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SENSATION IN THE HOUSE

Mr. Lentz Succeeds in Stirring Up the Democrats of Lower Branch to a Fever Pitch.

SPEAKER HELD UP SPEECH

He Had Been Led to Believe That the Remarks of the Ohio Orator Violated the Privileges of the House—A Lively Wrangle Follows. More Trouble Threatened Today. Report on Naval Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The house was the scene of a sensational incident late this afternoon which threw that body into a violent state of excitement. For an hour the storm raged, ending abruptly when an adjournment was taken upon motion of Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority. Mr. Lentz, the Ohio Democrat, who has created many sensations during his service in the house, stirred the Democrats to a fever pitch by rising to a question of privilege and alleging that a speech he had turned over to the public printer under general leave to print, had been withheld from the record and had been turned over to General Grosvenor, of Ohio, by the speaker. The nature of the speech was not developed during the events that followed, but it was learned that it was an attack upon Senator Hanna and the methods by which he was elected to the senate.

The speaker explained that it had been represented to him that the speech violated the privileges of the house and he had directed that it should be withheld until he could look over it. Pressure of business had prevented him from doing so, however, and only twenty minutes before, he said, he had directed that the speech go into the record, believing that if it contained anything offensive it could be stricken out of the record by the house later. Intense excitement followed. Several points of order were made by Republicans, but the speaker declined to side-track the matter in that way, holding that to proceed a proposition of some kind must be before the house. Thereupon Mr. Richardson, the Democratic leader, offered a resolution declaring that the speaker had no right to withhold speeches. Against this the question of consideration was raised by Mr. Lacey, and by a strict party vote the house decided not to consider it. Amid still greater excitement Mr. Richardson offered another resolution condemning the speaker's action in terms and directing that the speech be delivered forthwith to the public printer. Again Mr. Lacey (Iowa) raised the question of consideration.

Vain Efforts for Order.

Members on each side were shouting at each other across the political aisle. The speaker pounded vainly for order. Mr. Grosvenor, Republican, Ohio, and Mr. Wheeler, Democrat, Kentucky, were engaged in a wordy duel, but what they said could not be heard. At last, when order was restored, the speaker ruled that the question of consideration could not be taken against the proposition, and the vote was taken. Each side voted solidly, and the house refused to consider the resolution, 115 to 127. As soon as the result was announced Mr. Payne, the Republican leader, moved an adjournment. The controversy probably will be resumed tomorrow. Earlier in the day a partial conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was agreed to and the bill was sent back to conference.

The western members made an ineffectual effort to accept the senate amendment appropriating $100,000 for irrigation experiments on the Gila river in Arizona, but they were defeated.

The conference report on the naval bill was beaten on account of the item creating assistant chiefs of bureaus in the navy department and a motion to accept the senate amendment authorizing the construction of three additional submarine boats was pending when the row above mentioned was precipitated by Mr. Lentz.

MASONS IN COUNCIL.

Officers Elected at Allentown by the Royal and Select.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Allentown Feb. 26.—The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the grand council Royal and Select Masons of Pennsylvania, is in progress here. The following officers have been elected:

M. P. grand master, Frank W. Martenis, of South Bethlehem; R. P. deputy grand master, A. C. Criswell, of Media, Pa.; R. P. illustrious grand master, Lyman M. Finney, of Bradford; grand principal conductor of work, David O. McCollum, of Wilkes-Barre; grand treasurer, Joel S. Eby, of Lancaster; grand recorder, Joshua L. Lyte, of Lancaster.

This evening Allen council received a class of twenty-five new members, and a banquet was held.

Three Children Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—Three children of Daniel Ireland were burned to death this afternoon in their parents' home in Cold Spring Harbor, L. I. Mrs. Ireland went to a store and left the children, a boy 5 years, a girl 3 years and a small baby in the house. During her absence the house caught fire and the three children were unable to get out of the building. The house was totally destroyed.

Rumors of Surrender.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 26.—John D. Cassels, a sewing machine salesman, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Mary J. Lane, in Long Meadow, tonight, because she would not elope with him, and then he drank carbolic acid. Both will die.

