

BOLTERS GIVE REASONS WHY

Could Not Conscientiously Support a Candidate Under Indictment.

WANT INNOCENCE PROVED

Not Until Then, Say the Absentees from the Senatorial Caucus, Will They Feel Free to Vote for the Re-election of Senator Quay—Organized and Pledged to Keep Together Until the Conspiracy Charges Are Tried and Determined in Court.

Harrisburg, Jan. 4.—The Republican senators who signed the pledge not to take part in last night's senatorial caucus organized this morning to keep up the fight against Senator Quay until after the Supreme court has disposed of the People's bank conspiracy cases.

General William H. Koontz of Somerset, called the meeting to order and nominated Senator William Egan, of Allegheny, for chairman, and Senator J. Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, and Representative Robert K. Young, of Toiwa, for secretaries.

MR. FLINN'S POSITION.

What he wanted was more light on the charges pending against Senator Quay to ascertain whether he is a proper person to be elected to the United States senate, Mr. Flinn also said that he interpreted the pledge binding the absentees to keep out of the caucus to mean that they would not vote for Mr. Quay until the Supreme court has disposed of the conspiracy cases and that if the senator was in no better position after its action than he is now, they cannot vote for his re-election.

Senator-elect David Martin, of Philadelphia, who will be qualified Jan. 17, when the house and senate will vote for senator, concurred in what Senator Flinn had said. This was his interpretation of his pledge and he would stand upon this platform.

Senators Flinn and Weller, of Bedford, and Representatives Coray, of Luzerne; Savage, of Philadelphia; Moore, of Butler, and Young were appointed a committee to investigate the work of the organization. The committee issued the following address this evening:

ABSENTEES' ADDRESS.

To the Republicans of Pennsylvania: We, the undersigned committee appointed by the alleged Republican caucus, throughout the city of Philadelphia, clearly the motives which animate us in our present position with reference to our United States senatorship, hereby briefly set forth our reasons.

In our present attitude we are prompted by what we believe to be the best interests of our party and of the state, that a Republican senator should not be elected and that no combination of circumstances can prevent it. We believe that the question of the election of the Republicans of the commonwealth is against taking action that might result in the election of a person as United States senator who is under a cloud before his innocence is established in a court of justice and that the failure to determine the question prior to this time is due to the act of the alleged caucus nominee in delaying trial and not to any act of ours. We feel that in justice to the public and our own sense of respect and duty, we are justified in refusing to be committed to any proposition that might cast a stigma upon our commonwealth, and our own integrity as citizens and legislators.

Feeling that we are sustained in our position by the unbiased sentiment of the state, we deem it wise to vote for any person for United States senator who is duly charged with crime so long as those charges remain undetermined. We cannot justify ourselves for voting for any person for office who is indicted for criminal offenses and who simply alleges that he is innocent.

FOUND DYING FROM GAS.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 4.—William Schooley, of Luzerne, Luzerne county, was found this morning in the room at Washington house dying from the effects of illuminating gas. He had opened a gas jet during the night, whether accidentally or with suicidal intent is not known. He has a family and was a traveling agent for a phosphate firm.

FOR BRYAN AND CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—The Democratic state central committee tonight declared itself for the Chicago platform and for William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan was present and made an address, thanking the committee for the personal compliment and congratulating the organization on its declaration in favor of free and unlimited coinage.

EX-SECRETARY FOSTER'S CONDITION.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The illness from which ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster is suffering has taken a turn for the worse and it is feared tonight that pneumonia has developed. Last night the patient was very restless and today had a severe coughing spell which considerably weakened him.

DINGLEY MORE COMFORTABLE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Tonight the physicians attending Representative Dingley announce that he is resting comfortably but he is not yet able to get up. There is sufficient vitality left in the patient to successfully resist the inroads of the disease. After his sickness spell of this morning he rallies.

DEATH OF AMOS MARTIN SLACK.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Amos Martin Slack, in recent years a prominent and influential Republican politician of this district, died today after an illness of several months.

M'CARRELL REPLIES TO THE GOVERNOR

SAYS THE CAPITOL COMMISSION OBEYED THE LAW. Alleges That the Assertions of the Executive Touching Its Honor and Integrity Are "Without Foundation in Fact and Unjust"—Legislature Adjourns Until Thursday Next.

TIGHTENING THE WEB.

Police Are Fast Closing Around the Adams Poisoners.

