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WAS IT ILLEGAL?

Delaware Legislature Adjourned for More than One Day.

A Queer Complication in the Diamond State—Five of the Supreme Court Judges Meet and Render Their Decision.

Dover, Del., March 6.—The status of the Delaware legislature was under consideration by the judges of the state courts, who will decide the constitutionality of the act of the minority in adjourning the assembly for more than one day. The constitution does not authorize a minority to adjourn either branch of the assembly except from day to day. The legislature adjourned Monday after the election of two United States senators, to meet the following day. On Tuesday, however, a majority of the members went to Washington to see a few legislators sworn in. As only a few legislators were present at Tuesday's session, Representative Holcomb adjourned the house until Thursday.

Legal authorities say that act was unconstitutional and has rendered the house non-existent.

Wilmington, Del., March 6.—Five of the supreme court judges met here Thursday to consider the legality of the action of the minority of the Delaware legislature in adjourning the session of the house from Tuesday until yesterday. Their decision, announced last night, was that as the state constitution gives a minority the right only to adjourn the assembly from day to day, there was no adjournment of the body on Tuesday, the legislature technically remaining in session until legally adjourned yesterday by the majority.

NAMES FOR WARSHIPS.

Five States are to be Remembered in Christening New Battleships.

Washington, March 6.—Secretary Moody yesterday reached a decision as to the states after which the five battleships provided for in the new naval law shall be named. The three 16,000-ton battleships are to be named Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota, and the two 13,000-ton vessels Mississippi and Idaho.

The secretary in his next annual report expects to discuss the subject of the names to be given new battleships. He is anxious that the names of such historic vessels as the Cumberland, the Merrimack and the Constitution shall be perpetuated and he will recommend that congress provide for this in the next naval law. Under the present law it is stipulated that all battleships shall be named after the states of the Union. That no time is to be lost in the construction of the new ships is evident from the action of the secretary in directing the general board to prepare the plans for the 16,000-ton ships, which are to be of the Connecticut and Tennessee class. As there are no 13,000-ton ships on the naval lists it will take longer to prepare the plans for the Mississippi and Idaho.

A KENTUCKY TRAGEDY.

A Farmer Shoots His Daughter and Another Woman and Suicides.

Henderson, Ky., March 6.—Allan Melton, a well-to-do farmer, who on Wednesday night fatally wounded his daughter and shot Mrs. John Culver, committed suicide in a barn when he found the building surrounded by bloodhounds which had been sent in pursuit of him. Melton went to the home of John Culver, where his step-daughter, Mary Melton, 16 years old, was spending the night. Culver was away from the house. Melton entered, and seeing his daughter, drew a revolver and fired two shots. Mrs. Culver ran into the room and Melton fired, the ball passing through her lungs. Melton went to the home of Doug Latta, two miles away, where he remained all night. Early in the morning he went home and bloodhounds trailed him to a barn. When he heard them coming, he swallowed a large amount of paris green and then shot himself through the head. It is said he tried to hang his divorced wife and it is believed he returned to Union to kill his wife.

A PERILOUS TRIP.

Two Scientists and a Lady Climb to the Top of the Soufriere Volcano.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, March 6.—The American scientist Edmund Hovey and Prof. Lacroix, who was sent out by the French government to investigate the recent eruptions, accompanied by Mme. Lacroix, the first lady visitor to La Soufriere since the eruptions, ascended the volcano and visited both craters of La Soufriere on March 2, in spite of the geyser-like eruptions which took place at close intervals during their ascent. When half way up the mountain the party met with a large puff of dust charged with steam which, after rising to a height of 8,000 feet fell back and besmeared them. The party halted, but, encouraged by the pluck displayed by Mme. Lacroix, who urged them to continue the ascent, the scientists proceeded and reached the summit. Immediately after beginning the descent more serious eruptions occurred and the party was overtaken by a downpour of mud and had a narrow escape.

A Directory Bound in Red.

Washington, March 6.—A new edition of the congressional directory bound in flaming red cloth decorated the desks of senators yesterday. It contains the addresses and biographies of all the senators and members and gives many other facts of interest. The shortest of the biographies of new men is that of Representative A. W. Gregg, of the Seventh district of Texas, and is only a line and a half in length. The longest sketch is of Representative Robert Baker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., which covers more than a page.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Democrats Refused to Thank Speaker Henderson—Extra Session of Senate Begins.