NEW PHASE IN THE DELAWARE COMEDY.

Sensation Is Introduced in the Way of a Bribery.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Dover, Del., Feb. 26.—The committee appointed last week by the house of representatives to investigate the allegations of Representative Walter M. Hearn, Democrat, that he had been offered $2,000 to absent himself from the joint caucus and induce another Democrat to remain out of the joint session of the legislature while the balloting for United States senator was progressing last Thursday, met today and heard from Mr. Hearn the name of his alleged traducer.

The committee, consisting of two Democrats, two union Addicks Republican and one regular Republican, held a brief session and adjourned until tonight, but while the legislators were in session they listened to some sensational testimony. Representatives Hearn and Layton were the only important witnesses called. Hearn swore that he was approached by Representative Reese Layton, one of the Addicks members from Sussex county, who offered him $2,000 if he would absent himself and induce another Democrat to leave the joint session on Thursday, February 21. He said Layton also offered him $800 if he would never vote for the regular Republican candidate for United States senator.

Representative Layton testified that Mr. Hearn's testimony was absolutely false in every particular. He said that Hearn was drunk when the alleged conversation took place, while the two members were on their way to the German ball, February 18.

The hearing was then adjourned until tonight.

SAMPSON DENOUNCED BY SENATOR ALLEN

Sensational Scene Results from the Chief Gunner Morgan Affair.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—An important amendment to the Philippine amendment to the army appropriation bill was agreed to today in the senate. It was an amplification of the amendment previously offered by Mr. Hoar (Mass.), laying restrictions on the sale of public lands and the granting of franchises and concessions in the Philippines. It was accepted by the committee in charge of the measure, and is now a part of the committee amendment. Mr. Morgan (Ala.) continued his speech begun yesterday and occupied the floor during the greater part of the day. He concluded his address just before the afternoon recess, after having discussed comprehensively both the Philippine and Cuban amendments. He appealed to the committee to withdraw both propositions, maintaining that congress was treading upon dangerous grounds and trifling with edged tools in acting upon them without ample information.

During the afternoon Mr. Allen obtained the floor from Mr. Morgan and severely arraigned Rear Admiral Sampson for some endorsements he is alleged to have made upon an application of Chief Gunner Charles Morgan, of the navy, for promotion to the grade of commissioned officer. Mr. Allen's denunciation of Admiral Sampson was sensational.

NEGRO CREMATED.

George Ward, Who Murdered Miss Ida Finklestein, Meets Swift Punishment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 26.—Punishment, swift and terrible, was meted out today to George Ward, the negro who murdered Miss Ida Finkelstein, the school teacher, by shooting her with a shotgun and cutting her throat yesterday afternoon. A few hours after his arrest an angry mob battered down the doors of the jail, dragged the prisoner to the Wabash bridge, several squares away, and hanged him to the bridge draw. Not content with the hanging, the crowd cut the corpse down and, laying it on a sand bar under the bridge, kindled a fire and cremated the remains. It was the first lynching that ever occurred in Terre Haute.

Ward was arrested at 10 o'clock at the car works, where he was employed as a day laborer, and after being identified by two citizens, made a confession. His only excuse for the murder was that Miss Finkelstein called him "a dirty nigger" and slapped him in the face.

FATAL RESULT OF FOOLING WITH CELLULOID.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Roy Sampson, a workman, threw a lighted match in a barrel of celluloid scraps in the Waukegan organ stop factory of R. Alden, and as a result two young women employes were burned to death and three other persons were injured. The dead are: Gertrude Wells, aged 22; Jennie Wells, aged 17.

Mr. Rockhill Heard From.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Mr. Rockhill was heard from today for the first time in his capacity of conductor of the negotiations at Pekin. His message merely stated that he had assumed charge for the United States on the 24th inst. Mr. Conger sent his last message yesterday. It is said at the state department that Mr. Rockhill remains in the capacity of special commissioner.

Freeman a Bankrupt.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—Marcus L. Freeman, now secretary and treasurer of a fireproof construction company in this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court today, placing his liabilities at $181,680, with assets of but $20. The First National bank of Hadelon is a creditor to the extent of $10,241.