New York, Jan. 4.—The police have three men under surveillance in connection with the Adams-Cornish poisoning, and would have arrested one of all of them had it not been for the fact that none of these suspects has a light beard. Miss Miller, the saleswoman who sold the match-holder in Newark, is positive that the purchaser had a light beard. It is said that should the police discover that any of the suspects purchased a false beard an arrest would immediately follow and the police would believe they had a good chance to secure the conviction of Mrs. Adams' murderer.

Professor Withaus, who has been analyzing the contents of the bottle out of which Mrs. Adams drank, today made his report to the district attorney. Professor Withaus says definitely that the poison in the bottle sent to Cornish was cyanide of mercury, and that he believes the sender of the poison must have been either a chemist or one with an intimate knowledge of chemical processes.

All of the suspects are said to be men who had grudges against Cornish and all these grudges are said to have arisen over Cornish's action in connection with club and athletic duties.

WANT AN OPEN DOOR.

Significant Declaration of Policy Made by Cobden Club.

London, Jan. 4.—The executive committee of the Cobden club has issued a manifesto signed by Baron Farrer, pointing out that the policy of territorial expansion on the part of all of the great powers raises the question of free commercial intercourse in a new and extremely important form and renders it desirable that the club should reconsider its former attitude of reticence with regard to foreign affairs. The manifesto says: "The world is gradually recognizing that this question cannot be finally settled by any vote as a purely domestic matter."

In the opinion of the committee "some understanding regarding commercial policy must precede any satisfactory results from the disarmament proposals of the czar," and they conclude the manifesto with this declaration: "Our judgment the club should hereafter make more comprehensive endeavors to shape Great Britain's foreign policy so as to secure the adhesion of other nations to the 'open door' policy, especially in the derelict countries now passing into the control of strong civilized powers."

WHO BLEW UP THE MAINE?

Cuban Editor Says He Knows the Guilty Person.

Havana, Jan. 4.—Editor Ricardo Aranao y Hernandez, editor of El Republicano, issued today a third attack upon his old enemy, Zacharias Bresnes, whom, with three others, he accuses of blowing up the United States battleship Maine. Bresnes, who is a lawyer and politician, sailed for Spain about two weeks ago. The instigations of the story thus far have been the work of the alleged felonies and treacheries of Bresnes.

The editor tells his readers to be patient as in due time they will get the facts regarding the Maine explosion. He describes his proof as "largely moral."

ESTERHAZY SUMMONED.

Dreyfus Inquiry Is Reaching the Point of Developments.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Major Comte Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, now known to be the author of the Dreyfus bordereau, has been summoned to appear before the court of cassation on Jan. 12. It is expected that the Dreyfus deposition will be received on Saturday from Cayenne and the court will then decide whether his actual presence is necessary in Paris. It is believed, however, that the whole examination will be conducted by telegraph, at an enormous expense, in order to avoid dangerous manifestations here.

THREE CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

During Their Franks They Set Fire to a Christmas Tree.

Baltimore, Jan. 4.—Grace Fuller, aged 10 years; John Wesley, Jr., 3 years old, and Eugene Jerome Wesley, an infant, were suffocated at the home of John Wesley, colored, near Catonsville, today.

Small Pox at Glen Lyon.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 4.—Glen Lyon, a mining town, eleven miles south of Wilkes-Barre, has a case of small-pox. The victim is Mrs. Joseph Saminski. The physicians say the case is a mild one and all precautions have been taken to quarantine the premises.

Yale Graduates Defeated at Hockey.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The Quaker City Hockey team tonight defeated the Yale graduates at the ice palace by the score of 10 to 0. The game was one of the fastest played this season, the local team completely outmanning the visitors.

Spain's Floating Debt.

Madrid, Jan. 4.—The Official Gazette announces that on January 1 Spain's floating debt amounted to 25,339,956 pesetas, an increase of 11,512,065 pesetas over the figures of January 1 of last year.

Death of Aime Eduard Herve.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Aime Eduard Herve, editor of the Soleil, died today in his sixty-eighth year. He was a journalist, publicist and member of the French academy.

First Formal State Dinner.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The first formal state dinner of the season at the White house took place tonight when the president and Mrs. McKinley entertained the cabinet. It was a most elaborate affair.

MISS SAMPSON MARRIED.

She Is the Daughter of Admiral William T. Sampson. New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Olive Farrington Sampson, daughter of Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, and Henry Harrison Scott, of San Francisco, were married in the Congregational church in Glen Ridge, N. J., tonight. Rev. Frank J. Goodwin officiated.

