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THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 22, 1900.

WHILE an attempt is in progress to induce Congress to appropriate hundreds of millions of dollars for the construction of a canal in Nicaragua, some of the members of the commission this government sent to examine the different routes for an interocean canal, have returned, and report to the effect that the representations made by the agents of the Panama Canal Company are practically correct, and that the route of the latter, which will not cost the people of this country a cent, is the best and the shortest, and that a third of the work on it is already completed, and the remainder is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

THE RECENT murder of Dr. Temple by the Rev. Mr. Riddick is an alarming one, as it affords a glaring instance of the fact that no man, not even the most innocent, and no matter where, is safe when a whim seizes any eccentric or super-sensitive individual to shoot him down in his tracks. If the murderer be crazy, which is denied by those most familiar with him, the jury that shall try him should act on the idea of the negro who, being upbraided for knocking down a demented member of his own race who had struck him, replied that when Tom, his victim, got crazy, he got crazy, too.

THAT AN attempt is being made to deceive the people of this country concerning the true condition of affairs in Luzon is clearly indicated by the fact that in the reports of deaths from there, forwarded by the military authorities, are mentioned, for the first time, some that occurred as long ago as last July. But whenever a skirmish takes place there, successful to Americans, news of it is received here the very same day.

THE NEAR approach of the rainy season in the Philippines, the enormous casualty reports of General Otis, the reenforcements ordered to Manila, and the large number of surgeons being sent there as rapidly as possible, and the increased hostile activity of the people of those islands, impress no other human creatures than General Otis and President McKinley with the idea that the Philippine war is over.

AS WAS plainly shown by the communication of an intelligent correspondent in yesterday's Gazette, the mercantile, will certainly be a losing business if the commissioners of valuation act be sustained by the courts, which, however, is not deemed probable by any body except Mr. Montague, the attorney general.

SENATOR HOAR once said if Cuba should be annexed, this country would no longer be the United States. But the Cuban-American league of Havana has already declared in favor of annexation, and all the indications are pointing more and more to that end.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, March 22.

C. E. Macrum, the former U. S. consul at Pretoria, will be here tomorrow and appear before the House committee on foreign affairs for examination as to his statements that his consular mail was opened by the British censor. Chairman Hitt says that until it has been ascertained what proofs Macrum has it will not be determined whether the full committee will hear him. M. Wheeler, who introduced the resolution proposing an investigation, says that Macrum and his papers are the only witnesses he desires to have examined, and as the committee already has jurisdiction in the matter he will not insist upon the report of the resolution.

According to the best information obtainable Senator Beveridge decided not to speak today at the request of most of the older and prominent republican Senators. It was noticed yesterday that several of the caucus "peace committee" labored with him, and coupled with that his call this week upon the President and their conversation upon the situation in the Senate undoubtedly had some effect upon him. On the authority of one of the Senator's friends it can be stated that Mr. Beveridge has not changed his views regarding free trade with Porto Rico, but he has yielded to pressure and decided to postpone his remarks for a week or more until the republican leaders can reach an agreement. According to reports from Indiana the republicans of that State are strongly in favor of free trade with Porto Rico as the President originally recommended, and the republican leaders in the Senate have pleaded hard with Mr. Beveridge to do nothing at this stage to further disturb party harmony in Congress.

The case of Captain Oberlin M. Carter reached the United States Supreme Court today for the second time, this time on an appeal from the decision of Judge Lacombe, who discharged the writ of habeas corpus and remanded Capt. Carter to prison for his military offenses. The arguments will probably be heard April 9.

Bill Jones, the "Avenger," who tried to shoot Guiteau immediately after the shooting of Garfield, and who was sent to the hospital last night suffering with a mysterious stab wound, left the hospital this morning. This afternoon he was there again nearly burned to death. After leaving the hospital he went to his home in the suburbs. Soon after his arrival his house was found on fire and was badly damaged. Jones was rescued with difficulty. A jury will investigate the fire and look into Jones's sanity. The police believe he cut himself last night and fired his house today.