Senate in Executive Session.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate in executive session tonight confirmed all the navy nominations for promotion sent in, except those of Admirals Sampson and Sodey.

GOMEZ FEARS BLOODSHED

Corrects False Reports That Have Been Circulated Concerning His Position.

FALSE TALE OF UNREST

The Cuban Patriot Does Not Favor the Immediate Withdrawal of American Troops—He Realizes That the United States Is Responsible for the Establishment of a Stable Government on the Island, and Is Certain That the Cubans Will Be Fighting Among Themselves Within Sixty Days if the Troops Leave at the Present Time.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, Feb. 26.—General Gomez visited Governor General Wood today and assured him that the stories of unrest and dissatisfaction at the continuance of the United States intervention were false and that he had been misrepresented in statements to the effect that he favored an immediate withdrawal of the United States troops and absolute independence. If they withdrew now he feared bloodshed, beyond doubt. Within sixty days the Cubans would be fighting among themselves. General Gomez added:

"If the Americans were to withdraw today, I would go with them."

General Gomez said he recognized the fact that the United States was responsible for the establishment of a stable government in Cuba and could not withdraw until such a condition was brought about. The work of handing over the reins of government to the new republic was an undertaking involving much time and labor, and a large amount of study and experience on the part of the Cubans in the work of self-government.

Officials Not Trustworthy.

The general also said the element in control of the municipalities was not working in the interest of the island. The officials were inexperienced and could not be given a free hand. It would mean the destruction and ruination of the island.

General Wood said the greatest difficulty experienced was in getting the element interested in municipal governments. His purpose was to bring the best element to the front. The coming municipal elections would pave the way for the elections to be held under the electoral law being drawn up by the convention.

General Gomez had no objection to the outline of the future relations between the United States and Cuba as recommended by the senate of the United States. He thought, however, that it would be better for the United States to lease land for naval stations, instead of purchasing outright.

The convention will discuss the proposed relations in secret sessions. It is understood that a large majority of the delegates are still unwilling to admit the right of the United States to intervene in Cuba in times of peace or to establish naval stations.

ALEXANDROFF GOES FREE.

United States Court Holds That He Is No Deserter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Leo Alexandroff, an assistant surgeon of the Russian cruiser Varlag, who was arrested as a deserter, was today set free by a decision of the United States court of appeals. Alexandroff came to this country with a portion of the crew intended for the Varlag, while that vessel was building at Cramps ship yard.

Shortly after his arrival, he took out his first naturalization papers, and was arrested as a deserter at the instance of Captain Behr, of the cruiser. The surgeon appealed the case, and claimed that as the Varlag was not in commission when he came here, he could not desert a ship that did not exist. Presiding Judge Dallas and Judge Gray decided that Alexandroff was not a deserter, but Judge Bradford dissented.

It is probable the case will be taken to the United States Supreme court.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—Arrived: Ethiopia, Glasgow; Southwark, Antwerp; Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg. Cleared: Oceanic, Liverpool; Friesland, Antwerp; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; New York, Southampton. Sailed: Lahn, Bremen via Southampton; Georgic, Liverpool; Marquette, London. Gibraltar—Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Theresia, New York for Naples and Genoa. Bremen—Arrived: Koenigen Luis, New York via Southampton. Genoa—Arrived: Furst Bismarck, New York via Gibraltar and Naples. Antwerp—Sailed: Westernland, Southampton and New York. Cherbourg—Arrived: Pennsylvania, New York via Plymouth for Hamburg (and proceeded.) Plymouth—Sailed: Graf Waldersee, Hamburg for New York. Portland Bill—Passed: Potsdam, New York for Rotterdam.

Because She Would Not Elope.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes, under reserve, a rumor that Lord Kitchener has met General Louis Botha to arrange terms for the surrender of the Boers and that an armistice of twenty-four hours was granted the Boer commandant general to enable him to consult with the other commandants. According to the Daily Chronicle the cabinet council yesterday considered this new turn of affairs.

