

## SOLONS IN FIGHT

WILD SCENES OF DISORDER IN THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

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SPEAKER CHARGES BRIBERY

EXPLANATION OF EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS THAT PRECIPITATED RIOT.

Springfield, Ill., April 25.—Slugging and rolling over each other across the speaker's platform in a frenzied general fist fight at the feet of a score of women guests, the members of the Illinois legislature yesterday surpassed the wildest scenes of the Austrian reichsrath. Last night charges by the speaker of the house, Isaac Miller, that attempts had been made to bribe him were formally made as an explanation of the extraordinary actions on his part that precipitated the riot. The interior of the legislative chamber resembles in a measure the track of a tornado, so general was the wreckage of chairs and desks.

Chicago street railway franchises, more valuable than gold mines, were directly at stake.

Federal court receivership proceedings against the Union Traction Company of Chicago Wednesday having brought the matter to a sudden issue. The federal receivership was held by many to indicate an intention by the street railway company to fight out a claim to ninety-nine-year franchises instead of negotiating with the Chicago city council for a renewal of franchises on a twenty-year basis with a municipal ownership option on the part of the city. The stormiest time ever experienced in the Illinois legislature began almost without warning in a whirlwind of wild disorder which arose in the house of representatives over rival traction measures or so-called municipal ownership bills.

GOV. LEE WILL TELL ALL.

Swears He Has Not Made a Cent Out of Legislation This Session.

St. Louis, April 25.—Suffering physically and weary and worn from fatigue, Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee, who left Kansas City last Thursday night and arrived in Chicago Friday morning, returned to St. Louis last night accompanied by his wife, who, a few days ago went to Chicago to see her husband.

"I am done with politics forever," asserted Gov. Lee last night. "I am a sick man and I need rest. Any one who says that I am not a sick man never passed through my experience of the past few days. I have been reading the newspapers and have been misrepresented. I have not been a fugitive from justice and have had no idea of being one. I am not afraid to come back and tell all I know. I needed rest and thought a trip to Chicago would be the best way to get it. I swear that I have not made a cent out of legislation this session. While some of the senators are being proved to have big accounts, I have only \$40 to my credit in the bank. It is sufficient for me to say that the evidence against Senators Farris, Matthews and Smith was furnished by me. I know nothing of Sullivan getting any money."

When Circuit Attorney Folk was informed of the arrival of the lieutenant governor he stated that Mr. Lee would be given an opportunity to appear before the grand jury immediately.

CARGO OF OPIUM.

Steamer China Brings Over Large Consignment of the Drug.

San Francisco, April 25.—The steamer China has brought to this port one of the largest shipments of opium that has ever come from the Orient. It consisted of 815 cases of 33,415 pounds, on which the duty amounted to \$200,490. The commercial value of the opium is about \$534,340.

NEW ISLANDS DISCOVERED.

Secretary Moody Takes Steps to Add Property to United States.

Washington, April 25.—Official advice received at the navy department from the Philippines record the discovery of a number of valuable islands in the southern part of the archipelago which are not on any of the charts in possession of the government. Secretary Moody has taken steps to have the islands properly charted as the property of the United States.

MILLIONAIRE'S FATAL FALL.

Dead Body Is Found on the Ground Near His Home.

Cincinnati, April 25.—J. D. Lehmer, aged eighty-six, a prominent capitalist, was found dead on the ground in the rear of his home where he evidently had fallen from the second story window. Lehmer's estate is estimated at \$5,000,000. He held considerable property in Chicago. He had been for some years unable to attend to business.

THREE CHILDREN DEAD.

Poisoned by Eating Canned Peaches —The Mother May Die.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 25.—A most remarkable case of poisoning, caused by eating canned peaches, has resulted in the death since last Wednesday of three children of the family of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans of this city. The mother is also ill and may die. The first child to succumb to the poisoning was a boy of five years. He died last Wednesday, and it was given out pneumonia was the cause. The deaths of a seven-year-old daughter since then and a boy three years old with like symptoms have made it clear that it was poisoning that was responsible.

MINNESOTA MAN HANGED.

