in taking charge of the Infanta Maria Teresa. The court also found that the transfer of the ship's company from the Infanta to her consort, the Merritt, is characterized as a skillful accomplishment in view of all circumstances. Lieutenant Harris' conduct under the trying conditions is to be commended.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Charles Wilcox Dies in the Embrace of His Dead Wife.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 6.—Lying in the bed of his death, the chattering parrot the only other occupant of the room, Charles T. Wilcox was found in his home in this city. Wilcox was unable to speak.

His wife had been dead a week at least and he could not unveil the mystery surrounding her demise. Three hours later the man was dead, whether from poison or starvation is not known.

They Want to Forget the Maine.

Madrid, Dec. 6.—The semi-official Libera! regards President McKinley's message as an additional affront by a disreputable conqueror, and adds: "The whole country will rise against the repetition of the calamity in regard to the Maine."

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 6.—These Pennsylvania pension bills have been introduced by Senator Thomas Duffield, dec. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Original widows, etc.—Mary Duffield, Wilkes-Barre; Amelia M. Lantz, Bradford, Pa.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION IN PITSTON MINE

OFFICIALS WHO RESIDE IN DUNMORE ARE BURNED.

Gas Explodes and Burns Superintendent Bryden, Civil Engineer Allen and Two Others in a Party of Four Officials Who Were Investigating a Fire in No. 4 Shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal Company—Rescuing Party Searched Over Two Hours Before Finding Superintendent Bryden.

An explosion of gas in the No. 4 shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pitston last night seriously burned four men, including Superintendent Alexander Bryden and Civil Engineer Andrew Allen, both of Dunmore.

The accident was in the Marcy vein about a mile from the foot of the shaft. Fire was discovered there early in the evening and it was for the purpose of investigation that the two officials mentioned and Foreman William Campbell and Assistant Foreman Thomas Cook went into the mine.

Gas was ignited by the lamps carried by the party and the explosion followed. Allen was blown fully sixty feet.

As soon as the explosion was made known at the surface a rescue force of seven men volunteered to go down and aid the four unfortunates to escape. All but Superintendent Bryden were quickly rescued. Bryden was not found until two hours after the others had been taken out. He and Allen were the most severely burned.

Dr. Underwood, Mulholland and Thompson were at the shaft and gave the injured men attention as fast as they were brought to the surface.

A special car was sent from Dunmore to Pitston to carry Superintendent Bryden and Engineer Allen to the former place. The train returned to Dunmore at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

The men who composed the rescue party were: James Reddington, M. G. Groy, John Brown, Ed Kane, J. F. Mott, Charles Morris and John Griffiths.

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Apparatus Falls Ten Minutes After Having Been Inspected.

New York, Dec. 6.—An accident to the elevator in the eleven-story building at Pine and William streets, occupied by the United States Fire Insurance company, today resulted in the death of one of the company's directors, the fatal injury of another director, and the serious injury of a third insurance man. Several other members of the directorate of the United States Fire Insurance company were in the elevator at the time it crashed, together with other passengers and miraculously escaped.

Walter Hayden Griffen, secretary and director of the company, was instantly killed.

Thomas W. Caldwell, of Morristown, N. J., also a director, received a compound fracture of the skull and is not expected to live. He is now in the Hudson street hospital.

George H. Smith, head of the firm of Smith & Hicks, fire underwriters, was injured about the head and body.

The elevator man, Dennis Sullivan, had presence of mind enough to throw open the lower gate just as the first crash came, and the other passengers in the car were able to get out of the case in time to save themselves.

After the accident Sullivan was arrested and held awaiting the action of the coroner. It appears from statements made by Manager Belknap, of the Otis Elevator company, and from others in the building, that this elevator had been inspected ten minutes before the accident occurred and pronounced absolutely safe. Manager Belknap could not advance any theory as to the cause of the accident.

WRECK ON THE D. & H.

Rear-end Collision at Avoca Smashes Three Cars.