Promotion for Butler.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The president today sent to the senate the name of Smedley Darlington Butler, of Westchester, Pa., for promotion from first lieutenant of the marine corps to captain.

WAR TAX REDUCTION.

Basis of Compromise Likely to Be Reached.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The conferees on the revenue reduction bill seem gradually to be approaching an understanding and the indications now are that an agreement will be reported. It is said that the senate conferees are willing to make concessions in the matter of the beer tax and the tax on bank checks, retaining both items as they stood in the house bill. By restoring the beer tax to $1.60 a barrel, enough revenue will be saved to permit of the abolition of the bank check tax.

A compromise has been proposed in the matter of the tobacco tax. The house is willing to let the additional reduction stand as proposed by the senate, but the proposition is to change the legal size of package, so that only the same number of packages to a pound will be permitted, as was the case before the enactment of the war revenue bill two years ago. The senate seems likely to carry its point in the matter of tax on insurance policies. That tax will not be abolished altogether, as proposed by the house. The senate bill makes life insurance companies pay 4 cents on each $100, and fire and marine insurance company pay one-fourth of 1 per cent., the tax to be paid directly by the companies and not by stamps.

There will probably be a compromise on proprietary medicines. The senate, it is said, will consent to a horizontal reduction in the tax and will not insist upon the elaborate schedule prepared. There is some possibility that the entire tax will be remitted.

THIRTY-FIVE MEN HAVE PERISHED

The Worst Disaster in the History of Coal Mining in Wyoming Since the Almy Disaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 26.—The worst disaster in the history of coal mining in Wyoming since the Almy horror eight years ago, occurred at Diamondville last night. Thirty-five men are believed to have perished in a fire which started in mine No. 1, of the Diamondville Coal and Coke company.

The blaze was first discovered shortly after the night shift commenced work. It is thought to have originated from a careless miner's lamp in the oil room. The flames made such progress that only one man escaped from the two entries in which it was confined.

His name is John Anderson and he was frightfully burned running the gauntlet of the flames. He was suddenly confronted by a wall of fire and smoke, and, wrapping his head in an overcoat, he ran in the direction of the main entrance.

The first intimation the miners in the other entries had of a fire was when Anderson came rushing into the upper level, his clothing in flames. He fell unconscious and was carried to the mouth of the mine. The alarm was rounded and hundreds of miners at work in the mines and on the outside rushed to the rescue of their imprisoned comrades. The fire had by this time made such progress that it was impossible to enter the rooms of flames. The entire night was spent in confining the fire to the two entries and this morning it was necessary to seal them up to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the mine. This step was only decided upon after all hopes of saving the lives of the men had been abandoned. Nothing could live five minutes in the fire, which was increasing in fierceness every minute. The plugging of the two entries will smother the fire, but it may be several days before the barricades can be removed and the chambers explored.

The exact total of the men entombed is not yet known, as a number are missing, some on sick leave and others in the hospital suffering from burns received while fighting the flames, so that an accurate count is at present impossible. The mine is owned by the Oregon Short Line railroad. Its output is about 175,000 tons of coal per year, and upwards of 700 miners are employed.

THE KAISER'S WEDDING DAY.

Emperor to Return to Berlin to Celebrate Its Aniversary.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cronberg, Feb. 26.—Emperor William will return to Berlin today in order to be with the empress upon the anniversary of their wedding, which occurs tomorrow. Her majesty is detained in Berlin, owing to the indisposition of her daughter, the Princess Victoria Louise.

King Edward, by special request of his sister, the Dowager Empress Frederick, will remain until Saturday. Empress Frederick took an airing in a wheel chair today, King Edward walking by her side.

King Edward, it is learned, will return to England on Saturday.

CLEMENTS KILLS COATES.

Result of a Quarrel Between Two Colored Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—John Coates, who, it is alleged, was shot four times in front of his home on Saturday night by Eugene Clements, died today. Clements is in prison. Coates and Clements are colored.

It is said they quarrelled because of an insult offered to Clements' wife by Coates. When the woman told her husband of the alleged insult, Clement is said to have armed himself, and gone in search of Coates. As the latter came out of his house, Clements is said to have shot him.