Champlin Man Commits Suicide at Frazer, Iowa.

Pilot Mound, Iowa, April 25.—Winford Johnson of Champlin, Minn., hanged himself in a barn at Frazer, Iowa. He arrived there with a party of eight from Champlin to work on the railroad. It is reported that he had been drinking heavily for the past two weeks, and was probably crazed by drink. No other cause is known.

Iowa Couple Elope.

Webster City, Iowa, April 25.—Florence Perry, aged seventeen years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry, a prominent family east of this city, and Isaac Gates, a farm hand employed upon a neighboring farm, eloped last night. There is absolutely no clew. The couple had been keeping company for some time, but lately the Perrys had forbidden Gates the hospitality of the home.

Declines to Fight With Fists.

Milwaukee, April 25.—F. R. Cochran of West Virginia, who recently challenged Harry Stratton of the local board of trade to fight a duel with pistols, has replied to the Milwaukee man's note about fighting with bare fists, saying that it was beneath his dignity to fight with fists.

Fish Net Destroyed.

Red Wing, Minn., April 25.—Deputy Game Warden W. B. Boyd and F. E. Johnson of St. Paul came down and went out to Cannon slough, where they confiscated and destroyed a large fish net. It is understood that the net belonged to a man named Flynn.

Depot Robbed.

Adams, Minn., April 25.—Burglars broke into the Milwaukee depot and stole over a hundred tickets and cut open and robbed a mail pouch which was in the depot.

New Catholic Church.

Lesterville, S. D., April 25.—Bids will be opened here Saturday afternoon for the construction of a new Catholic church building at this place. The new building will be one of the finest in the southern part of the state.

Woman Dynamited.

Milaca, Minn., April 25.—Mrs. Christine Peterson, a widow, was killed instantly by dynamite, which exploded while warming under the stove. The house was demolished. She lived on a farm near town.

Bacteria.

One of the most recent discoveries of Prof. Hensen, the German state marine biologist, is of bacteria which keep the sea fresh by attacking the surplus organic matter in it. Other researches in plankton show that in some places the sea is a mass of liquid food, which fish and birds inhale as it were. Even around the arctic and antarctic poles this minute life exists in such a quantity as to permeate and color the sea.—Nineteenth Century and After.

Iowa Farm Values.

Probably the largest real estate deal ever made in Tama county, Iowa, was consummated near Traer. E. S. Converse sold his two farms of 480 and 160 acres for the sum of \$53,600. Oscar Casey of Dysart purchased the home place of 480 acres at \$40,000. The other farm of 160 acres was bought by Joe Bell at \$85 an acre. Mr. Converse has accumulated a fortune on the farm, but feels that he is too old to continue.—Omaha Bee.

In Less Than Twenty Years.

It has been less than twenty years since we had not a single steel vessel in the navy and no means of constructing them. At the present time not only are our private yards prepared to undertake the construction of the greatest battleships, but one of the navy yards is being put in readiness to commence work on a 16,000-ton ship. What greater progress than this could be hoped for?—New Orleans Picayune.

A Hercules Found.

At Boscoreale, a small village near Pompeii, excavators have discovered a magnificent bronze statue of Hercules reposing, seated on a rock, with his club on his shoulder. The work is in a good state of preservation, and is similar in style to the famous Farnese Hercules in the Vatican in Rome. The director of the museum at Naples is superintending the transportation of the statue.

Thomas Sexton has declined the invitation of the Irish National convention to re-enter parliament, saying his strength is not equal to the trying duties of a member of the house.

A passenger train on the Hocking Valley ran into an open switch at Walbridge, Ohio, striking a freight engine. Six trainmen were injured, two seriously. Only the engines were derailed.

Polar Explorers Handicapped.

The trouble about making a dash to the pole is that the explorer knows he must retrace every step of his laborious progress before he can be safe again. He may find that he has sufficient strength to push on to the pole by heroic efforts, but he must use that strength in getting back to his nearest depot of supplies.

Lo, the Poor Buck!

