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IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Another Avalanche of Bills Introduced in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES

List Announced Last Evening—Appropriations for the West Side Hospital Are Asked—Mr. Philbin Is Heard from—A Bill to Regulate Salaries of District Attorneys.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Harrisburg, Jan. 28.—Speaker Mearns today laid before the house of representatives at tonight's session, the restoration of William H. Keyser, of the Nineteenth Philadelphia district.

"The speaker loses a personal friend," said Mr. Marshall, "the house loses an active member and the state a useful legislator. In his new position, which he has accepted, Mr. Keyser will be elevated, he will have a wider sphere of usefulness."

Mr. Harris, of Clearfield, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Keyser for his uniform courage and kindliness in opposing his resignation and congratulating him upon the prospects of his election to the senate to fill the vacancy created by the death of Francis A. Osbourne, of Philadelphia. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cooper, of Philadelphia, in a short speech complimenting Mr. Keyser.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Champagnon, of Tioga, and adopted, urging the Pennsylvania representatives in congress to support the Grout bill.

The senate bill authorizing the Pennsylvania Railroad company to increase its capitalization to \$100,000,000, was favorably reported from committee.

Bills were introduced as follows:

Mr. Kopp, of Allegheny—Appropriating \$10,000 to Avoye college, Allegheny, creating the office of military officer for school and college boards; allowing the granting of only one license to a distiller or brewer.

Mr. Henderson, of Allegheny—Appropriating \$2,000 to the Boy's Industrial Home, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, providing for the publication of official advertising in any German newspaper in Allegheny county; appropriating \$10,000 to the home for aged women at Philadelphia.

Mr. Scott, of Allegheny—Regulating procedure and practice in applications to register of wills for probate of wills and grant of letters testamentary and of letters of administration on estates of inter-state decedents.

Mr. Healy, of Berks—Appropriating \$2,000 to the Home for Friendless Children, Reading.

Mr. Stroh, of Carbon—Making it a misdemeanor for any person who causes to be publicly performed or represented in any school or public building, or in any undecorated dramatic composition or musical composition known as an opera without the consent of its owner or proprietor or who, knowing that such dramatic or musical composition is unpublished or undecorated and without the consent of its owner or proprietor, permits, or takes part in such a performance or representation.

For West Side Hospital.
Mr. Reynolds, of Lackawanna—Appropriating \$50,000 to the West Side hospital, Scranton.

Mr. Palm, of Crawford—Providing for the levy and collection of taxes upon court proceedings for the support of law libraries; appropriating \$2,000 to the State college of agriculture.

Mr. Morrison, of Mercer—Regulating the sale and manufacture of commercial fertilizers; regulating the sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuff, defining concentrated feeding stuff and prohibiting their adulteration.

Mr. Galbreath, of Montgomery—Appropriating \$15,000 to the Portville hospital.

Mr. Broderick, of Lancaster—Appropriating \$15,000 to the State college; establishing a division of horticulture and pomology in the department of agriculture in charge of a chief who shall be paid a salary of \$2,500 a year and shall be entitled to a clerk at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia—Appropriating \$15,000 to St. Timothy's hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Keener, of Philadelphia—Appropriating \$30,000 to the Kensington hospital.

Mr. Kendall, of Somerset—Detaching Somerset county from the sixteenth judicial district, composed of Bedford and Somerset counties, and creating a new district composed of Somerset alone.

Mr. Maloney, of Venango—Providing that any water company shall, upon the written request of the owners of a tract of land, or of any tract in any tract or district adjacent to a town, borough, or city have power and authority to extend its plant or works into such tract or district with such rights and subject to such duties within such tract or district as may have been conferred and imposed by its charter; appropriating \$20,000 to the Home for Friendless Children at Philadelphia.

To Fix Attorneys' Salaries.
Mr. Champagnon, of Tioga—Providing that district attorneys in counties whose population does not exceed 100,000 shall be paid a salary in lieu of fees. The salary in counties whose population does not exceed 50,000 shall be paid \$500 a year; in counties whose population does not exceed 20,000, \$300; in counties whose population does not exceed 10,000, \$200; in counties whose population does not exceed 5,000, \$100; in counties whose population does not exceed 2,500, \$50; in counties whose population does not exceed 1,250, \$25; in counties whose population does not exceed 625, \$12.50.

