

DOES CROKER NEED GORMAN

Reported the Marylander Has Been Invited to New York.

IS NOW IN THE METROPOLIS

Tammany Offers Him a High Position, It is Said—Thought He Might Return to the Senate From the Empire State—Senator Murphy Favors It.

A very interesting but unconfirmed story was in circulation last evening relative to the future of Senator Gorman.

It is claimed that when Mr. Croker arrived in Washington, and after he had dined a good dinner at Mr. Murphy's Tuesday evening, he requested Mr. Gorman to call and see him.

It is said that Mr. Croker urged Mr. Gorman to carefully consider this matter, and promised him that he would do everything in his power to advance his interest and make him the power in New York politics.

The present influence of Mr. Croker in New York is almost limitless, and it is certainly a most alluring prospect that he should be invited to New York.

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THE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Decides to Give Aid to Striking Textile Workers in Atlanta.

Convention Protests Against Appointment of Paxton on the Interstate Commission.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The American Federation of Labor devoted considerable time today to the consideration of the strike of textile workers in Atlanta, Ga., and decided to give financial aid to the strikers.

The union in Atlanta by letter requested that its representative be accorded the privilege of addressing the convention and explaining the situation.

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WAR LORD TO THE FRONT

Kaiser William's Theatrical Tour to the Fleet at Kiel.

His Chinese "Forward" Policy Exploited Successfully on the Hamburg Bourse.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Emperor, accompanied by his third son, Prince Adolph, started for Kiel, via Hamburg, at 7 o'clock this morning to bid farewell to his other son, Prince Henry of Prussia, who is about to sail for King Chou Day in command of the additional squadron of German cruisers assigned to Chinese waters.

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ZANOLI SHEDS TEARS

While Detectives Hunt the Place That Furnished Poison.

MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY

Farmer Farra's Body Found by His Daughter.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—A special from Wilmington, Del., says: George D. Farra, a prominent farmer, was brutally murdered at his home, near a mile from here, last night. His two children, a boy and a girl, were with him at the time.

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MORE BANKING FACILITIES

Southern Bankers' Convention Declares for State Banks.

UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL

Institutions Having a Capital of Not Less Than \$25,000 to Be Allowed to Issue Notes to Circulate as Money on Commercial Assets—Congress to Be Urged to Act.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—States banks under Federal control is the ultimatum of the Southern bankers' convention, which met here today.

The convention organized with John A. Davis, president of the Albany, Ga., Bank, in the chair, and then listened to speeches from men eminent in finance, among them ex-Secretary of the Interior Luke Smith, who declared himself unequivocally in favor of State banks under Federal control.

Other speeches were delivered by Mr. William Dockworth, of New York; Mr. Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey, and G. George Jordan.

A committee submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted: "That it is the sense of this convention that business men of every State should come together in a spirit of harmony and reason and agree upon such a financial and banking system as will bring prosperity and happiness to the nation.

"That we believe this can best be accomplished by allowing banks with a capital of \$25,000 and over to issue notes to circulate as money on commercial assets. That our Senators and Representatives be requested to use their best efforts to have the present Congress actively take up the question of better banking facilities, and to the adoption of such a sound and safe life system of banks of issue as will include all solvent banks, State or national or otherwise, under a wise and just Federal administration and supervision. Under any laws of the United States permitting State or national banks to issue notes to circulate as money based upon commercial assets, the banks shall be required to add the Government in the redemption of greenbacks and State notes in such manner as to be found practicable and to the best interests of the people and the Government.

"That the bankers' convention of each of the Southern States be requested to appoint a delegate or one to go to Washington and act in securing Federal legislation upon the line indicated in the foregoing resolutions. That the chairman of this convention appoint an executive committee to be composed of one banker from each of the Southern States, which committee shall be charged with the duty of: "First, Urging action by the State Bankers' Associations at once as directed. "Second, Carrying out the purposes of this convention as expressed in the resolutions as adopted."

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GENERAL LEE THREATENED

Infernal Machine Found at the American Consulate.