"Admirers of Indian character as it is supposed to be," says the Ottawa Herald, "received a severe shock this morning to see Indian men walking away from the show cars under heavy burdens, while the squaws trotted cheerfully by their sides, not carrying anything. The fall of the noble redskin is complete."

Knew When to Say Yes.

A boy in Toledo, O., who declined to accept a drink of liquor, a chew of tobacco and a box of cigars offered him by a stranger was later on offered \$2,100 in banknotes by the same party and lost no time in accepting the same. All of which teaches that a boy should learn to say "no," and, likewise, "yes."

An Irish Centenarian.

In the village of Shragh, County Kildare, Ireland, there is living Anne Staunton, who has recently reached the age of 111 years. Considering her great age she is clear in her intellect, and can recall distinctly many events of historic interest. She enjoys the best of health.

Will of Russell Sage.

"I think I am justified in saying that when the contents of Russell Sage's will are known it will be found that he has made gifts to charity which will astonish the whole country," declares a New York broker. Astonishing the public seems to be Mr. Sage's pet hobby lately.

Will Preach in South Africa.

C. C. Fuller, a civil engineer, has accepted an appointment as a Christian missionary in South Africa, where he will take charge of industrial work in South Rhodesia. He is a firm believer that habits of industry prepare a people for the regenerating influence of the gospel.

Deathbed Repentance.

A negro awaiting execution in the Baltimore jail has earnestly petitioned to be allowed to marry the lady of his choice in the interval. He doesn't wish to go to eternity with E. Ben Andrews pointing the finger of scorn at him as a bachelor.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, April 25.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 77@78c; No. 2 Northern, 76@77c; No. 3, 74 1/2@75 1/2c. Corn—No. 3, 43@45c; No. 4, 41@43c. Rye—No. 2, 47@48c. Barley—Malt grades, 45@55c.

Minneapolis, April 25.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 77 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 76 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 75 3/4c.

Duluth, April 25.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 78 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 76 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 75 1/4c; flax, \$1.08 3/4; oats, 33c; rye, 49 1/2c; barley, 35@51c.

Milwaukee, April 25.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 80 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 79 1/2c; May, 78 3/8c. Rye steady; No. 1, 52c. Barley steady; No. 2, 60c. Oats—Standard, 35@36c. Corn—May, 44 1/8c.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 25.—Cattle—Beef, \$4 @ 5; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.60; calves and yearlings, \$3@4.60. Hogs, \$6.80 @ 7.15; bulk, \$6.95 @ 7.

Chicago, April 25.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 78c; No. 3 red, 68@75c; No. 2 hard winter, 72@75c; No. 3 hard winter, 68@72c; No. 1 Northern spring, 79@81c; No. 2 Northern spring, 79@80c; No. 3 spring, 70@79c. Corn—No. 2, 44c; No. 3, 39 1/2@40c. Oats—No. 2, 31 1/2c; No. 3, 31c.

Chicago, April 25.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.20 @ 5.60; cows, \$1.75@4.75; heifers, \$2.50@5; calves, \$3@6; Texas fed steers, \$4@5. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$7.15@7.35; good to choice heavy, \$7.35@7.57 1/2; rough heavy, \$7.15@7.35; light, \$6.75@7.10; bulk of sales, \$7.10@7.35. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$5@6; Western sheep, \$5 @ 6; Western lambs, \$4.50@7.35.

South St. Paul, April 25.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.50@5; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25@4; good to choice feeding steers, \$3.75@4.25; steer calves, \$2 @ 3; good to choice milch cows, \$32@45. Hogs—Price range, \$6.70@7.25; bulk, \$6.85 @ 6.95; light and inferior grades selling at \$6.70@6.85; mixed, \$6.90@7; butcher and heavy, \$7.05@7.25. Sheep—Good to choice shorn lambs, \$6.50@7; culls and stock lambs, \$3@5; good to choice shorn ewes, \$5@5.75; culls and stock ewes, \$3@4.25.

Killed in a Collision.

Lynchburg, Va., April 25.—The north-bound Washington & Southwestern vestibuled limited on the Southern Railway ran into the rear end of a freight train near Lynchburg, killing the engineer.

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