Vanderlip Resigns.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The resignation of Hon. Frank A. Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, was announced to the department today to take effect upon the qualification of his successor, not later than March 8.

COL. WATRES A CANDIDATE

Like Mr. Cameron He Will Seek the Unification of Pennsylvania Republicans.

WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR

The Ex-Lieutenant Governor Has Announced Both in Washington and Harrisburg That He Is an Aspirant for Gubernatorial Nomination—His Strength May Depend Largely Upon the Disposition of the Ripper Bill—In Any Event He Hopes to Pose as a Peace Commission—Aid of the Quiet Worker Is Looked For.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Watres, of Scranton, is an aspirant for the gubernatorial nomination. He announced this both in Washington and Harrisburg today. Like ex-Senator Cameron, he will have as the central plank in his platform the unification of the Pennsylvania Republicans. He has received assurance of the favor of the insurgents, without solicitation or price, and is now energetically engaged in seeking for his candidacy the approval of prominent stalwarts who are free to act independently of the Elkins-Stone-Durham combine, and who have declared for a cessation of factional hostilities. Congressman William Connell, who has declared for peace repeatedly, and ex-Senator Thomas V. Cooper, who has been leading the revolts against certain alleged Quay bills and fostering the gubernatorial candidacy of ex-Senator Cameron, are among the men in this category. Colonel Watres' friends are giving solemn assurances that no faction will control him if he is governor and that if elected he will bend his best endeavors to the speedy termination of internecine strife.

A Peace Commissioner.

Should the ripper bill be defeated Colonel Watres will be a very formidable candidate. It would mean that the stalwarts would probably find themselves in a position where it would be expedient to have dealings with a peace commissioner, and as Colonel Watres has been shrewdly shaping his political course for years with an eye to this very thing, he would be, so it is figured, in a position to offer himself as the angel of peace. There are a number of the most effective of the quiet workers among the state politicians, who, while disclaiming unfaithfulness to the "Old Man," as Senator Quay is affectionately dubbed, are making no effort to deny the accusation that they are not allied with the Stone-Elkin-Durham wing of the organization, and two of these men, ex-State Chairman Andrews and Captain J. C. Delaney, both of whom secured votes for Quay during the organization, are fighting the ripper. Colonel Watres stopped off here today on his way home from Washington where he had an interview with Congressman Connell. He came up on the train which brought Senator Quay here. As far as could be learned he saw only three men in Harrisburg, they were Captain J. C. Delaney, Senator J. C. Vaughan and Representative P. A. Philbin.

Should General Elkin receive the nomination for governor, the insurgents will support ex-Governor Pattison. The Democrats in return will help "Baron" Widenor to defeat Governor Stone for the senate and join with the insurgents in securing the control of the legislature for "Bill" Flinn. Conjecture as to Colonel Watres' position in this event would be unwarranted.

T. J. Duffy.

MRS. NATION WRITES FIERY EDITORIALS.

She Furnishes Eight Columns to the Peoria Journal.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was in charge of the Journal here today. Her contributions to the paper consisted of eight columns of editorials, and an account of her crusade against "joints."

Mrs. Nation says in her leading editorial: "I have never hurt a hair on the heads of my bad brothers, the saloonkeepers, and hope, for pity's sake, none of them ever will get in the way of my hatchet, for it goes dreadful reckless when it flies around smashing that which murders men." No attempt was made by Mrs. Nation to handle the advertising space and whiskey advertisements filled several pages.

"One-Eyed" Connolly Insane.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—James, better known as "One Eyed" Connolly, known all over the country to sporting men, was today committed to the Kings county insane asylum. Medical experts declared he was suffering from an incurable form of alcoholic dementia.

Sensation Expected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—District Attorney Philbin told a reporter this afternoon that tomorrow is to be a big day in his office. He said there would be a good deal of sensational news in the matter of the crusade against vice.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

SNOW FLURRIES; COLDER.