RESIDENCE ALWAYS GUARDED

Spanish Irreconcilable Party Trying to Poison Trouble and Prevent to Be Connected With the Attempt to Blow Up the Consulate—Consul Not Alarmed.

Havana, Dec. 15.—An infernal machine was found this morning on the ground floor of the house in Cuba street which is occupied by the captain of the United States. The infernal machine was a box of wood containing dynamite and in the center of which was a tin tube about a foot long, filled with what appears to be an explosive substance. The box was designed to explode when opened.

The police seized it and the situation began an investigation. A correspondent called on Consul General Lee shortly after the news of the discovery had spread over the town. Lee was surprised and declared that he did not attach much importance to the matter.

As previously reported, there is much apprehension here that an attack will be made on the American consulate. A few days ago the Diario de la Marina published an article, declaring that some American newspaper was trying to create trouble between Spain and the United States by causing an attack to be made upon the American consulate in Havana.

For some days Gen. Lee's office has been guarded by four Spanish soldiers of the Havana military police and two detectives. Gen. Lee does not live, as is frequently done, in the building where his office is, but in the Hotel de Inglaterra, in front of the central park, and in one of the most famous districts of the city. He is not attended to by his body guard, but by a few Spanish soldiers.

The belief is current in Havana that the infernal machine found this morning as well as the threats that have called the attention of the government to the necessity of guarding Gen. Lee have originated from some of the irreconcilable partisans of Canales and Weyler, who are trying to put every obstacle in the way of the government at the beginning of the new autonomous regime.

It is announced today that the new cabinet of the colony will be constituted as follows: President, Senor Jose Maria Galvez, president of the Automobile Club. Minister of justice, Senor Arturo Ambrosio, a Peruvian deputy in the Cortes. Minister of interior, Senor Jose Bruna, Automotist and governor of Havana. Minister of finance, Senor Rafael Montoya, Manager of Equitativo Automotist and a deputy in the Cortes. Minister of public works, Senor Juan Pablo Tamayo, Reformist and provincial deputy.

The Finance Commission, our Spanish irreconcilable party, is excluded from any important office in the cabinet. The Automotists and Reformists agreed this morning to appoint an equal number of secretaries from each party for the new cabinet of representatives of the colony.

Gen. Blanco resigned today Weyler's office in which it was forbidden to send visitors from Havana to the country or to open grocery stores on the sugar estates and farms.

Gen. Pando has called from Manzanillo marine reinforcements to force the pack of the Cauto River, which is guarded by a large force from Gen. Calisto Gaxera's army.

Gen. Pando has informed Gen. Blanco that the situation of the Spanish troops in the east is terrible. He has found the majority of the soldiers useless for active service, worn out by malaria and fever. He asks that the facts be reported to Spain.

AT THE MERCY OF A SYNDICATE. English Capitalists to Control the Menhaden Fisheries. Greenport, N. Y., Dec. 15.—There is much dissatisfaction here over the certainty that the menhaden fisheries of this district next shortly fall into the hands of an English syndicate that controls a new process for making fertilizer.

A meeting was held in New York last Thursday, when offers were made by the foreign monopolists to the American representatives of the big deal. At the conclusion of the meeting it was easily seen that with the new device controlled by the English syndicate for manufacturing fish into oil and guano the present owners of the American waters must either sell or be driven out.

POISONED BY ROUGH ON BATS. Eleven Persons Got the Dose Intended for Vermin. Port Jervis, N. Y., Dec. 15.—A family at Woodstock near Shadok, Pike county, Pa., was poisoned by rough on rats last night. They were Mrs. John Shadok, her son Joe, daughter Minnie, four grandchildren and Moses, E. J. and G. B. Wolfe, E. and A. Free, besides the poison had been put in a pan of buckshot flour to kill rats and in some manner got in the panicles at supper. Dr. Johnston worked with the victims all night and this morning they were pronounced out of danger.

DURHAM TO BEING JUDGED. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Theodore Durst was today sentenced to be hanged January 7 for the murder of Blanche Lambert.

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