Washington, March 5.—The Fifty-seventh congress expired Wednesday by limitation. In many respects the closing scenes were similar to those at the end of every congress. But there has not been in many years such a demonstration in the house as occurred yesterday owing to the fact that Speaker Henderson was retiring, not only as presiding officer, but from the house as a member.

The bitter partisan feeling that has sprung up in the house of representatives during the past week reached a pitch which prevented the speaker from receiving the unanimous approval of the house when the usual resolution of thanks was offered.

The usual resolution of thanks to President Pro Tem Frye was unanimously adopted in the senate.

Washington, March 6.—In obedience to the president's proclamation the senate of the Fifty-eighth congress convened in extraordinary session yesterday. An immense crowd witnessed the ceremony. The senators who were re-elected and those who were taking their seats for the first time, with the exception of Mr. Gorman, who had seen long service in the senate, were sworn in. Friends of the senators loaded down their desks with beautiful floral tributes. One of the features of the opening ceremony was the ovation accorded Mr. Gorman.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent the following message to the senate: "I have called the senate in extraordinary session to consider the treaties concerning which it proved impossible to take action during the session of congress just ended. I ask your special attention to the treaty with Colombia securing to the United States the right to build an isthmian canal, and to the treaty with Cuba for securing a measure of commercial reciprocity between the two countries. The great importance of these two treaties to the welfare of the United States and the urgent need for their adoption requires me to impose upon you the inconvenience of meeting at this time."

CRASH ON THE RAILS.

Many Persons Injured in a Collision on the Rock Island Road.

Kansas City, March 5.—The outgoing Rock Island train which left the union station at 10:30 last night over the Union Pacific tracks, which the Rock Island uses out of here, crashed into the smoker of two Rock Island trains which had been made into one, but were late and which were trying to make a siding at the Rock Island junction, just outside of the Kansas City yards. The smoker was thrown from the track, turned over and smashed into kindling wood, and the dozen or more persons inside sustained injuries, but no one was killed. Two other cars immediately after the smoker were derailed, but the sleepers stayed on the track. The Texas train was on time and running rapidly and the collision came with terrific force.

The first news of the wreck was brought by George Jacobs, a newsboy of the Colorado train. He was in the smoker and was thrown under the wreckage, but managed to crawl out and came to the city on the mail car of an incoming train. Jacobs, who came to the city for medical attention, could give few details of the wreck, but said that it was impossible that any of the passengers in the smoker had escaped injury.

A PLOT TO KILL.

Man Who Caused the Arrest of His Niece Is Now Charged with Urging Her to Kill Her Husband.

Monticello, N. Y., March 5.—Peter Yerkins, the uncle of Mrs. Kate Taylor, now awaiting trial here for the murder of her husband, was arraigned Wednesday for a preliminary hearing, charged with complicity in the murder in having instigated the woman to commit the crime. Mrs. Taylor was arrested on information given by Yerkins, who informed the authorities that his niece had confessed to him that on the night of January 26 she had shot her husband and had then chopped up the body and burned it in the kitchen stove. The woman's 14-year-old daughter, Ida De Kay, witnessed the murder and testified against her mother after her arrest.

On Tuesday the daughter, who since the murder has been living with her uncle, James Taylor, at Kalmesha Lake, told him that Yerkins had persuaded her mother to kill her husband. On this information Yerkins was arrested.

Blame Rests on the Engineer.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 5.—The grand jury, which has been conducting an inquiry into the wreck of the New Jersey Central railroad near Westfield, on January 27, made a presentment yesterday to Judge Vail. The grand jury finds that Engineer Davis, of the Philadelphia & Reading train, which crashed into the Easton local express, was primarily responsible for the wreck, he having passed signals set against him, but that a leaky injector had enveloped his cab with steam, obscuring his view.

An Old Newspaper Dies.

Berlin, March 5.—The Frankfurter Journal, one of the oldest newspapers in Germany, has suspended publication. Its age is not known, but the paper was first mentioned in 1673.

A Pair of Murders.

Bluefield, W. Va., March 5.—Two murders occurred at Powhatan, near here, last night. James Mack was shot and killed by James Hickman. Hickman had eloped with Mack's wife. Mack followed the couple from North Carolina and when he met Hickman the latter drew a revolver and shot him through the head. The other murder was the result of different religious views between Mrs. Tillie Hampton and Michael Hampton. Mrs. Hampton insisted on her husband adopting her religion, but he refused and she shot and killed him.