Accounts received from Porto Rico today are to the effect that thirty thousand of the women of that island have been compelled to flee to the mountains because they have no clothes in which to hide their nakedness, and that few children attend the schools, for the reason that they have no clothing and the teachers will not admit nude children into their school rooms.

Representative John F. Rixey of the 8th congressional district of Virginia entertained the democratic committee of his district and his colleagues, Representatives Lamb and Jones, at a banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel last night, and afterwards at a theatre party. Mr. Janney, of Loudoun county, was the only member of the committee who was unable to be present.

It is said at the office of the chief engineer of the army today that the specifications and drawings of the different plans for the proposed memorial bridge across the Potomac at Arlington will be completed next week and then be sent at once to Congress for such action as that body may chose to take in respect of them.

The House committee on foreign affairs today ordered a favorable report on the resolution introduced by Mr. Sulzer, democrat of New York directing the secretary of State to send to the House, if not incompatible with the public welfare, copies of letters on file in the department of State from citizens of the United States resident in the South African republic from January 1, 1899, to the present time, making complaints of treatment by the South African republic. The bill to incorporate the American National Red Cross was reported favorably and it was decided to non-concur in the Senate amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and ask for a conference.

Representative Cummings of New York introduced a resolution today requesting the President to transmit to the House such correspondence as may have passed between the Department of State and various foreign governments concerning the maintenance of the "open-door" policy in China.

The argument in the Walker-Rhea contested election case from Virginia was concluded yesterday before the House elections committee, but it is said at the committee room today that nobody knows when the report in the case will be completed.

Senator Martin being asked today if he had authorized the statement that the democratic party cannot and will not stand on the Nebraska platform, replied that he had not even read that platform, and consequently could not have said any such thing. He added that in glancing over the newspaper heads of the platform, he may have remarked that he was utterly opposed to the initiative and referendum, as that would be contrary to the Constitution, but that was all.

Every member of Congress has received a copy of a resolution to the effect that the republic of Nicaragua be invited to become a State of the American Union, with full representation in Congress.

Representative Otey of Virginia was at the Postoffice Department this morning to get a postoffice established at Joppa, Bedford county, Va; to have some allowance for distributing mail at Red Oak, Charlotte county, and to establish a daily mail on star route to Wren, Charlotte county; he also went to the Auditor of the War Department to have adjusted the claim of David Cole of Keysville, Charlotte county.

A gentleman interested in the Trigg shipyard at Richmond, at the Capitol today, said the proprietors of that yard had waited a long time for proposals from Alexandria to move their plant to that city, but failing to receive any, had enlarged their space at Richmond. There were many good and sufficient reasons he said why they wanted to come to Alexandria.

The defense in the Couer D'Alene investigation began the presentation of its side before the House committee on military affairs today.

THE COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION LAW.

Judge Hanckel, of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, sprung a surprise yesterday when he refused to permit Col. W. W. Sale, recently appointed commissioner of valuation for that city, to qualify, on the ground that the law under which commissioners have been appointed is unconstitutional. Counsel for Col. Sale have prepared a mandamus, which the Court of Appeals will be asked to issue at once, compelling Judge Hanckel to permit him to qualify.

The fight against the law is the result of a serious opposition on the part of individuals and corporations to its inquisitorial features. Technically the opposition is based on the contention that it is a measure carrying with it an appropriation, and that under the Constitution for that reason it required a recorded vote and a majority of all the members elected to the Senate to pass it, which it did not have. On the other hand, the advocates of the bill contend that the act was constitutionally passed, the money required for the cost of the books of the commissioners not being, in their judgment, an appropriation such as the law contemplates when it requires a recorded vote, and a majority of all the Senators elected to pass a measure. This is the only appropriation in question in connection with the matter.

There was a conference in Richmond last night between counsel for complainants in the several cases brought in the Court of Appeals to test the constitutionality of the commissioner of valuation act.

