

### SHERMAN RECOVERING.

#### Unfounded Reports of the Death of the Ex-Premier.

#### EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Sherman, the Invalid Wife, Was the Only Person of His Household Who Had Not Received the Report of Her Husband's Death.

Santiago de Cuba, March 22.—There is no truth in the statements published in the United States, and cabled back here, representing that John Sherman is dead. It is incomprehensible how these reports originated. The American line steamer Paris, Captain Frederick Watkins, arrived here last evening before dark, and it was immediately reported that Mr. Sherman was not only alive, but better, resting easy, and expected to recover. He will be transferred, if all goes favorably, to the United States cruiser Chicago on Friday. The cruiser is now coaling at Kingston, Jamaica.

The Chicago was dispatched by the navy department to Kingston to bring Mr. Sherman to the United States immediately, as the Paris was not expected to return with her excursionists for some time. The Chicago, however, did not reach Kingston in time, but upon meeting the Paris off Kingston made arrangements to take Mr. Sherman off the latter vessel on Friday, the change to be made at Caimanera, a few miles east of Santiago.

#### THE REPORT IN WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Sherman Alone Had Not Heard of the False Dispatch.

Washington, March 22.—Seldom has official Washington been more completely stirred by conflicting emotions than it was yesterday by the announcement, first of the death of the Hon. John Sherman and by the contradiction of the report which came a few hours later, the one giving a relief which was as marked as the sorrow produced by the other.

The first report, which came from New York, was received at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and was circulated in the departments just before the close for the day. The contradiction did not arrive until 8:30 o'clock. It was taken at once to the Sherman residence. The reading of the glad message had scarcely been concluded by those present than Mrs. McCallum, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, burst into the room, accompanied by the daughter of General Miles. They had received the news through a telephone message while at General Miles' house, and hurried over to impart it to the rest of the family.

"It has been a trying day," said Mrs. McCallum, "but all is well again."

Mrs. Sherman was the one person of the ex-secretary's household who suffered neither from the first announcement or rejoiced over the second. She was not informed of either. Mrs. Sherman has been quite ill from a paralytic attack for several months, and had never been informed even of Mr. Sherman's serious illness, for fear of its effect on her. It was felt, when the news of his death came, that it would have to be broken to her, but all hesitated to make the announcement. It was ultimately decided to postpone the sad duty until today. She was saved the shock.

Fearing the harm which might result from a sudden change from the climate of the West Indies to a northern latitude, the family are considering the advisability of having Mr. Sherman taken to Tampa, Fla., for a time. After remaining there until he is well on the road to recovery he can be brought to Washington, stopping possibly for some days at Fortress Monroe, so as to become gradually accustomed to the change in temperature.

#### AN OMAHA HOLOCAUST.

#### Two Women Dead and Four Others Will Probably Die.

Omaha, March 22.—Comparatively insignificant in material destruction, but appalling in the harvest of death and suffering, was a fire that partially destroyed the Patterson block, at Seventeenth and Douglas streets, yesterday afternoon. Two of its victims have already passed away, four more are not expected to live, and about 25 others are suffering from broken limbs and burned and lacerated flesh. The dead are Mrs. Thomas Taylor and Mrs. Anna Schamel, while Marguerite Holt, Mrs. A. A. Smith, Mrs. Ed Schiner and Fireman Will Guider will probably die from their injuries. With the exception of Fireman Guider all the victims are women or children.

The blaze started shortly after 3 o'clock. A group of women, busy with the affairs of the secret orders with which they were afflicted, were in a moment brought face to face with death. Sixty seconds later seven of them lay burned and bleeding on the pavements, to which they had dropped 40 feet below, and the others were rescued after they had been more or less severely injured in their desperate dash down the single flight of stairs that led to safety.

Aside from the fatalities and the injuries to persons, the fire was not a serious one. The loss will not exceed \$50,000, fully covered by insurance.