PEACE TREATY LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

REFERRED TO FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. Senator Gray, Who Was Originally an Anti-Expansionist, Tells His Fellow Democrats That the Treaty Must Be Ratified as It Stands—This Will Undoubtedly Be Done.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The first session of the senate after the holiday recess occupied only fourteen minutes, although in that brief time two open sessions and an executive session were held. Arrangements had been made for a speedy adjournment today out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Morrill. Before the presiding officer's gavel fell on today's session, the senatorial members of the peace commission appeared on the floor and were given a hearty greeting by their colleagues. In the absence of the vice-president, Mr. Frye (Me.), the president pro tem, called the senate to order. A touching reference was made by the chaplain in his invocation to the death of Senator Morrill.

UNNECESSARILY WORRIED.

Santiago Cubans Alarmed Under a Misapprehension.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Regarding the sensational reports from Santiago that the whole province had been inflamed by the recent orders of the war department "concentrating all customs money in Havana," thus threatening to throw thousands of Cubans out of employment, it may be authoritatively stated that no such orders were issued in Santiago as a result of a misapprehension of the war department's order. It seems to have been taken for granted that the order contemplated sending all currency collected for customs duty to the island at the port of all transactions at the sub-port over which he may have jurisdiction, with copies of entries of merchandise duly certified. The customs from all the ports in the island are to be used for the benefit of the island.

IRVING TO VISIT US.

The Eminent English Actor to Come Hither Next Autumn.

London, Jan. 4.—The future of the foremost actor and play house in England is the leading subject talked about now and has been since Sir Henry Irving's illness at Glasgow cut short his tour and compelled him to take a winter's rest and to abandon his season at the Lyceum theater.

WANTS DEWEY'S JOB.

Commodore Watson an Applicant to Succeed Hero of Manila.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Commodore Watson, at present in command at the Mare island navy yard, has applied for the command of the Asiatic station to succeed Admiral Dewey, when that officer's resignation is accepted by the navy department. Unless Admiral Dewey changes his mind that date will not be much before the end of the current calendar year, for he has resisted all invitations to accept relief from the onerous duties imposed upon him, believing that he could best serve his country at Manila.

AN ABSOLUTE DENIAL.

Archbishop Ireland Says the Pope Would Not Interfere.

St. Paul, Jan. 4.—Archbishop Ireland today positively denied the report sent from Rome to the London Daily Mail that the pope would not allow him to accept the appointment to the St. Petersburg peace conference because the vatican was not to be represented there.

A Standard Oil Move.

Cleveland, Jan. 4.—The taking of testimony in the Standard Oil case was resumed today before Master Commissioner Edensmade, for the reason that the attorney general has filed a motion before the Ohio Supreme court to oust Edensmade from his position as master commissioner. The motion is now being considered by the supreme court tomorrow.

Scalded by Boiler Explosion.

Shumook, Pa., Jan. 4.—A locomotive at the Pennsylvania colliery exploded today from a defective boiler, completely wrecking the engine. Charles Collins, engine man, and Joseph Lauer, conductor, were in the cab at the time and were seriously scalded about the face and body.

Discouraged by Speculation.

Lancaster, Jan. 4.—Henry C. Smith, aged 25 years, hanged himself in a stable in this city last night, his body being found today. He left a letter in which he stated that the suicide was due to financial difficulties due to stock speculation.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Rain; Much Colder. 1 General—Manifesto by the Anti-Quay-Reg. Senator McCarrell Defends the Capitol Commission Against Unjust Criticism by Governor Hastings. Many Tales of Storm and Shipwreck. Peace Treaty Laid Before the Senate.

NEPTUNE IN ANGRY MOOD

Incoming Vessels Bring Tales of Storm and Shipwreck.

MANY SAILORS IN PERIL

Five Men of the Crew of the Quinnebaugh Practically Returned from the Grave—Crew of Lumber Schooner Rescued in Mid Ocean. Mysterious Disappearance of the Catania.

NEW WEBB BELTS RECEIVED.

Are Suitable for Carrying Jorgensen Ammunition.

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 4.—The new Webb belts, suited to carry one hundred rounds of ammunition for the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, have been received by Quartermaster Cox of the Thirtieth. The ammunition also was delivered this afternoon by Major Pittman, of the arsenal.

It is expected that the new magazine guns will be issued tomorrow or on Friday. This, at least, is the present intention of Lieutenant Cox. A new range for the benefit of the Third brigade is being established, and it is proposed to give the men the necessary practice to understand and to use the new rifle with safety and effectiveness.