The attorneys, upon adjournment after midnight, declined to say which case they had decided to make the oral argument in. It was believed, though, that they would take the Richmond case, in which an injunction will be applied for to restrain Judge Witt from allowing Commissioner Marye to qualify, or the Alexandria case. Senator Daniel will probably be one of the two lawyers to argue the case, as he will remain in Richmond until the hearing on the 28th instant. Briefs will be filed in all of the cases.

This morning it was given out that the Alexandria case had been selected to make the test.

Mr. W. Frank Lambert, assistant cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Alexandria, who was arrested in this city last week for refusing to answer certain questions propounded him by Mr. Louis C. Barley, valuation commissioner for this city, appeared with his counsel, Col. Francis L. Smith and Mr. A. W. Armstrong, before the court yesterday morning, on a writ of habeas corpus, and was recognized for his appearance when desired. The questions which these gentlemen will discuss when the case comes up will present some of the most interesting submitted to the Court of Appeals in a long time.

According to agreement between the court and the various counsel several days ago oral argument is to be heard in only one case. The decision in this will control that in all the others.

It is understood that briefs will be filed in all the cases.

In New York Miss Olga Nethersole, the actress, and her co-defendants in the "Sapho" prosecution were indicted by the grand jury this evening.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is stated that General Joseph Wheeler says he will leave the army and resume his seat in Congress.

Admiral Dewey, who has been ill, had recovered sufficiently yesterday to take part in a celebration at Savannah, Ga.

The story of a combination between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Norfolk and Western is revived in New York.

Comment is caused at Pretoria by the fact that Russia and France have not answered the Boer Presidents' appeal for intervention.

The estate of the late John Chamberlin, a famous Washington restaurateur, was shown to comprise a large number of unpaid bills, in which the names of prominent Senatos, Representatives and leading social lights appear.

At the present moment Boer hopes of intervention by one or more of the great European powers appear to be doomed to disappointment. It is said that selfish schemes for grabbing land may lead to a clash of the "world's powers."

The Senate yesterday passed the additional urgent deficiency bill. In the House the Loud postoffice bill was discussed. Messrs. Lentz and McPherson became involved in a colloquy on the bill, wherein each denounced the other as an attorney for corporations interested in Congressional proceedings.

It is said there are reasons for believing that Great Britain will accept the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, under which the United States will have the right to place the same safeguards around the Nicaragua canal as the British government enjoys in respect to the Suez canal.

Bech Olsen, of Copenhagen, met Ernest Roeber, the heavyweight wrestler of America, at Madison Square Garden, in New York, last night, in a Graeco-Roman match for the world's championship, and Olsen was declared the victor by Referee Sam Austin. The Dane lost the first fall in twenty-four minutes, but threw his adversary with such force in the next bout that he was unable to continue. The winner was challenged for a return match for $1,000 a side.

EIGHTH DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.

The republican convention of the Eighth congressional district met in Warrenton at noon yesterday as stated in the Gazette of that date. The convention was called to order by H. P. Dodge, of Prince William. R. R. Campbell, of Fauquier, was elected temporary chairman, and A. L. B. De Zerega, of Loudoun, secretary. After the selection of the committees the convention adjourned until 2:30, at which time the committee on credentials unanimously reported in favor of seating the delegates from Alexandria city, headed by Mr. Joseph L. Crupper, and known as the "regulars." The contestants were championed by Magnus Robinson, who read a letter from A. A. Warfield setting forth their side of the case. The committee on credentials, however, reported in favor of the regularly certified delegates, and the convention unanimously ratified their action. This was the only contest before the convention. Resolutions were passed endorsing the administration and reaffirming the principles of the republican party on all national issues, the course of Hon. Park Agnew as State chairman was endorsed and a hope expressed that he may be again selected as State chairman to the Norfolk convention. The delegates were instructed to vote for George E. Bowden as national committeeman from Virginia.

Committee on organization reported the selection Mr. Nichols, of Loudoun, for permanent chairman, and C. D. Hine, of Fairfax, as secretary. They were elected unanimously by the convention. The election of delegates to the National Convention then followed. H. W. Eamich, of Loudoun, and R. R. Horner, of Fauquier, were elected; F. V. Johnson and B. F. Ellinger were chosen as alternates and M. K. Lowrey, of Stafford, was elected elector-at-large, defeating M. E. Church, of Fairfax.