Mr. Philbin, of Lackawanna—Ratifying and confirming all paving done in cities of the third class since May 2, 1905, without petition of property owners under any ordinance passed in compliance with the provisions of article 3, section 2, clause 10, of the act of May 3, 1905.

Mr. McClain, of Lancaster—Providing for the establishment and maintenance of public libraries in cities of the second and third class and in boroughs.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

In the Senate.

The senate met at 9 o'clock tonight, and was in session for half an hour.

During that time a number of bills were read in place, several bills were read for the first time and President Pro Tem Snyder announced the standing committees of the senate, as follows:

Agriculture—Messrs. Lister, chairman; Flinn, Mosler, Washburn, Emery, Cummings, Heidebaugh, Williams, Mains, Miller, Heine, Herold.

Appropriations—Messrs. Hardenbergh, chairman; Vaughan, Sprout, Cummins, Muehlbroner, Stinson, Focht, Scott, Washburn, Heidebaugh, Burke, Quill, Voss, Fox, Woods, Williams, Emery, Voss, Sisson, McKee, Rice, Stiles, Haines, Neely, Boyd, Higgins, Miller, Kemmer.

Banks and Building and Loan Associations—Messrs. Matson, chairman; Crawford, Vaughan, Magee, Hardenbergh, Stinson, Burke, Fox, Woods, Stewart, Washburn, Kemmer, Boyd.

Canals and Inland Navigation—Messrs. McCaskey, chairman; Henry, Weiss, Martin, Crawford, Cochran, Heine.

Central Affairs—Messrs. Sisson, chairman; Henry Martin, Washburn, Drury, Cochran, Heine, Miller.

Congressional Appropriation—Messrs. Sisson, chairman; Burke, Rice, Quill, Fox, Fisher, Focht, Sprout, Voss, Grady, Heine, Stiles, Higgins, Matson, Sprout, Grady, Magee, Voss, Boyd, Heine, Grubb, Conings, Quill, Matson, Woods, Fisher, Fox, Sisson, Scott, Boyd, Stiles, Higgins, Matson.

Education—Messrs. Cummins, chairman; Flinn, Focht, Stinson, Sisson, Vaughan, McKee, Weiss, Stewart, Neely, Heine, Wentz, Herold, Heidebaugh, General, Messrs. Focht, Stinson, Muehlbroner, Grady, Fox, Washburn, Stober, Emery, Matson, Higgins, Stiles.

Federal Relations—Messrs. Weller, chairman; Henry Martin, Stewart, Drury, Flinn, Higgins, Weller, Stiles, McKee.

Finance—Messrs. Grady, chairman; Sprout, Scott, Magee, Hardenbergh, Stober, Fox, Woods, Muehlbroner, Emery, Fisher, Higgins, Neely, Stiles.

Forestry—Messrs. Washburn, chairman; Henry, Stober, Martin, Weller, Cummins, Weiss, Stinson, Edington, Williams, McKee, Cochran, Heide, Miller.

Game and Fisheries—Messrs. Sisson, chairman; Vaughan, Rice, Henry, Weiss, Washburn, Cummings, Woods, Fox, Weller, Martin, Cochran, Lee, Heide, Miller.

Insurance—Messrs. Heidebaugh, chairman; Voss, Scott, Woods, Quill, Heidebaugh, Matson, Muehlbroner, Higgins, Stiles, Fox, Focht, Muehlbroner, Heidebaugh, Washburn, Wentz, Heide, Cochran.

KERR TRIAL IMPROBABLE

An Unexpected Move in the Boss-Chiefert Gasg at Paterson.

KERR MAKES NO DEFENCE

A Plea of Non Vult Entered on Behalf of the Fourth Man—A Possible Sentence of Fifteen Years and Thirty for Associates—A Significant Comment by Judge Dixon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Paterson, Jan. 28.—George J. Kerr, who was jointly indicted with McAlister, Campbell and Death on a charge of rape and murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Jennie Roschleter, was unexpectedly brought into court this forenoon before Judge Dixon and pleaded non vult as to the charge of rape. John W. Harding, counsel for the prisoner, in addressing the court, said that Kerr was not present when the knockout drops were administered to Jennie Roschleter, nor did he assist the girl when she was taken from the carriage on the Rock road. Counsel expressed the hope that the prosecutor and court would take this into consideration and accept the plea of non vult.