A FORMAL NOTICE.

Factories of American Window Glass Co. Will Shut Down.

Factories to be Equipped with Labor-Saving Machines, and They Will Do Away with the High-Priced Skilled Laborers.

Pittsburg, March 7.—One of the most sensational moves made by the American Window Glass Company was inaugurated yesterday when the executive committee of the corporation issued a formal notice to its workmen that after a lapse of seven days and on March 14, all of the factories of the American Window Glass Company will close for the season, irrespective of what other companies will do.

The moment the factories are closed, the company has arranged that a large force of men will be put to work to equip them with the new glass blowing machines which will do the work of the skilled labor by machines and remove from the glass factory the highest priced skilled labor known in the country. It will give the company glass production at less than one-third of the cost under the hand labor.

President James A. Chambers, of the American Window Glass Company, in discussing the latest action of his corporation, said the blowing machines would be installed in all of the company's plants as rapidly as possible. The shut down, however, will be for a considerable time.

The action of the American Window Glass Company in closing its factories and installing its machines is said to be its answer to the independent who have refused to come to any agreement concerning a uniform closing of plants this spring. To make more emphatic the statements of the big corporation, it was stated that a charter had been applied for under the laws of New Jersey for the incorporation of the American Window Glass Machine Company, which is to be controlled by the directors and officers of the glass company and which will own all of the patents and manufacture all of the machines for making window glass that now exist.

All former lists have been withdrawn by the American company and it is now believed that a cut in rates will be made.

ADVANCE FOR MINERS.

Summary of the Findings of the Coal Strike Commission.

New York, March 7.—The Herald prints the following as a summary of the findings of the coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt, which it is expected will be handed to the president within a week. There will undoubtedly be at least a 10 per cent. advance in the pay for mining, to take effect from the time the miners returned to work last October. The per diem employees will not have their wages increased, but will be recommended for the same pay for a day of nine hours. The system of pay will be regulated. Wherever practicable, the operators will be required to pay by weight, instead of by the car, and elsewhere by the lineal yard. There will be indirect recognition of the union. The causes of the strike as found by the commission will not be comforting to the coal mining companies. The boycott will be condemned, and the principle will be laid down that a miner has a right to work without molestation, even though he does not belong to the union. The terms of the verdict are to hold good for three years and recommendations are to be made for settlements of wage and other questions at the end of that period. In local disputes the operators will be advised to treat with committees of the miners.

YORKE'S REPORT.

The Englishman Found Much to Interest Him in the Construction of American Railroads.

London, March 7.—The report of Col. A. H. Yorke (chief inspecting officer of the Board of Railways, a department of the board of trade), who recently investigated American railroading in behalf of the board of trade, was issued last evening in a Blue Book. Col. Yorke found much to interest him in the practical construction of American railroads but decided that comparatively little of it was available for English use, chiefly because the expense of a change would nullify its advantages. The colonel thinks Great Britain must adopt a more economical freight car, but he does not believe it will be advisable to copy the American designs. He approves decidedly the American system of examination for promotion in the railroad service and says that in this respect the American railroads are ahead of the British companies. In conclusion the colonel pays a tribute to the uniform courtesies, including those received from President Roosevelt and the facilities extended to him and expresses the hope that he will be able to return to America and traverse the entire United States in his work of investigation.

Submerged in a Street Car.

Pittsburg, March 7.—Miss Ella Lyde, aged 22, a telephone operator was suffocated last evening in a street car during the rush hours between five and six o'clock. She was forced to stand because of the crush and after riding seven or eight blocks fainted. After being carried into a nearby drug store she expired within a few minutes.

Col. Henderson Dead.

London, March 7.—Col. George P. Henderson, director of military intelligence in South Africa, died at Assuan, Egypt, yesterday.

TRADE BULLETIN.

General Situation Favorable—Building Permits Show Large Gains.

New York, March 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Further development in the movement of freight and fuel makes the general situation more favorable. Permits for building operations show large gains over last year's figures, giving additional strength to lumber and other materials. Prices of commodities scarcely altered in the aggregate during February. Foreign trade continues very heavy.