#### President McKinley and Speaker Reed

Brunswick, Ga., March 22.—President McKinley enjoyed a full day of quiet and rest in the retirement and fine drives of Jekyll Island, and night fell without any conference with Speaker Reed or any difference in the relations between the two Republican leaders as a result of their simultaneous presence on the island. The only thing approaching a junction was an informal sort of reception in the Baker cottage about 1 o'clock, at which all the island colony were presented to the president and Mrs. McKinley. This included Speaker Reed, who called rather late and spent a few minutes, shaking hands with the president and chatting with him and the others present.

#### A Deadly Southern Cyclone.

Memphis, Tenn., March 20.—Reports from different points in Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama indicate that in the storms which swept over these states Saturday 18 persons were killed outright and 21 injured, as follows: Alabama, 16 killed, 4 injured; Arkansas, 1 killed, 7 injured; Mississippi, 1 killed, 10 injured. The property loss will run into the hundreds of thousands.

### THE ALLEGED BRIBERS.

#### Messrs. Coyle and Moyles Deny the Charges Against Them.

Harrisburg, March 22.—The committee to investigate charges of alleged attempted bribery heard the testimony of ex-Senator Coyle and ex-Representative Moyles yesterday afternoon. Both denied that they had ever offered a bribe of money to any legislator, as testified to by previous witnesses, and expressed the belief that they were victims of a conspiracy.

Mr. Moyles said he was vitally interested in the McCarrell bill because he was indicted in the Luzerne county courts for alleged conspiracy, and admitted that he requested Mr. Criste to go out in the rotunda of the capitol with him to discuss the bill. He said he argued with Mr. Criste to support the bill because it was a good Democratic measure, and offered to prepare a statement for him giving his reasons for favoring the bill. While the witness was dictating the statement a motion was made to adjourn the house to prevent a reconsideration of the bill, and nothing further was done.

Mr. Coyle, when asked what interest he had in the McCarrell bill, replied: "No particular interest. I favored it because it was a meritorious measure and was being fought by the enemies of Mr. Quay."

Mr. Coyle said the Spatz paper in a general way pledged the Democrats to stand by Mr. Jenks for United States senator, and denied that it contained anything about the McCarrell bill or any other legislation. The witness said he was in Harrisburg in the interests of Senator Quay's re-election.

"Are you expecting any reward for your services to Mr. Quay?"

"I am an applicant for a place in the custom house."

"Do you want the committee to believe that you are here in the interest of a meritorious measure or a meritorious man, or both?"

"Both."

### ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg, March 21.—Governor Stone set the date yesterday for the execution of two murderers. One is James A. Ciemmer, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Kaiser, at Norristown, and the other is Jonas Preston, Jr., of Chester county. Both men will be hanged on May 18.

Harrisburg, March 22.—Governor Stone yesterday signed a bill increasing the salaries of the following officers in Allegheny county: Coroner, from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year; clerk of court, \$5,000 to \$6,000; jail physician, \$1,200 to \$1,800; county controller, \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Hazleton, Pa., March 22.—Elmer Drake committed suicide here yesterday afternoon by taking carbolic acid. He is the third member of the family to end his life within the period of a year. Drake's brother swallowed poison about a year ago, and his father recently killed himself in Philadelphia.

Holidaysburg, Pa., March 21.—The Blair county Republican convention met in the court house here yesterday. The candidates for state officers had no opposition. They are: State treasurer, Milton Alexander, Lancaster; judge of supreme court, John Stewart, Chambersburg; chairman of state committee, General W. H. Koontz, Somerset. Three Quay delegates to the state convention were elected. The new county committee will be controlled by the friends of Senator Quay.

Allentown, Pa., March 20.—Owen Kern, hotelkeeper at Cedarville, whom Frank Krause, his hostler, shot through the right lung on March 3, when Krause, while madly jealous and intoxicated, killed his sweetheart, Maggie Guth, and wounded Mrs. Kern, died Saturday from his wound. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and two small daughters. His father, Moses Kern, deceased, was steward of the Lehigh county almshouse, a position which his brother, S. A. J. Kern, fills at present.