The committee on resolutions in their report deplored the fact that "pressure had induced the President to modify his original views" concerning "our plain duty" toward Porto Rico. Mr. R. R. Campbell and a number of his friends opposed the resolution as phrased and rejected that section of the report.

The convention recommended the nomination of a congressional candidate at the proper time. By a rising vote a resolution of regret upon the death of Maj. Orrin E. Hine was adopted.

A resolution setting forth that in "deference to the wishes of President McKinley, the convention recommends that no federal officeholders be elected to the national convention" was voted down.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

A Capetown dispatch says that no further movement from Bloemfontein is probable for three weeks, as "negotiations are in progress."

Cecil Rhodes sailed from Capetown for England yesterday. It is reported that the terms to be given the Boers will depend on what he says.

A Boer dispatch from Kroonstad, Orange Free State, where the burghers are massed to cope with Lord Roberts, says they are eagerly awaiting the British advance. Presidents Kruger and Steyn addressed them on Tuesday. Mr. Kruger is quoted as saying that the ultimate result of the war would be Boer independence, "despite the temporary British occupation of Bloemfontein." Reports of the submission of Orange Free State burghers continue to come in British dispatches from Bloemfontein.

British troops are trying to intercept 4,000 Transvaalers who have retreated north from Colesburg and are believed to be near the Basutoland border. Boers at Aliwal North are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side, opposite the Cape Colony border.

Sharp fighting has been taking place at Warrenton, 60 miles north of Kimberley, between a force of Boers and the British expedition advancing toward Mafeking from the south. It is reported that the Boers retreated.

The Natal Railroad has now been opened by Gen. Buller to Elandslaagte, 10 miles north of Ladysmith. The first train to pass over the new Colenso bridge arrived at Ladysmith yesterday.

In New York today J. H. Dougherty was appointed receiver for the D. Appleton and Company publishers. The liabilities are given as $1,100,000; assets not computed.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The death of Mrs. Amanda Hatcher, wife of the late Thomas Hatcher, of Richmond, occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. George Welsh, on Tuesday. She was in the 64th year of her age.

At Newport News yesterday Judge Lee granted a stay of execution until after July 10, in the case of Frank Benjamin, who was recently sentenced to hang April 20, for criminal assault in Hampton.

Mr. J. O. Brotherton, a popular young man of Winchester, died Tuesday night after a brief illness, of pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. Thomas Brotherton, of Clarke county. He was 30 years of age and leaves a wife.

As nothing has been heard of Thos. Temple Powell, superintendent of schools, of Newport News, since his mysterious disappearance, several weeks ago, it is probable that an effort will be made in a short time to have the office declared vacant.

Professor H. L. Frawley, principal of the business department of the Newport News Military Academy, has not been seen since Tuesday either at the academy or by his wife, whom he married less than a month ago, and several people who held his due bills are much concerned.

The State Board of Agriculture intended at its meeting Tuesday night to elect only five fertilizer inspectors and give them the maximum amount allowed by the new law, $75 a month, but the political pressure for positions was so strong they appointed ten and cut the salary to $50 per month.

The Spanish steamship Minerva, which had been given up for lost after three separate attempts to search for her on the high seas, and was finally picked up by a German tramp steamer and towed into Bermuda, came into port at Norfolk yesterday with a hard story of two months tempest, starvation and helpless drifting at sea.

The condition of Colonel W. F. Wickham, who was seriously injured last Sunday at his home in Powhatan county, is as satisfactory as could be expected. There is no reason to doubt that he will recover unless blood poisoning sets it, and this is said to be a remote contingency. The bullet, which lodged in Colonel Wickham's neck, has not been extracted.

The condition of Dr. Hunter McGuire last night was more favorable than it was on Tuesday. His physicians feel encouraged to hope for his recovery, unless some unfavorable change takes place not expected. Dr. Wm. McGuire, of Winchester, arrived in Richmond yesterday evening to be with his brother, who, he thinks, has a good chance of recovery.