1 General—Senator Quay Unqualifiedly in Favor of the Ripper Bill.
Colonel L. A. Watres for Governor.
General Gomez Fears Bloodshed.
Representative Lentz Springs Another Sensation in the House.
2 General—Carbondale Department.
3 General—Senator Quay in Favor of the Ripper Bill (Concluded.)
4 Editorial.
Note and Comment.
5 General—Effort for Mining Legislation.
Senate Agrees to a Change in the Army Reorganization Bill.
6 Local—P. J. Langan Tells How to Handle Air Brakes.
Sports of All Sorts.
7 Local—John Gibbons Elected President of the Board of Control.
Silk Mills May Be Moved from This City.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania.
Financial and Commercial.
10 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

BROKEN RAIL WRECKS WABASH TRAIN

Disaster Near Goshen, Indiana—Cars Fall Down an Embankment. Many Are Injured.

Goshen, Ind., Feb. 26.—Passenger train No. 8, on the Wabash railroad, which left Buffalo last night and which was scheduled to arrive in Chicago this morning, was wrecked two miles west of Millerburg at 9.35 a. m. today. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The engine passed over the break in safety, but the six cars following left the rails and one of them, the rear Pullman, rolled over on its side and slid down a twenty-five-foot embankment.

Of the forty or more passengers in the train, not one escaped injury, twelve being severely hurt, some of whom will probably die.

The railroad officials were prompt in securing medical aid and in a short time surgeons were hurrying to the scene of the wreck on special trains from every available point in Northern Indiana. The Lake Shore officials made up a special train and also carried doctors to the relief of the injured.

The little hotels at Millersburg and Benton, several miles from the scene of the wreck, were turned into hospitals. No deaths are thus far reported, but some of the injured are in a critical condition.

The crew of the train escaped injury. The list of the injured follows:

J. M. Walsmley, traveling man, Buffalo, head and face cut.
Miss Julia Collie, Rochester, N. Y.; head, back and shoulders badly crippled.
John Blomgreg, Chicago; head hurt, arm broken.
Miss Annie McDonald, Anaconda, Mont.; back, head and arms injured.
Henry Kerrehke, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; head and hands and legs hurt.
Abraham Fowler, Creston, Ia.; hurt about head.
Fred E. Porter, South Dakota; head and back hurt.
Daniel McClaren, Lanard, Mont.; head and back hurt.
A. C. Smith, Denver; head cut and shoulder sprained.
Charles Bogart, Chatham, Ont.; eye, head and shoulder hurt.
W. L. Combs, Washington, D. C.; head, arms and shoulder badly crippled.
John A. Lorimer, Chicago; legs bruised.
Mrs. Lorimer, hurt internally; will die.
Mrs. F. E. Barber, Chicago; back injured.
C. W. Evans, Boston; cut about head.
George W. Dorcey, Boston; bruises and sprains.
T. Kassing, Waseca, Minn.; spine and back hurt; serious.
F. M. Grossman, Chicago; back badly hurt.
J. A. Seligman, baggageman on Erie road.
Rev. J. W. Vandrilip, Ransom, Kansas.

OGDEN DECLARED GUILTY.

Convicted the Second Time for Same Offense.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The jury in the case of David S. Ogden, who has been on trial in the United States District court charged with violating the oleomargarine laws, today returned a verdict of guilty. Judge McPherson, pending a motion for a new trial, deferred sentence.

This is the second time Ogden has been convicted for the same offense. He was convicted at the last term of court, but secured a new trial. After the verdict in the first trial it was brought to the attention of the court that the jury, while in consultation, had read accounts of the trial, and a new trial was granted.

Ogden is the proprietor of a grocery store in this city, and was charged with selling oleomargarine in unstamped packages.

Passenger Committee Meets.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 26.—A meeting of the trunk line passenger committee was held in the offices of the Trunk Line Association today. It was thought that the revision of the differentials of the Lehigh Valley and Lackawanna roads would be reached, but Commissioner Farmer said the commission did not get that far. He said that decisions reached in some less important matters would be made public on Thursday.