Spinners are growing conservative in regard to accepting contracts calling for distant deliveries of cotton goods, owing to the extreme uncertainty as to what the raw material will cost. Export trade is slow. Print cloths are higher. Fine cotton fabrics for the spring of 1904 are opened, although only a limited business has been done. Dealings are small in woolsens and worsteds, but mills are fully occupied. The spring clothing trade is satisfactory, especially in staple lines. New lines of fancy worsted goods have not sold freely, and opening prices are maintained with difficulty. A firmer tone is reported in the dress goods division. Footwear has lost nothing in strength, but somewhat in activity as buyers are placing orders cautiously. Failures this week numbered 229 in the United States against 176 last year, and 16 in Canada compared with 17 last year.

THE BUFFALO TRAGEDY.

It Is Believed that the Murderer of Burdick Will Never Be Caught.

Buffalo, March 7.—That the murderer of Edwin L. Burdick will never be brought to justice is becoming a general belief. During the last 36 hours of hard work on the mysterious tragedy not an iota of information of sufficient importance to be termed evidence has been unearthed by the police. The one woman who has been under strong suspicion and who has become known as the "police suspect" is believed to be guiltless so far as the crime is concerned by some of the officials of the police department and the district attorney's office, and they are convinced that all efforts to fasten the crime upon her will be unavailing.

Early this morning the police are at work on a new clue in the Burdick murder mystery. They have found a hackman who drove a young woman to the corner of Ashland avenue and Summer street, near the hour of the murder. She carried a satchel and walked toward the Burdick house. The police are investigating some of the women who worked in Burdick's factory.

Michigan Republicans.

Detroit, March 7.—Judge Frank A. Hooker, of Charlotte, was last night renominated for justice of the supreme court of this state for a term of ten years, by the republican state convention, the stormiest one held in this state since the Grand Rapids convention that nominated Gov. Bliss in 1892. Seven candidates were in the field against Judge Hooker and the convention was stampeded during the taking of the sixth ballot in the interest of Judge Edward D. Kinne, of Ann Arbor, but the seventh ballot gave a large majority for Judge Hooker. For regents of the University of Michigan, the convention nominated Peter White, of Marquette, and Loyal E. Knappen, of Grand Rapids.

Bridge Workers Strike.

Philadelphia, March 7.—A general strike against the American Bridge Co. has been called by the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. About 800 bridge and structural workers employed by the American Bridge Co. in the Pittsburg district will be made idle by the general strike order. The bridge workers went out two weeks ago, about 150 being idle. The general strike order calls off all structural men on buildings as well.

Received Threatening Letters.

Birmingham, Ala., March 7.—Several republican leaders in this city have received threatening letters signed "Vigilance Committee." It is stated that at least half a dozen of them have been received by as many republicans. One of them was sent to Major Charles Allison, clerk of the United States court. Major Allison declined to make a statement but it is known that threats were made against him and others.

Killed in a Duel.

Columbus, Miss., March 7.—Joseph Sloan was shot and instantly killed in a duel by A. P. Talliaferro, a prominent jeweler Friday night. Eleven shots were fired, five by Sloan and six by Talliaferro. The trouble occurred in a store on Main street and when the officers reached the place, Sloan was lying in the door dead. When arrested Talliaferro said the trouble grew out of family affairs.

Their Beer Denied Them.

New York, March 7.—About 250 employees of Tiffany's Glass and Decorating Co. are on strike because their supply of beer has been cut off by the firm. The men say the water is unfit to drink and that three days ago the company ordered that no more beer be allowed in the place. One of the foremen said that all day long there was a procession of beer cans to and from the saloons.

Corn Damaged by Flood.

Evansville, Ind., March 7.—The Ohio river continues to rise here and reached 29.7 feet last night. It is thought the crest of the rise will reach here about Monday, when the stage will be about 42 feet. The Little Wabash river is the highest it has been for many years and a great deal of corn along the stream is being swept away. At Metropolis, Ill., rain fell Thursday night and yesterday and the Ohio river is rising rapidly. The river is now three feet above the danger line. The lower portions of Metropolis are flooded.

Fall and Winter Announcement.

Our stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods is now complete. We have a nice line of heavy goods for Jacket suits, and also several pieces of heavy goods for rainy-day skirts.

A full line of Ladies Wrappers for fall and winter in calico, percale and flannelette, sizes 32 to 44, from \$1.00 to \$1.85 each.

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Our stock of mercerized satin under skirts is complete. These skirts are made of the best material that can be bought for the price, and are not a back number. They are going rapidly. Do not wait until they are nearly all gone before looking them over. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$2.00 and \$2.35. These prices are special for this lot.

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