Mr. Eugene B. Hatch, son of Mr. Samuel J. Hatch, was found dead yesterday in a ditch on the public road about two miles from his home at Rhodesville, Orange county. He was about 35 years of age. He left home the evening before on horseback to visit a neighbor, and it is supposed that he had an epileptic fit, as he was subject to them, and fell from the horse.

The sinking fund commissioners in Richmond yesterday purchased $115,000 worth of century bonds for the State. There were but two bidders, the successful one being the firm of Scott & Stringfellow. The bonds were purchased in $10,000 blocks, beginning at the price of 90.20 and ran up to 90.75, the last $5,000 being taken at 90.75, being an average of 90.46. The other bidders offered $5,000 at 91.25. One month ago the same amount of bonds was purchased at 86.21. The bonds will be delivered within the next few days.

A special meeting of Winchester Presbyterians adjourned last Tuesday night in Kent Street Church, in Winchester. The Kent Street and the Loudoun Street churches were dissolved, at their own request, and the membership united in a new church, known as the Presbyterian Church of Winchester. The church property of both branches goes to the united church. Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, for fifty years pastor of the Kent Street Church, is made pastor emeritus of the new church. Six elders and deacons were elected Tuesday night by the congregation.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, March 22.

SENATE.

A bill was passed authorizing a change of name of the steamship "Paris."

The conference report on the Porto Rican relief bill was next considered.

Mr. Bacon severely criticised the agreement, charging that the Senate had yielded everything to the House. He said the policy of the republicans, in both the Senate and House, from the beginning to the end of this business, had been to screen themselves and to escape id some way from the wrath of the American people, who have protested loudly against the treatment of the inhabitants of Porto Rico. The proposed appropriation was merely a peace offering to lessen the indignation of the voters of the United States. Mr. Bacon also declared that he had never known the Senate republicans to be so badly torn up. "Whoever heard of having a peace committee?" he inquired. The papers of all political parties were both condemning and ridiculing the Senate leaders, he added.

HOUSE.

The House immediately after the reading of the journal resumed the consideration of the Loud postal bill, Mr. Moon leading off, with the expectation of taking the final vote this afternoon.

Representative Otey introduced a bill authorizing the registration of trade marks used in inter-state commerce.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Trevett vs. Prison Association of Virginia; argued and submitted.

Board of Supervisors of Norfolk county vs. Cox; argued and submitted.

The next case to be called is Saunders vs. Baltimore Building and Loan Association, No. 71.

Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Old Dominion Baggage Company; continued.

Among the contents of the current number of the Alumni Bulletin of the University of Virginia are biographical sketches of two of its early professors, Elisha Kent Kane and Charles Bonnycastle. The bulletin is a very interesting and attractive publication to all the old alumni of the University.

Wm Orr, Newark, O, says, "We never feel safe without One Minute Cough Cure in the house. It saved my little boy's life when he had pneumonia. We think it is the best medicine made." It cures coughs and all lung diseases. Pleasant to take, harmless and gives immediate results.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Virginia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened its session this morning at Trinity Church. Bishop John F. Hurst, of Washington, will preside during the session of the conference. The conference comprises four districts only—the Alexandria district, with Rev. S. A. Ball as presiding elder; Abingdon district, with Rev. T. J. Crumley presiding elder; Greenbrier district, Rev. D. C. Hedrick presiding elder, and Roanoke district, with Rev. A. J. Porter presiding elder. The conference has 45 full members and 11 probationers. Its total number of members of the churches at the last conference was 8,973 and of members on probation 1,259. It has 81 local preachers, 154 Sunday-school teachers and 7,878 Sunday-school scholars. The value of its parsonages is $22,075 and of its churches about $150,000. Its churches in this neighborhood are at Falls Church, Manassas, Lincolnia and Fairfax. The secretary of the conference is Rev. U. S. A. Heavener. Preliminary to the conference meeting a session of the Church Extension Society was held last night and an address delivered by Rev. J. M. King, of New York.