Mr. Harding, Kerr's counsel, explained that Kerr's counsel, in pleading non vult because in view of the present temper of the community it would be impossible to secure an unbiased jury for his client.

Here Judge Dixon interrupted the lawyer with the comment that a non vult in the trial of the three men guilty of the murder of Jennie Roschleter there had been a biased jury—biased in the accused's favor. If the jury had been unbiased they would probably have been a different verdict.

"If I had been on that jury," declared Judge Dixon, "and of unbiased mind I would have voted to send those three men to the gallows."

County Prosecutor Emery said that while he had every preparation to place Kerr on trial on the indictment found against him, he felt inclined to accept the plea of non vult in view of the statement made by counsel as to Kerr's connection with the girl's death, which seemed to be corroborated by the general facts of the case. Kerr was then remanded for sentence, and it is not likely that he will be tried on the charge of murder.

Extreme Penalty.

Prosecutor Emery announced at noon that he would have McAlister, Kerr, Campbell and Death arraigned in court tomorrow and would move that sentence be pronounced at once. It is confidently expected that all the prisoners except Kerr will receive the extreme penalty for murder in the second degree, of which they were convicted. The full penalty is thirty years' imprisonment at hard labor. It is also expected that Kerr will be sentenced to the full penalty of the law on a charge to which he has pleaded non vult, which is fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor.

There were but few spectators in court when Kerr was arraigned, but the fact that he had been allowed to get off with a plea of non vult soon spread through the town and became a topic of general discussion. It was received with surprise by many, but it was generally agreed that Kerr had pursued a wise course in not standing trial on the indictment in view of Judge Dixon's charge to the jury which convicted McAlister, Campbell and Death, to the effect that all four were equally guilty, even if it was shown that only one of the prisoners assaulted the girl while all four were present.

The friends of McAlister, Campbell and Death could not be convinced that there was any legal or good reason why so much consideration should have been shown Kerr. The latter is a brother of former City Judge Kerr, and is related by marriage to a prominent official of the city. Kerr is forty-one years of age, has been married twice and has a daughter eighteen years of age.

Kerr's plea of non vult contended to the charge of rape was the same effect as a plea of guilty. Technically it is not admission of the crime. In effect it is an announcement that no defense would be offered were the case called for trial. In view of the acceptance of this plea of guilty of the charge of rape, it is not surprising that the indictment accusing him of murder.

Salisbury Will Not Resign.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
London, Jan. 28.—There is not the slightest foundation, the Associated Press is officially informed, for the statement that Lord Salisbury will resign. Further, it is officially set forth that the premier's absence from Osborne at the time of the death of Queen Victoria was due to the urgent request of King Edward and Lord Salisbury's health might be impaired by the trying journey, as sea trips are particularly hard upon the premier. Besides, it was bitterly cold at Dover. The real good relations prevail between King Edward and Lord Salisbury.

Wire Company Directors Meet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 28.—The directors of the American Steel and Wire company met today and took a recess until tomorrow when the annual statement will be printed and published and the action of the board thereon given out. There was no action taken today with regard to the dividend on the common stock.

Will Not Obtain Blackwell's Island.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 28.—It was said today that the United States government will not obtain Blackwell's Island or any part of it for a coal-park or drill ground. All the city officers who have the power to make the concession are opposed to the transfer of the island to the government.

MINE WORKERS VOTE

They Are in Favor of Holding Next Convention at Indianapolis.

HEAD-ON COLLISION

Two Baltimore and Ohio Fast Freight Trains Meet at High Speed.

FIVE MEN ARE KILLED

Two or Three Others Are Injured. Fireman and Brakeman and One Engineer Must Have Been Asleep. Conductor's Escape.

MRS. NATION VISITS THE GOVERNOR

She Arraigns the Chief Executive of Kansas for His Position on Liquor Affairs.