A wreck occurred on the Delaware and Hudson tracks early last evening just below the depot at Avoca and traffic was interrupted several hours. A Jersey Central freight train ran into the rear of a Delaware and Hudson freight which was waiting on a switch for the passage of a Delaware and Hudson passenger train.

Two cars loaded with furniture and an oil car were wrecked. The contents of all three were destroyed. Nobody was injured.

VERY ORDERLY CROWD.

But They Hanged Two Negroes in Short Order.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 6.—After an orderly trial lasting several hours by the committee of citizens of Benton, it was decided that two negroes, Hearn and Richardson, who were under arrest there, were guilty of the murder of Harry Vance, and they were at once taken to the place of execution, half a mile north of town, where they were hanged by citizens.

PORTLAND VICTIMS.

Four Bodies Ashore at Chatham, Making a Total of 31.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 6.—Four bodies from the steamer Portland came ashore during the night.

One of the bodies was that of a woman; of the others one was that of a colored man.

This makes a total of thirty-one bodies thus far recovered. Five are unidentified, including the four found during the night and the one reported from here yesterday.

Objections to Polygamy.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 6.—The Episcopalian minister of Trenton today adopted resolutions protesting against the passage in congress of Representative-elect Brigham Roberts' Utah. The resolutions declared that the practice of polygamy would violate Christian civilization. Congressman Gardner, of this district, has been memorialized to oppose the seating of Roberts.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Snow; Colder.

General-American Peace Commission Rejects Spanish Request. Congress Gets Down to Business. General Miles' Proposed Army Bill. Serious Mine Explosion at Pitston.

In the Playhouses. Financial and Commercial. Local—Rev. Dr. Tomkins' Talk on "Christlich Science." First Arrest for the Corcoran Murder.

Editorial. Comment of the Press. Local—Witnesses for the Prosecution in the Keller Murder Case Contradict One Another. Cases Tried in Criminal Court.

Local—West Scranton and Suburban. News Round About Scranton. General—Rev. Dr. Tomkins' Talk on "Christian Science" (Concluded).

TWO DARING FOOTPADS

They Rob a Man in the Heart of the City Early in the Evening and Are Arrested by the Police.

Two men, one of whom is colored, were arrested by the police early last evening for a bold piece of highway robbery in the heart of the city.

Their victim, who was intoxicated, was knocked down while walking along Spruce street between Penn and Franklin avenues, and as he lay prostrate about 50 cents in loose change. The victim, Richard Schevelin, of Pleasant street, was also arrested on the charge of drunkenness.

It was only through good luck that the guilty men were found. Sergeant Reese Jones, of the Center street station, and Patrolman Lowry, were in the act of arresting Schevelin for drunkenness when a woman told them she saw Schevelin robbed. She described the footpads. The white man, whose name is McKeehan, was found at the corner of Spruce street and Penn avenue, a half block away. When identified by the woman, he admitted his guilt and indicated the direction in which his negro partner had gone.

Detective Moir and Patrolman Penster started in pursuit. They traced the colored man to his home in Pine Brook and arrested him there. His name is "Red" Smith. He was identified by McKeehan.

WICKENHOEFFER HAS GONE.

Left the City While Under Bail for an Alleged Theft.

George Wickenhoeffer, who is under bail to answer in court the charge of having stolen a package of jewelry from Levy Bros., has left the city. No importance would be attached to this fact if Wickenhoeffer had not failed to notify his bondsmen, Mr. Schaeffer, of Mifflin avenue, of his proposed departure.

Mr. Schaeffer, although somewhat anxious about Wickenhoeffer's departure, believes that the latter's negligence was an oversight that he left Scranton to look for work and that he will return to stand trial. Mr. Schaeffer says that Wickenhoeffer has failed to secure work here on account of the charge hanging over him, but that it will not be possible to convict him. Mr. Wickenhoeffer says he knows nothing of her husband's whereabouts.

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