The morning session was opened with communion service conducted by Bishop Hurst. Thirty-seven ministers and a number of delegates were present.

The officers of the conference are Rev. John T. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., presiding officer; Rev. U. S. A. Heavener, of Falls Church, secretary; S. A. Wanless, assistant secretary; C. W. Ball, statistical secretary; A. R. Snedegar, treasurer, and W. A. Sharp, assistant treasury. Rev. George B. Mains, of New York, made a report and spoke in support of the New York Methodist Publishing House, which furnishes literature for the Methodist Sunday-schools throughout the country. He paid a tribute to Bishop Hurst's "History of the English Church."

Dr. Kelley, editor of the Methodist Review, of New York, and Dr. S. J. Herben, assistant editor of the New York Christian Advocate, were introduced by Bishop Hurst.

The standing committee on nominations then made the following report:

On missions: F. W. Sheppard, J. F. Giles, M. N. Davenport and Wm. M. Dye.

Church extension: J. D. Mays, W. V. Elliott and A. N. Munday.

Sabbath observance: C. D. Houchins, H. P. Barnes and J. B. Keister.

Periodicals: G. W. Marston, J. F. Giles and C. W. Ball.

Freedman's aid and southern education: S. A. Wanless, Ira F. Rickett and C. D. Houchins.

Education: W. V. Elliott, M. N. Davenport and J. Halfpenny.

Sunday-school union: K. M. Wackler, R. L. Leslie and C. M. Neff.

Tracts: A. M. Crabtree, J. B. Keister and T. C. Jordan.

Auditors: D. C. Wedreck, M. N. Davenport, J. F. Giles and G. P. Waunah.

Temperance: W. F. Sheppard, Jasper Sage and J. E. Allender.

Stewards: A. N. Munday, W. V. Elliott, C. M. M. Fultz and J. B. Keister.

Conference Relations: A. M. Chappell, J. P. Feltner and H. B. Barnes.

District Conference Ministers: W. V. Elliott and R. M. Hartness.

Public Worship: Presiding Elder of Alexandria district S. A. Ball and preacher in charge of Trinity Church Past Master N. B. Masters.

Book Accountant: A. N. Munday.

District Mission Secretarie: G. W. Stalling, A. M. Chappell, W. A. Sharp and C. D. Houchins.

Episcopal Fund: Wm. L. Schooley, J. B. Keister and J. F. Giles.

Twentieth Century Movement: U. S. A. Heavener, J. K. Rumbusy, W. V. Elliott, Wm. M. Dye and L. I. McDougle.

Dr. J. M. King, secretary of the Church Extension Society, was then introduced and spoke concerning the workings of the society.

Reports from various sources were then given to the chairmen of the committees to which they belonged.

Dr. Kelley urged the claims of the Methodist Review, saying that no minister should be without it.

Dr. S. J. Herben, assistant editor of the Christian Advocate, was the next speaker and he earnestly supported the claims of his paper.

Mrs. C. L. Roach, corresponding secretary of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Baltimore conference, was then introduced and invited the ministers and lay delegates to the anniversary of the Women's Society to be held this evening at 3 o'clock.

The statistical reports of the standing committee were then handed in and after the doxology was sung Dr. J. M. Kelley offered prayer and conference adjourned until 8:30 tomorrow, at which time devotional services will be held.

Exercises in honor of the anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were held in Trinity Church this evening at 3 o'clock. Services were opened with a Bible lesson by Mrs. L. W. Bechtel, and a prayer was then offered by Miss Ellen Tomkinson. Miss E. C. Spahlinger rendered a delightful solo with autoharp accompanment, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

"Our Fields of Work" was the subject of an address by Mrs. C. L. Roach, and she was attentively listened to.

Miss E. C. Spahlinger then spoke on "The Visiting Deaconess," and Miss C. A. Aikens took as her subject "The Nurse Deaconess."

Miss Anna Ferguson spoke on "Two Days' Work of a District Nurse."

An offering was then taken, after which the doxology was sung, and after the benediction had been pronounced the meeting was closed.