Spain's Ministerial Crisis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—Lieutenant General Ascarraga, formally presented the resignation of the cabinet today to the queen regent, who informed him that she would confer with the presidents and former presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies and with the leaders of the minorities, beginning tomorrow. It is believed that the ministerial crisis will be solved Friday.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Mr. Dalton Door, for many years past the curator of Memorial hall, in Fairmount park, died today, after a week's illness from pneumonia. Mr. Door was the last surviving son of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Door, a prominent Episcopalian clergyman of this city.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—William J. McManus, famous as a secret service detective in the employ of the United States government, died this afternoon in St. Joseph's hospital, this city, from a complication of diseases.

THE AIR FULL OF RIPPER

Senator Quay Declares Himself Unqualifiedly in Favor of the Muehlbronner Measure.

DISOWNS FOCHT BILL

Repudiates the Ballot Reform Proposition as a Quay Measure, and Says That He Will Favor Any Bill That Is Acceptable to the People. Insurgents Claim Ripperites Are Shy Twenty-Four Votes — The Democrats Hold a Caucus and Vote to Oppose the Ripper and Focht Ballot Law.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—Once more the air is full of "ripper," but little news of a definite nature is at hand, other than that Senator Quay arrived here this afternoon and declared himself unqualifiedly in favor of the Muehlbronner bill, "ripper" and all.

Senator Quay, Governor Stone, Attorney General Elkin and Insurance Commissioner Durham spent the afternoon at the executive mansion sizing up the pro-ripper strength. Tonight the doubtful ones are being brought in and reasoned with.

The insurgents claim that the ripperites are shy twenty-four votes. Representative Hitchcock, the leader of the Schuylkill county delegation, declares that he is against the "ripper" and that his three colleagues are also disposed to vote against it.

Senator Quay would say nothing as to the status of the "ripper." "I have only come on the ground. You know more about it than I do," was his rejoinder to the direct question as to what he thought of the chances of the "ripper" being passed.

The bill will probably be reached on the second reading calendar tomorrow, but it is possible it will go over till next week. This will depend in a great measure on how the noses count up in the morning.

Quay Disowns Focht Bill.

Senator Quay created somewhat of a ripple by declaring tonight that he knew nothing whatever of the Focht ballot reform bill which the senator from Union claimed had the endorsement of the organization.

Senator Quay says he has not seen the bill and repudiates it as a Quay measure. If the Republicans do not produce a measure which will be acceptable to the people Senator Quay says he will be in favor of any other measure that does.

Democratic members of the house had a caucus tonight in the Bolton and voted to oppose the "ripper" and the Focht ballot law. The attendance figures were not given out. The insurgents caucused on the "ripper" and, of course, declared against it. They also declared at the conclusion of the caucus that all their members were in line excepting the two who publicly gave out statements in its favor.

Mayor Moir's Work.

Mayor James Moir and Assistant City Solicitor David J. Davis are here working in favor of the Muehlbronner bill. The fact that Mayor Moir, without any assurance of being appointed recorder, is vigorously favoring a measure which will rip him out of office, is serving as an impressive object lesson of the dire need of Scranton for the immediate passage of a complete code of second-class city laws.

In a statement to The Tribune correspondent, which was eagerly sought by all the pro-ripper papers, Mayor Moir said: "If I had any assurance of being appointed recorder there would be a constant danger of that fact leaking out and that danger would stand as a bar to my taking an active and open part in advocating the passage of the 'ripper,' for should the discovery come that I was making misrepresentations, my efforts would have a boomerang effect. Therefore, when I say that I am prompted to urge the passage of the Muehlbronner bill not through any selfish motive but by the sincere belief that Scranton must have this act, and have it at once, I expect my statement to be fully credited by any man who thinks.

"I make this prefatory explanation in anticipation of my motives being impugned by the anti-ripperites. I do not want to appear as trying to attach undue importance to the position I take in the matter, but if, as the friends of the measure in Scranton say, my public advocacy of the bill would be effective, I want that my action shall lose none of its effect by being tortured at the hands of the opposition.

Need of a Charter.

"It has now come to such a pass that Scranton cannot stop to discuss

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Wednesday, except snow flurries in mountain districts; colder. Thursday, fair; brisk northwesterly winds.