Bradford, Pa., March 21.—Henry Sendheim, a wealthy retired merchant of this city, committed suicide last evening at his home in this city. For over a year he had been blind. His son, Phil Sendheim, was a member of the Astor battery in Manila, and is now at home. The young man had an army revolver in his room, and this the old man succeeded in finding. After supper he went into the parlor, sat in a rocking chair, smoked a cigar and then, pressing the revolver against his right temple, fired a 36-caliber bullet through his brain. He died instantly.

Harrisburg, March 22.—Ex-Sheriff William Sheehy yesterday caused the arrest of Isaac W. Guiles, delinquent city tax collector from 1885 to 1893, inclusive, on a charge of embezzlement of city taxes of 1893. He was taken before Alderman Nicholas, who held him in \$1,000 bail for a hearing next Tuesday. Mr. Sheehy was one of the defendant's bondsmen in 1891. The court some time ago found that the bondsmen were liable for the amount of Guiles' shortage. Guiles took an appeal to the supreme court, but as yet there has been no decision.

Pottsville, Pa., March 21.—A wagon in which were William A. Beach, one of the proprietors of the American Tea company, of Pottsville, and an 18-year-old lad named Herbert Sands, was struck by a Philadelphia and Reading railroad train at New Philadelphia yesterday afternoon. Beach sustained injuries from which he died an hour afterwards. Sands has his left leg broken, besides other injuries. He may die. It is thought that owing to the high winds they did not hear the whistle of the engine. Both horses were killed. Homer Brobst, a 9-year-old schoolboy, while picking coal at Palo Alto, was run over by a train of cars and cut in twain.

Norristown, Pa., March 21.—John G. Kratz, aged 48 years, shot and killed his 9-year-old son Milton yesterday at their home at Belfry, five miles from here, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. Kratz had been living retired on his farm for some time, but made daily visits to Philadelphia, where it is said he speculated largely in stocks. He returned shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and said to his wife that he had lost everything he had except the farm. When Milton came home from school after 4 o'clock he called him to the woodshed to help him sharpen a knife. When the boy's mother went in search of them she found the bodies on the floor, the father clutching a revolver.

## THE BRIBERY SCANDAL.

#### Latest About the Sensation That Is Now On at Harrisburg.

#### New Witnesses Examined and Several Leading Republicans Are Involved. Spatz and Costello Tell Their Story. The Senatorial Situation Unchanged, But Quay Gets In His Work Against the Democrats on the Bruce Charter.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 20.—The legislature in preparing to adjourn in conformity with the Democratic program. On Thursday last Representative Greasy offered a resolution providing for night sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning tomorrow night. The object of this is to hurry legislation so that the house may be ready to adjourn on the date set, April 20. The Democratic leaders believe that all necessary legislation can be completed by that time and there is no necessity for continuing the expenses of the legislature longer.

### THE BRIBERY SCANDAL.

The bribery investigation this week was not very sensational. Only two new witnesses were examined, although two of the accused were given an opportunity to testify before the committee and explain their connection with the alleged use of money in the passage of the McCarrell bill. The new witnesses were Representative S. S. Smith, of Cameron county, and Editor O'Toole, of a Scranton newspaper.

Representative Charles B. Spatz, of Berks county, was subpoenaed, and denied having ever offered any money to anybody to either vote for the McCarrell bill or sign the paper agreeing to stand by Hon. George A. Jenks to the end. Mr. Spatz admitted that he had taken the three Democratic members from Northampton county downstairs to the room of a man named Lawler, whose room connected with that of ex-Senator Coyle, but that it was not for an improper purpose.

The three gentlemen from Northampton swore that Spatz took them down there and introduced them to Coyle, who made them an offer of money. Spatz said that he took them down to Lawler's room, where there was pen and ink, so they could sign the paper. Spatz presented a copy of what purported to be the paper and which he said had been typewritten by Mr. Nichols, whom Chairman Fox, of the investigators, said was the private secretary of ex-Senator William H. Andrews, of "Lexow" notoriety. Representative Spatz said that he had never talked the McCarrell bill over with Senator Coyle and had never been offered any money to vote for it or to vote on the senatorship.