The conference officers are President, Mrs. S. C. Lutrell; corresponding secretary, Miss Ida N. Ball; recording secretary, Mrs. L. W. Bechtel.

At 7:30 this evening services of the anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society will be held. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. A. J. Palmer, of New York.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

The Alexandria Case Selected.

[Special dispatch to Alexandria Gazette.]

Richmond, March 22.—It has been decided that the case of W. Frank Lambert, the Alexandria bank cashier, shall be selected as the one to make the fight in the Supreme Court against the law appointing commissioners of valuation for personal property. The case will come up next Wednesday.

Richmond, Va., March 22.

Col. Francis L. Smith and A. W. Armstrong, Alexandria, Va.

The court fixed your case to be orally argued next Wednesday. Can't you come here at once for conference with Major Daniel, who is here preparing to argue the case; also to confer with counsel for the State, who have expressed a desire for conference with you for agreeing necessary facts and maturing case for hearing.

B. B. Munford, Christian & Christian, John D. Horsley, Maj. C. S. Stringfellow, White, Turnstill & Thom.

Foreign News.

Rouen, March 22.—The crew of the United States cruiser Prairie attended a performance of Siegfried here last night as the guests of the municipality. They were enthusiastically received.

Rome, March 22.—Mgr. Walsh, the archbishop of Dublin, arrived here to day to consult with the Pope on the course of the Irish clergy towards the Queen's visit to Ireland next month.

The Hague, March 22.—The Holland ministry has formally decided not to intervene in the Boer war in view of England's declaration of her position but declares that it will always be disposed to support efforts for the re-establishment of peace.

The Situation in South Africa.

London, March 22.—Several of the South African correspondents allege that negotiations are in progress between Sir Alfred Milner and the Boer leaders looking to a settlement of the war. It is further reported here that telegrams subsequent to the Boers' peace overture have passed between Kruger and Salisbury. It is not stated what the nature of these communications are and there is nothing to confirm the report that they have been exchanged. There is talk of Salisbury disolving Parliament in July if the war is brought to a successful close before that time.

On March 13th Col. Bodle made a reconnoissance toward Pibani, 20 miles south of Lobasti, and found the place occupied by the Boers. On the morning of the 15th the Boers attacked the British left flank using a Maxim gun and killing two British soldiers. The Boers attack almost took the camp by surprise. In the afternoon the Boers pressed the camp closely but were finally repulsed. The British right is protected by Bothcen, a native chief who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory. It is understood the Boers have left only a few men at Mafeking, principally artillerists. The Boers can be heard blowing up the railroad south of here.

Lobatsi, March 16.—The enemy is advancing in force from Mafeking toward Lobatsi. The Boers are in command of Snyman.

Pretoria, March 19.—Commandant Snyman attacked Plumer's force at Lobatsi today. The British fled. The Boers captured four prisoners and fifteen cases of ammunition with horses and guns. This disposes of the present effort to relieve Mafeking.

Durban, March 21.—(Delayed.)—The Boers have burned Pomerey, thirty miles east of Ladysmith. Upon the arrival of a British detachment, the Boers evacuated the town but took up a strong position in the hills near by. The commando is estimated at 5,000 men.

Bloemfontein, March 22.—Fifteen hundred burghers have taken Roberts' oath of adherence to the Imperial government.

Princess Stephanie Married.

Trieste, March 22.—The Princess Stephanie, daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, and widow of the Archduke Rudolph, heir to the Austrian throne, was married today to Count Lonyay, a member of a distinguished Hungarian family. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the Chateau of Miramar, and was very quiet.

The Princess Stephanie's first marriage was contracted in the interests of two royal houses and for a political object.

The tragedy which made Stephanie a widow is well known. Her husband, the Archduke Rudolph, fell in love with the beautiful Baroness Vetsera, sought to divorce his wife, and, failing in this, killed the baroness and then committed suicide in an old castle in the Tyrol. Stephanie's marriage with Lonyay is a marriage of love and for that reason Emperor Franz Josepf, her father-in-law, has been powerless to prevent it though he made every effort to do so. By marrying out of royalty, the Princess will be obliged to give up her residence in Vienna and in the royal Austrian chateaus and will also forfeit her maternal right over her daughter Elisabeth.