SANTIAGO EXCITED.

Danger of a Revolt of Public Employees if Discharged.

Santiago De Cuba, Jan. 4.—Meetings were held at all the political clubs last night, and even the most conservative people, those favoring the annexation of Cuba to the United States, were astounded at the orders for the centralization of the customs money there. The past forty-eight hours have completely altered the situation of affairs here. The province had gradually settled down, and was contented with the order of things prevailing, recognizing the benefits conferred. Now there is a complete change and there is no exaggeration in saying that the situation is critical, that a spark would set up a blaze which would plunge the province into insurrection. It is generally admitted that if one thousand men were suddenly discharged from the public works such action would probably cause a revolt which it would be hard to quell.

WHERE IS THE CATANIA?

Signalled for Help, Then Drifted Away and Became Invisible.

London, Jan. 4.—The Atlantic Transport company's steamer Mesaba, Captain Layland, from New York on Dec. 24 for this port, which was met by Fray's Point yesterday and reported that she spoke the American steamer Catania, Captain Furlong, from Glasgow on Dec. 17 for New York, in distress in latitude 48 N., longitude 35 W., has arrived here with details of the meeting. Captain Layland, who met the Catania on Dec. 29, her deck had been washed away and her funnels had been swept. She asked to be taken in tow and the Mesaba agreed to do so if possible. A boat from the Mesaba, containing an investigation, was launched and attempted to put a line on board the distressed steamer, but failed to do so on account of the heavy seas which were running.

SPEAK-EASIES ON TRANSPORTS

Evidence That Certain Quartermasters Have Been Very Thrifty.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 4.—Two weeks ago Hugh McClair, steward on the transport Roumanian from Havana, by the ship's quartermaster McClair said it was because he had demanded of the quartermaster his share of profiting made from the ship's store room. Depot Quartermaster Bellingier and Depot Commissary Rutherford have been making an investigation. What they found has been embodied in an official report which went to Washington last night.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

No Free Liquors or Cigars to Be on the Programme.

Harrisburg, Jan. 4.—The joint legislative inaugural committee organized today by the election of Senator James G. Mitchell, of Jefferson, chairman. The committee decided that there shall be no free cigars and free liquor at the inaugural ceremonies. The six new regiments of the National Guard will attend. Invitations will also be issued to the judges of the state, President McKinley and his cabinet and the members of congress and their families.

HAVANA HAS A TERRIBLE.

But the Yellow Journal Sensation Is Speedily Exploded.

Havana, Jan. 4.—The afternoon papers today sent a thrill through the city with a report that a torture and execution chamber had been found at the residence of the Spanish military governor, adjoining the palace. The papers declared that there the Spanish officials questioned and murdered political prisoners. According to their accounts the floor of the chamber was covered with dried blood and its walls were indented with machete strokes.

CALVIN S. BRICE'S ESTATE.

It Will No Doubt Amount to Several Million Dollars.

New York, Jan. 4.—Although the value of the late Calvin S. Brice's personal property in New York is fixed at only \$600,000 in the petition for letters of administration on file at the surrogate's office, it is probable that his whole estate, when formally taken into account, will amount to about \$7,000,000. It was said at the surrogate's office today that the great bulk of Mr. Brice's property was not within the jurisdiction of this county or state.

Steamship Movements.

New York, Jan. 4.—Sailed: Paris, Southampton; Britannia; Liverpool; Westerland; Antwerp; Paest; Bismarck; Genoa and Naples. Cleared: Rotterdam, Rotterdam. Arrived: Prinsendam; New York; Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonic, New York.

League Not Yet Formed.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The recently formed league known as La Patrie Francaise, whose avowed object is to "limit intellectual France," has been found to be acting the Dreyfus agitation" seems still born, owing to the incompatibility of M. Brunere, Coppee and Maurice Barres and the dissonance between the authors, professors and scientists who have signed the membership list.

DISABLED IN MID-OCEAN.

The Steamship Arkansas Reported by the Teutonic.

Queenstown, Jan. 4.—The White Star line steamship Teutonic, which touched here last night en route to Liverpool, reports that on Dec. 1, in latitude 48 north and longitude 36 west, she spoke the Danish steamer Arkansas, which signalled that her engines were disabled and that she wished to be reported.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Jan. 4.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original widows—Ann Hibern, Philip, Luzerne; Katie Gilman, Shamokin, Pa.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Forecast for Thursday: fair, eastern Pennsylvania; cloudy, fair and colder Friday; fresh southwesterly winds becoming northwesterly.