### REPRESENTATIVE SMITH'S STORY.

Representative Smith said that he had not been offered money or any valuable thing, but that a man had asked him into a committee room, and there requested him to help support the McCarrell bill, and just as he began to talk about "two and a half" some one entered the room, and that ended the conversation. He refused to give the name of the person, but it is believed to be a member.

Michael J. Costello, who is accused of having introduced John Engler, of Lycoming county, to ex-Senator Coyle when Coyle offered Engler money, and who is also charged by Engler under oath with having driven out to his house 13 miles from Williamsport and offered him \$500 to vote for the McCarrell bill, also took the stand. Costello denied everything. He said that he was interested in the McCarrell bill because his brother was charged with a conspiracy in Lycoming county and he thought it would help him. He denied that he had ever offered Engler a penny, and gave as the excuse for driving out to his house in a snowstorm that he wanted to know why he had not voted for the McCarrell bill.

Being cross examined by Chairman Fox Costello admitted that he did not know that his brother was under indictment for highway robbery. He said he thought it was for "conspiracy to rob." He further admitted that he did not know the McCarrell bill did not apply to such crimes. He swore that Representative Yates, Republican, of Philadelphia, had told him and several others that he was going to desert Quay and vote for Dalzell because Senator David Martin, of Philadelphia, had offered to make him a magistrate in that city.

Representative Yates will go on the stand and deny the story of Costello as a deliberate falsehood. Senator Martin said he would not dignify Costello's statement with a denial. Democratic State Senator J. Henry Cochran, of Lycoming, is greatly interested in Costello, who dragged his (Cochran's) name into the matter. Costello is likely to suffer for his actions when the prosecuting committee gets down to work.

### EDITOR O'TOOLE'S STATEMENT.

Mr. O'Toole is editor of a Scranton paper that published three columns of an article about members being compelled to vote for Quay, and stated that Judge Archibald, of Lackawanna county, had held an office over the head of Representative Mackey as a club to force him into voting for Quay. The editor admitted that his information had come from Representative Mackey, Republican, of Lackawanna. Representative Mackey will be called to the stand this week and the revelations regarding this judge can then be made.

### EDITOR O'TOOLE'S STATEMENT.

The senatorial situation has not changed since my last letter. The Democracy is standing solid for Hon. George A. Jenks, and there is no break in the

anti-Quay ranks to Quay. There were various rumors that Quay intended to withdraw and let somebody else secure the place, but this is ended. It is said that Quay will be in Harrisburg this week to look after his forces. He has been holding conferences in Philadelphia with his leaders, but nobody knows just what they will do. Colonel Guffey was in town for a day and a half this week and held numerous conferences with his friends. He is perfectly satisfied with the situation.

The Bruce charter bill for Pittsburg, which is backed by leading reformers and Democrats of that city, among them Colonel "Wes" Guffey, brother of the national committeemen, was negative in the committee on municipal corporations on Wednesday last. It was done, it is charged, by order of Senator Quay. The Democrats in house and senate would have voted for the bill unanimously, as it would mean a new dispensation for Pittsburg, as opposed to the Plinn-Magee control there at present. Representative Greasy succeeded in having the bill placed on first reading calendar on Friday, but there is not much chance of its going through. Quay's action in this matter was doubtless for the purpose of revenge against the Democrats, who have persisted in voting for their own candidate instead of him, as Congressman Sibley wanted them to do.

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"Why didn't you call for help?"

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Willie—Seven, mamma.—Up-to-Date.

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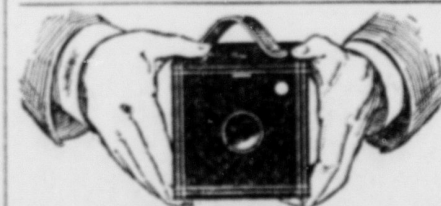
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