Count Lonyaya is 34 years old, two years younger than the Princess.

The Plague.

San Francisco, March 22.—President Williamson, of the board of health, has issued a statement, in which he says: "There is no use in evading the issue. The Chinese quarter of this city is infected with plague. The Chinese are concealing the cases and for this reason the board has increased the corps of inspectors". He closes with an appeal for support instead of criticism. The local papers are endeavoring to suppress plague news. Mexican ports are quarantining against San Francisco.

What to do Until the Doctor Arrives.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all druggists.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago or New York.

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Strike of Machinists.

Cleveland, O., March 22.—Fifteen hundred machinists went on strike this morning in fifty odd shops. Three shops only in the whole city are running. In these the employers have acceded to the men's demand. There is no violence and none is anticipated. The men declare that will not again take up their tools until the nine hour day shall have been established as the normal working day for which shall be paid the wages now given for ten hours. President O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists says that if the nine hour day is not granted by April 1, more than 200,000 machinists throughout the country will strike.

A Priest Commits Suicide.

New York, March 22.—With a crucifix in his hand, a man who registered as P. L. Doty, New York city," but who is believed to be a priest, was found dead in a room in the Ashland House this morning. The room was full of gas, which came from an open burner. Appearances indicated that the man had committed suicide. A search of his effects revealed a bank book made out to P. J. Duffy. The book showed a credit of $2,135 in the First National Bank of Port Jervis. A long distance telephone talk with the bank developed that P. J. Duffy was pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Germantown, a suburb of Port Jervis.

Lynching Feared.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—In Garner, six miles from here, last night, a negro believed to be Tom Jones went to the house of Ella Jones, colored, murdered her and her five children and set fire to the house. Two children aged 5 and 7 escaped. Three bodies were found this morning, the others being yet in the burning embers. The children who escaped said Jones is the murderer. He was quickly arrested and blood was found on his clothing. Excitement is intense and there are threats of lynching. One child burned was nearly grown. The sheriff and deputies have gone to the place. It is said Jones had made threats against the woman.

Consumption Hospital Burned.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 22.—The consumption hospital attached to the Erie county alms house burned to the ground at a few minutes after 11 o'clock last night. Sixty patients escaped in their night clothes. Five patients were bed ridden and unable to help themselves. They were carried out by keepers and other inmates not more than three minutes before the ward which they occupied was a mass of flames and smoke.

Reported Filipino Victory

Paris, March 22.—The Intransigeant has a telegram received by Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's envoy, announcing that the Filipino General Pavia has routed the Americans near Cubat and captured the town.

The Markets.

Chicago, March 22.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—May 66⅛@65⅝; July 67a 66⅞. Corn—May —. Pork—May —.

REV. McKAY.—A dispatch from Newport News says:

A sensational feature of the McKay scandal has developed in the form of an affidavit from Dr. Knight, which places Rev. Mr. McKay in a rather peculiar light. In his hearing before the Ministers' Association the police commissioner-preacher declared that "the whole thing was an infamous conspiracy" concocted in revenge for his crusade against the saloon element. Dr. Knight now says that Mrs. Blythe confessed to him a condition of affairs similar to that charged in Blythe's divorce suit bill the day after the date set forth in the bill. This was several months before the anti-saloon crusade was inaugurated. Rev. Mr. McKay still talks of suing his alleged slanderers.

A life size figure of Maud Adams, the actress, was cast in New York yesterday at a cost of $187,000. It is of pure gold and will be shown at the Paris Exposition as typifying an American woman.

At Gretna, Neb., last night a mob took Lewis Figg and his wife, religious fanatics, from their beds, and tarred and feathered them for causing a number of women to forsake homes, and take up residence in the Figg "heaven."

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Druggists.

An Editor Finds a Sure Cure for Rheumatism.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by all druggists.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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Sunday Hours—Open at 9 00 a. m. Close at 9 30 a. m.

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