CHOCATE MUST HAVE NEW CREDENTIALS

Will Have to Be Accredited as U. S. Ambassador at the Court of Edward VII.

DAY OF MOURNING

Saturday Will Be Observed Throughout England.

RESCUED IN STORM AT SEA

Eighteen Men Taken from Sinking Cuba by Barcelona.

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YU-HSIEN TO DIE

Chinese Court Said to Have Ordered Decapitation.

DUTCH STEAMSHIP LOST

Sixteen Persons Who Were on Board Drowned—Seven Saved.

ADMIRAL CASEY'S COMMAND

He Succeeds Rear-Admiral Kautz on the Pacific Station Today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today, FAIR; BRISK WINDS.

1 General—Fatal Collision on the B. & O. Standing Committee of the State Senate. Unexpected Move in the Roschleter Case at Paterson.

2 General—Carbonate Department.

3 Local—Two Opinions on the County Fee System.

4 Editorial. Note and Comment.

5 Local—Meeting of the Board of Control. Last Week of Civil Court.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

7 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

LI HUNG CHANG AT DEATH'S DOOR

Suffering from Fever and His Life Is Despaired Of.

WILL STOP THE FIGHT.

Governor Nash Takes Steps to Prevent the Proposed Jeffries-Rubin Boxing Match.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—Action was taken by Governor Nash today to prevent the Jeffries-Rubin fight at Cincinnati on Feb. 15. In a letter to Attorney General Sheets the governor declares the fight "would be a disgrace to the state of Ohio, as well as a violation of law," and concludes: "I hereby authorize and request you to take such steps and commence such action as may be necessary to prevent this occurrence and in so doing to use the name of the state."

A petition is now being drawn up in the case which will be immediately filed in the county court at Cincinnati. The bill will be entitled "The state, ex rel the attorney general, versus J. J. Jeffries, Gus Rubin, William N. Hobart, George Gugenberger, Leopold Kleybohn, Bernard Bettman, George F. Dietrich, F. A. Lee, Penton Lawson, Rev. P. A. Eisenhour and thirty other citizens, associates in the management of the Cincinnati Saengerfest company."

While the case is pending brought by the attorney general he will have associated with him in the case in addition to Messrs. Maxwell and Wald, former United States attorneys, General Judson Thurman and John W. Warrington. The form of the suit will be a petition for an injunction against the parties named, based on the claim that they are about to perpetrate a public nuisance. It is on this claim of nuisance that it is hoped to avoid the question of whether the contest is a prize fight or a boxing contest.

Late tonight both Jeffries and Rubin were arrested on a warrant sworn out by several persons interested in the coming fight who created at the investigation of the Saengerfest Athletic association, charging them with being in violation of the law in this state. The two fighters were taken before Judge Squire Downing, who released both on bond. A test case is to be made of their arrest.

CRAZY SNAKE SULLEN.

His Capture Regarded as One of the Most Important.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Henrietta, L. T., Jan. 28.—Chitto Harjo, a Crazy Snake who is a United States prisoner here, remained sullen today and refused to confer with Lieutenant Dixon. It is believed, however, that the wily chap will sooner or later show a friendly spirit and that the result will be a prompt ending of the insurrection. It is argued that Harjo and his followers have been taught to have a greater respect for the army officer than for deputy marshals, believing that the soldier is more apt to treat them fairly.

The capture of Crazy Snake is believed here to be the most important move since the outbreak. He has been the agitator and the real leader of the dissatisfied Indians and now that he is safely in the hands of the government it is believed his followers will soon be brought to terms.

NEW SONG BOOK.

Will Supplant the United Presbyterian Singing Publications.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—The special committee appointed in September, 1909, to revise and publish a new song book for the Sabbath schools and young people's unions of the United Presbyterian denomination has just completed its laborious task and was forwarded to the publishers in Boston.

The new song book is intended to supplant the present edition of the "Sibley Songs," now used in all United Presbyterian churches of the United States. From 350,000 to 400,000 copies will be published.

Killed in a Collision.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Belleville, Pa., Jan. 28.—William Beckman, aged 25 years, of Tyrone, was instantly killed and three other men injured in a head-on collision today between a shifting engine and the Bald Eagle Valley work train. The injured are Claude Thompson, engineer of the shifting engine; John Woodring, conductor of the work train; and Edward Woodring. The dead man was the only support of his widowed mother. Of the injured Edward Woodring is the most seriously hurt. He was badly cut and bruised.

Fosburg Admitted to Bail.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Mass., Jan. 28.—Robert S. Fosburg, 31, who was arrested Saturday on an indictment charging him with the murder of his father, Miss Mrs. Fosburg, in the family residence here last August, was released on \$12,000 bail furnished by his father today. Young Fosburg went to the jail from London, was wrecked on the release and there met the members of his family. He refused to make any statement whatever in regard to the case.

MR. TOWNE'S ORATION

The Young Minnesota Cicero Talks on the Philippines Question.

GOVERNMENT CRITICISED

A Scathing and Scornful Arrangement of the Policy by Which the Philippines Are Being Annihilated. An Outburst of Applause from the Gallery—Interesting Feature of the House Proceedings.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate turned from the grind of appropriation bills today to listen to a speech which partook of the character of an oration, from Senator Towne, of Minnesota. Since he entered the senate a few weeks ago, on appointment of Governor Lind, the young Minnesotan has had little opportunity to display his talents. As his reputation as an orator had preceded him there was much interest in his speech today, which was in advocacy of his resolution for a cessation of hostilities in the Philippines. The floor was crowded with senators and members of the house of representatives, the latter including Representatives Littlefield, McCull, Cooper and others, who have been prominent in insular legislation. The galleries, public and private, were crowded to overflowing. The senators on the Democratic side gave Mr. Towne marked attention. On the Republican side the attention was less noticeable, although Mr. Hoar and Mr. Hale at first followed the speech closely, at times exchanging smiling comment on some of the utterances. At one point, Mr. Depew took a front seat and listened attentively. Mr. Towne's style of delivery was clear and forcible. Although restricted by manuscript, he had the subject well in hand and scolded out the fine periods with fervor that sent them echoing through the chamber. The speech abounded in apothecary to liberty and patriotism and scathing and scornful arraignment of the policy by which the Philippines were being annihilated. At one point an outburst of applause from the galleries led to a vigorous warning from the presiding officer against demonstrations of approval or dissent. As the orator closed his brilliant peroration there was another outburst of applause, despite the warnings of the chair. Immediately following Mr. Towne's speech, the credentials of his successor, Mr. Clapp, of Minnesota, were presented and after being sworn in the new senator took his seat and Mr. Towne retired.

The rest of the day was devoted to the Indian appropriation bill, the discussion turning on irrigation and little progress being made.

IN THE HOUSE.

The major portion of the day in the house was occupied in the transaction of District of Columbia business. The bill to revise and codify the postal laws, which has been under consideration at intervals for ten days, was finally passed today. Its friends succeeded in their endeavor to secure a vote on the bill for which it was framed—a codification and revision of existing laws. All attempts to amend it in any particular failed. The most interesting feature of the day was an attempt to secure a vote upon the senate bill with instructions to report back a bill to confer jurisdiction in these cases upon the court of claims. Mr. Haugen, of the committee on war claims, secured consideration of a substitute for the bill drawn in accordance with the instructions of the house, and then appealed to the house to vote down the substitute and pass the senate bill. There was some intimation of sharp practice over this mode of procedure, but the matter was settled temporarily by postponing consideration of the bill until next Monday.

PINKED IN THE ARMPIT.

The Result of the Latest Duel in Paris.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Paris, Jan. 28.—A duel between well-known fencers, a Sicilian named Baron De San Malato and a Frenchman, Prof. Damotte, occurred this afternoon at the Velodrome on the Paris de Princess. The meeting was the outcome of their rivalry as swordsmen. The keenest interest in the encounter was displayed in Paris. All stages of the negotiations were published in the newspapers. The seconds on each side were famed masters at arms. The combat was short. Damotte was pinked in the armpit during the rapid onslaught.

The duel was a superb display of skill. San Malato is the son of a celebrated swordsman.

The Vote Ineffective.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Dover, Del., Jan. 28.—There was a full attendance of members when the general assembly met in joint session to hold its voted State senators today but the vote was ineffective, as usual.

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